



What is the Florida Employment First Act?

In Florida, the governor, legislature (lawmakers), and others worked together to pass the Florida Employment First Act. This list describes what the law says.

- Policymakers in Florida want to help people with disabilities have jobs in their communities. This is the goal of the Florida Employment First Act.
- Employment is an important goal for people with disabilities of all ages. Agencies need to include people with disabilities, and help them find jobs that fit them well.
- Employment means working in the community earning at least minimum wage and earning your money directly from your employer.
- Florida will be making changes in its system to make sure that the Employment First policy is really helping people get jobs.
- These agencies in Florida will work together to make sure people with disabilities get the supports they need to get jobs:
 - Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Department of Education, Division of Blind Services
 - Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
 - Agency for Persons with Disabilities
 - Department of Children and Families, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program
 - Department of Economic Opportunity
 - CareerSource Florida
 - Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
 - Florida Association of Rehabilitation Facilities