About Us

AHEDD's mission is to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of people with disabilities.



In operation since 1977, we were one of the first organizations in the nation to use a Supported Employment approach to advance the career goals of individuals with disabilities.

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AHEDD

A Specialized Employment Services Organization

Our Services

INDIVIDUALS

Our team of trained Employment Specialists across Pennsylvania guide individuals with disabilities through the employment process that can include:

- Intake & Assessment
- Job Search & Placement
- Coaching & Support
- Advancement & Follow Along

YOUTH

Moving from youth to adulthood is such an important time for all young people. This is particularly true for students and youth with disabilities. Some of the individualized services we provide include the following:

- Career Exploration
- Community Based Work Experiences
- Job Shadowing
- Resume Development
- Interview Preparation & Assistance
- Travel Training
- Benefits Planning & Assistance

EMPLOYERS

Hiring a qualified person with a disability brings greater benefits to your business beyond just filling an open job. There's a solid business case too. Let us help you assess your current employment needs.

For more information about these services email inforequest@ahedd.org.



Ticket to Work

The Social Security Administration's (SSA) Ticket to Work (TTW) program allows people with disabilities who receive SSI and SSDI benefits access to employment services from qualified vendors, referred to as Employment Networks (ENs).

Since 2001, the AHEDD Employment Network has been helping ticketholders become employed in a variety of settings. Services to the beneficiary are customized and include career guidance and development of short-and long-term employment goals.

Many agencies are interested in the TTW program but don't have the time or resources to apply to become a traditional EN. AHEDD can help! Through our Administrative EN, The PA Employment Network, our team can collaborate with similar agencies to maximize employment opportunities for SSA beneficiaries across the nation.

For more Ticket to Work information, reach out to Karen Price, AHEDD Program Manager, at karen.price@ahedd.org.

Work Incentives Counseling

One of the most significant barriers to employment among adults and transition aged youth with disabilities, who receive benefits through the Social Security Administration (SSA), is fear and lack of understanding of how earned income impacts SSA cash benefits, health insurance, and other federal or state benefits.

If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability insurance (SSDI), or both, Work Incentives Counseling is for you. The SSA provides funding for work incentives counseling through its Work Incentives Planning and Assistance program (WIPA).

A WIPA coordinator can discuss how returning to work impacts your benefits as well as recommend work incentives that can maximize your income and healthcare options as you return to work and achieve greater financial stability.

For more information, please contact AHEDD Program Manager, Joy Smith at joy.smith@ahedd.org.