



# Employment and Community Inclusion Services

## What is Changing?

Effective January 1, 2023 eligible clients can use Community Inclusion and DDA Supported Employment services at the same time.

The goal is to support people with developmental disabilities to work and connect to their communities.

## What is not changing?

Nine months of participation in DDA Supported Employment services will remain a requirement prior to enrolling in Community Inclusion services. Improving employment outcomes for people with developmental disabilities remains a top priority.



## What is Community Inclusion?

Community Inclusion services take place in community settings among other individuals without disabilities. Client interests guide activities and provide opportunities typically experienced by the general public of similar age. The activities are accessible by public transit or a reasonable commute from their home. The goal is to support clients to participate, contribute, and develop relationships with community members who are not paid staff.

## What are the Eligibility Requirements?

Beginning in 2023, Community Inclusion is available to clients who have participated in nine months of DDA employment services and choose to add Community Inclusion. Clients 62 years or older may participate in Community Inclusion without having to first participate in nine months of Employment Services. It is available for clients on the Basic Plus and Core waivers, clients receiving Roads to Community Living (RCL), in Skilled Nursing Facilities (PASRR), and Residential Habilitation Centers (RHC). An exception to the rule can be requested if clients have not or do not want to participate in 9 months of employment services.

Ask your case manager for more information about CI. If you do not have a case manager, request information on-line at: [www.dshs.wa.gov/dda](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dda).