

Service & Support Administration

Employment Navigation



A Service & Support Administration (SSA) Employment Navigator works with the team by supporting the individual being served by the County Board by helping educate them as they prepare themselves as a job seeker and through the process of obtaining desired employment. The primary function of the SSA Employment

Navigator is to assist in the planning, coordination and monitoring of employment-related supports by service providers as the individual moves along the path to competitive integrated employment and achieves their desired employment outcome. Individuals who can benefit from this service are post high school or within transition from high school to competitive integrated employment.

The SSA Employment Navigator is able to help with the following:

- Attend team meetings.
- Assist with education of valuable internet resources for job development/career planning and identify potential career paths and employment outcomes.
- Provide information and referrals to community resources.
- Help explore and provide linkage to adult vocational and/or non-vocational programs.
- Follow along and monitor the plan progress toward desired employment outcomes.

The SSA Employment Navigator collaborates with area support agencies, educational services teams, providers and employers as part of the Lake County Employment Network. Additionally, as a member of the Lake County Business Advisory Council, the SSA Employment Navigator joins in the conversation with area employers about inclusive hiring and employment practices while sharing the value of employing individuals with disabilities.



THE COLLECTIVE
for Inclusive Employment
Advancing disability employment in Lake County
Facilitated by Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood



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“As leaders it’s our responsibility to evaluate employees’ strengths and place them in a job where they will be successful. We focus on what an individual is capable of and not the disability. It is truly rewarding for everyone involved at [Stakes Manufacturing](#).”

~Ted Schaffer, Warehouse Manager



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