

DSPD COMMUNITY-BASED EMPLOYMENT FUNDING

What:

- Governor is requesting **\$1,171,600 ongoing General Fund** to the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (DSPD) to transition people from congregate day program employment settings (called “sheltered workshops”) that **pay less than minimum wage** into more **individualized choices for employment in community settings**
- Targets 15% of DSPD population to undergo transformation from facility-based day programs to supported employment services in the community including job exploration, employer connections and skill building

Why:

- Promote independence, dignity of work and increase self-determination for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families and communities
- Invest in private provider transition plans to comply with Medicaid Home and Community Based Service Final Settings Rule (2014) that **will go into effect March 17, 2022** to maintain critical federal funding for employment services for people with disabilities
- Cost for Utah to allow non-federal-compliant sheltered workshop (\$13.7M) with Utah General Funds after 2022 is nearly the same as funding the entire current DSPD waiting list (\$17.5M) because of loss of Medicaid funds

How:

- FY2018 DSPD Provider RFP requires providers of day programs and institutional work programs to enact a **four-year strategy** to become compliant with the Settings Rule **by the federal implementation deadline in 2022**
- More Medicaid service codes available to individuals to prepare and pursue employment and honor choice

Community Employment



More cost effective than sheltered workshops

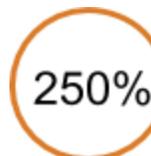
Significantly lowers lifetime healthcare costs for individuals with disabilities



Average monthly net taxpayer benefit saved

Sheltered Workshops

Unnecessarily isolates individuals from community



Less pay than community employment

Rarely see individuals with disabilities move into competitive employment



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