

# **Employment First MISSOURI**



Today's Focus:

Medicaid Waiver Support Services that can Benefit the Employment Journey

# MISSOURI DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

#### Meaningful Day & A Good Life



Employment isn't an "either/or" choice

Additional services can support & contribute to a meaningful day

Work may be a "long-term" goal, rather than a "right now" goal

Community Membership as a Life-Long Journey

Doesn't always start & end with employment:

- Skill development
- Volunteering
- Building community relationships & network
- Meaningful retirement activities



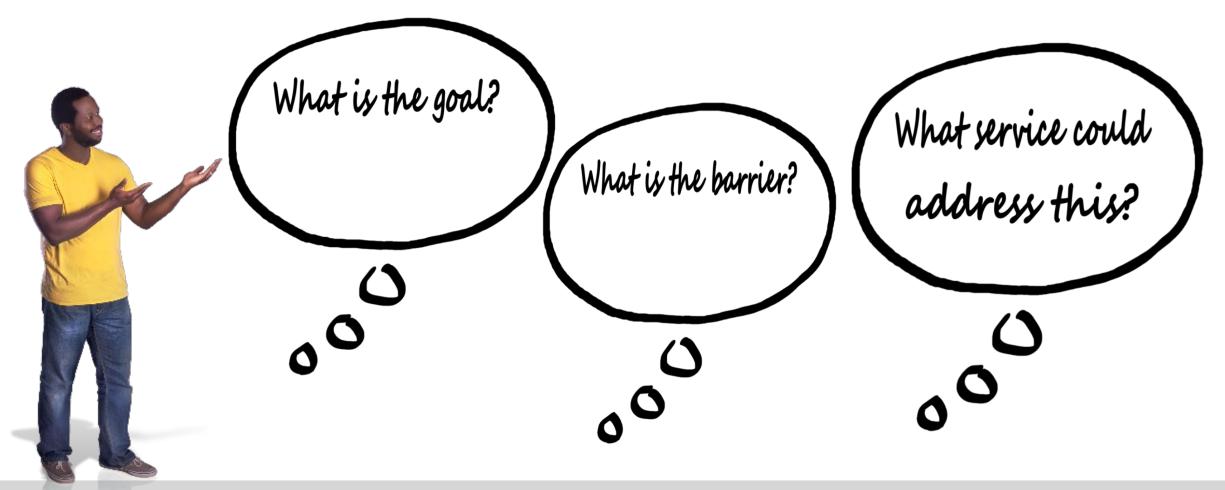


#### **Person-Centered Planning Team**

- Uses Person-Centered Planning to identify goals & services needed
- Connect individuals to services & providers based on individual choice
- May include services outside of waiver services (ex: Vocational Rehabilitation)



#### Individualized & Person-Centered Services





Services that may Benefit the Employment Journey

INDIVIDUALIZED SKILLS DEVELOPMENT (ISD)

PERSONAL ATTENDANT (PA)

COMMUNITY NETWORKING (CN)

DAY HABILITATION (DH)

**BENEFITS PLANNING** 

TRANSPORTATION

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY (AT)

## Individualized Skill Development (ISD)

Support individuals living in own or family homes to build or maintain complex skills for independence.

Includes:

- domestic & home maintenance
- budgeting & money management
- using public transportation

Example: Using ISD services to learn to use public transportation to increase access to work.





### Personal Attendant (PA)

- Assistance for activities of daily life
- Enable to complete tasks not able to do due to disability
- Participate fully in home & community life.

Example: Using PA services for assistance eating & toileting in the community.





## Community Networking (CN)

- Support for active participation in integrated activities
- Interests, preferences, gifts, & strengths
- Connected to goals of community involvement & membership.



Example: Using Community Networking to participate in a community club to increase social network & develop relationships.



## Day Habilitation (DH)

- Acquire, improve & retain selfhelp, socialization & adaptive skills that enhance social development & develop skills in performing activities of daily living (ADL) & community living.
- May not provide services that are vocational in nature

Example: Working part-time and spending non-work days at Day Habilitation to meet life goals.





## **Benefits Planning**

- Inform about competitive integrated employment & work incentives
- Assist to understand if work will result in increased economic self-sufficiency



Example: Using Benefits Planning to make decisions about employment, based on accurate information.



#### Transportation

 When necessary, to access waiver & other community services, activities, & resources specified by support plan. Example: Riding to & from work with a DD waiver transportation service provider.





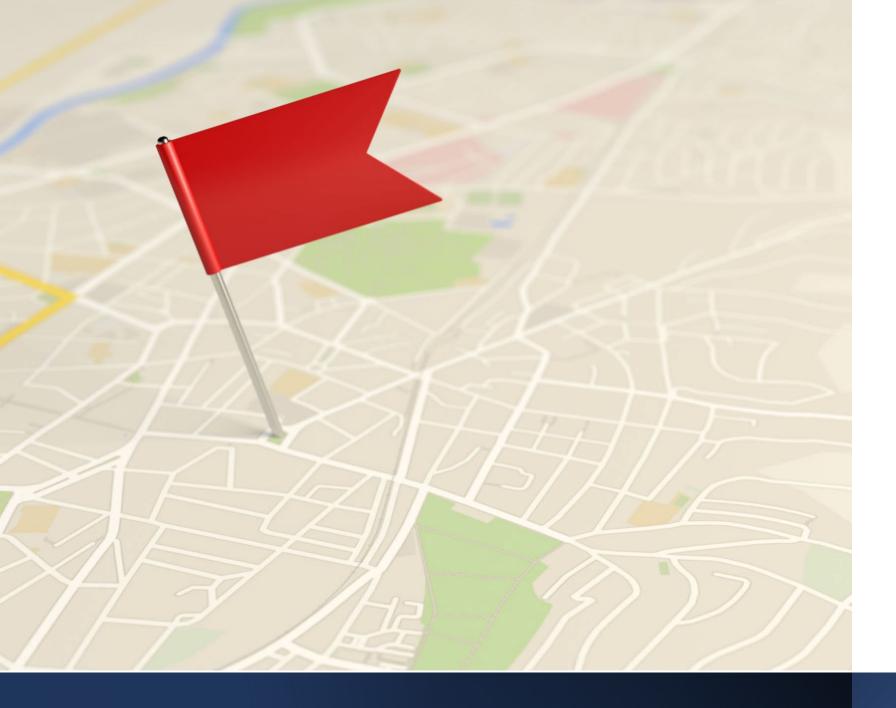
# Assistive Technology (AT)

- Technology that address needs & outcomes identified in individual service plan.
- For maintaining or improving independence, functional capabilities, vocational skills, or community involvement.



Example: Using AT services to purchase an iPad & apps to be more independent on the job.







<u>General Information for</u> <u>Individuals & Families</u>

Map of Local Regional Offices

Navigating the DD System

**Promoting Employment** 



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