

Summary of Partnership Plus

Ticket to Work creates an opportunity for Wisconsin DVR to work in partnership with other providers of services, otherwise known as Employment Networks (EN). The desired outcome of such partnerships is an improved employment rate and increased independence for consumers. Ideally, an agreement between DVR and an EN will provide a smooth transition for the consumer from DVR services to post-employment retention services provided by an EN. As always, DVR allows for consumer choice when choosing an EN.

Key Features

- ◆ Roles and expectations of all involved are clearly stated
- ◆ Honors the consumer's choice, rights, and responsibilities
- ◆ Includes shared responsibilities between DVR and the EN
- ◆ Provides a standard referral process for smoother service provision
- ◆ Puts in place liaisons between both DVR and the EN to ensure good communication
- ◆ Review process between DVR and the EN allows for adjustments as needed
- ◆ Allows the EN to provide services to the consumer if a fee for service agreement is in place

Impact on the Consumer

- ◆ Smoother transition to an EN after DVR case closure, preventing the consumer from having to "start over" and assisting the consumer in maintaining long-term employment
- ◆ Offers the consumer ongoing employment support when moving between DVR and an EN
- ◆ Furthers the message that consumers can earn more, move up, and become independent!

Impact on DVR

- ◆ Provides services to move toward a successful employment outcome
- ◆ Informs consumer about general information on the program
- ◆ Maximizes cost reimbursements through wage documentation and ongoing communication with the EN
- ◆ Provides consumer with specific information about Partnership Plus options and the option for a referral back to the original EN upon successful case closure
- ◆ EN services can be incorporated in the individualized plan for employment (IPE)

Impact on Employer Networks

- ◆ Provides support to consumers, helping them retain their employment
- ◆ Decreases the likelihood of payment mistakes to an EN by the Social Security Administration through increased communication regarding DVR intention on each case
- ◆ Enables tracking of VR status related to the Ticket to Work assignment
- ◆ Shares wage data and earnings of common consumers with DVR