

# The Florida EmployME1st Project



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**Today's speakers**  
Arizona Jenkins  
Aaron Coleman  
Ashley Wolfe

## Today we will:

- Talk about how self-advocates have been involved in Employment First activities.
- Hear about a curriculum that helps people plan for work.

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## Q&A with Arizona Jenkins



What do you  
get out of  
working?

What does  
work mean  
to you?

How have self-advocates participated in the EmployME1st Project since 2011?

- Regular meetings
- Plain language document
- Video blogs
- Peer to peer curriculum

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## What's in the peer to peer curriculum?



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## Sections of the curriculum

- Myths about people with disabilities and work
- Reasons why people work
- How people decide what type of job they want
- How to advocate for yourself when you are looking for a job

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## Sections of the curriculum

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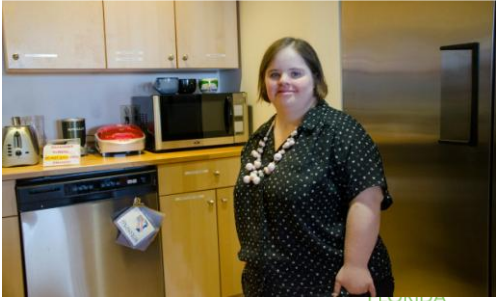
- Working with employment specialists
- Getting there...figuring out transportation
- Disclosure and asking for supports once you get a job

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## Meet Ashley



## Meet Maggie



## Meet Ryan



### Break out groups



### Discussion time



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### Q&A with Aaron Coleman



What's important to you about working?

How have you asked for help at work?

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