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What makes Employment First Florida unique?

- Executive and Legislative Support
- Focus on supporting individuals to become “fully integrated in the community workforce with a goal of maximum self-sufficiency…”
- Research based strategies
- Interagency collaboration
Agenda
• Review the research:
  • Why is work important
  • How people learn about work
  • High quality employment supports

• Getting a job can be complicated:
  • Stories of success
  • Lessons learned

**Work**
- People with no disability: 74%
- People with any disability: 34%
- People with a cognitive disability: 25%

**Poverty**
- People with no disability: 11%
- People with any disability: 24%
- People with a cognitive disability: 28%
Why is work important to people with disabilities: For the same reasons it is important to you!

- Better health outcomes
- Self-confidence
- Contribution to the community
- Independence and control over our lives

Who helps people to get a job

- Employment specialists
- Friends
- Family
- Teachers and other school staff

Who has helped you to get a job?
Our Guest Speakers

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Employment Enhancement: Strengthening the System of Support

Featuring Self Advocates: Natalie Jean and Arizona Jenkins
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