

# Benefits of Working

- Earn money
- Make new friends
- Gain confidence
- Learn new skills
- Meet new challenges
- Improve physical health
- Improve mental health

Working is not just about making money. Why do you want to work?

Learn more about the benefits of working:

<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/employment/ResearchDocs/litrevw.pdf>



# RESOURCES

Department of Health Services  
Youth in Transition  
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/children/clts/waiver/family/transition/youcanwork.htm>

Employment Initiatives  
<http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disabilities/employment/>

What Can You Do? Campaign  
<http://www.whatcanyoudocampaign.org/>

Soft Skills to Pay the Bills  
<http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/youth/softskills/>

Let's Get to Work Grant  
<http://www.letsgettoworkwi.org/index.php/lgtw-project-resources/lgtw-tools/>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)-  
Self Assessment & Referral (Find us on Facebook!)  
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/DVRApply/Presentation/Eligibility/DVRMission.aspx>

Transition Improvement Grant  
<http://www.witig.org/>

Special Education - Department of Public Instruction  
<http://sped.dpi.wi.gov/>

Transition Action Guide (TAG)  
[http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/pdf\\_files/tag.pdf](http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/pdf_files/tag.pdf)



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**YOU CAN  
WORK**



*Youth in Transition*

*Employment Priority  
Wisconsin Department of  
Health Services  
Sustainability  
Initiative*

# Myths & Facts

**MYTH:** *Employers won't hire me...*

**FACT:** You can make a business better. Your school team or Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) Counselor can help find the best job match for you.

**MYTH:** *If I go to work, I will lose my benefits...*

**FACT:** You can bring home more money if you work, and still keep your health benefits. To learn how, you can talk to a Work Incentives Benefits Specialist.

Work Incentives  
Benefits Counseling

<http://www.wibsa.org>



## Employment Options

Family, friends, and other people in your community can help you to get advice, job ideas, and support. Let them know that you're looking for work.

Discuss your interests with your Children's Long-Term Support Worker. Your Service Coordinator can help you think about your goals and find the people and supports to help you pursue those goals.

Your Long-Term Support  
County Contact is:

You have the right to get the help you need to develop your employment plan.

## Where do I start?

- Make a list of your interests, strengths, and skills to show people that you are serious about finding a job that's right for you.
- Use your list to help find the job that is the right fit for you.
- Ask questions. Learn all you can about your employment options.
- Be assertive. You have the right to work.
- Share your interest to work with your:
  - ◇ Parents
  - ◇ Friends
  - ◇ Teachers and other School Staff
  - ◇ Children's Long Term Support Worker
  - ◇ Vocational Counselor