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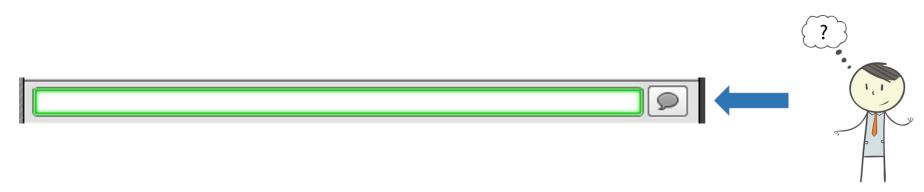
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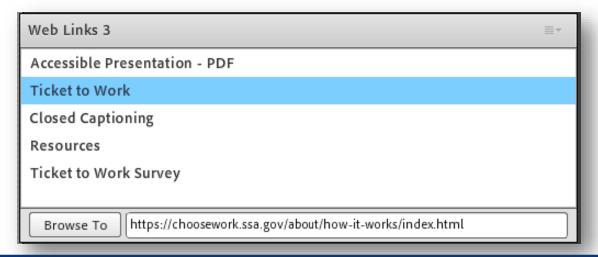
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#### **Presenters**

#### Welcome and Introductions

Moderator: Sarah Hyland, Ticket Program Moderator

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(ODEP)

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Services

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### Welcome!

### Thank you for joining us! Today, we'll discuss:

- Learning Objectives
- ODEP Overview
- Apprenticeship Overview
- JEVS: Connecting Pre-Employment Transition Services to your Career Fields
- Community Integrated Services
- Resources



# **Objectives**

At the end of today's webinar, you will know:

- How to define apprenticeship
- How apprenticeship helps increase access to work
- How the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment (ODEP) supports apprenticeship
- The value of apprenticeship for youth and adults with disabilities
- Next steps for people who receive Social Security disability benefits (SSDI/SSI)



# Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)

#### What does ODEP do?

- Connects with others in and out of government
- Supports changes to policy
- Shares tools and resources for others to use
- Assists work to put good practices in action
- Conducts outreach

Source: <a href="https://www.dol.gov/odep">www.dol.gov/odep</a>





# **ODEP's Youth Policy Team**

#### **ODEP's work includes:**

- Career pathways
- Work to support the law to increase job access. This law is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- Use of the Guideposts for Success
- Access to Individualized Learning Plans
- Use of Universal Design for Learning
- National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD/Youth)



Office of Disability Employment Policy

# **Active Demonstration Projects**

### Active employment-related projects:

- Pathways to Careers (Community College Grants)
- Disability Employment Initiative (DEI)
- Apprenticeships for All
- SSI Youth Research Project







# What Is an Apprenticeship?

### An apprenticeship:

- Is a training program combining work with learning and training, both on and off the job
- Combines the development of theoretical knowledge regarding a particular occupation or range of occupations with practical experience gained from doing the job





# Value of Apprenticeships: Job Seekers



Way into industry

**REAL** job

Paid salary

Learn jobspecific skills Gain a variety of transferable skills

Progress into higher education

Advancement in chosen career

Credential upon completion

Mentor/ experienced worker



# **Education Benefits: Job Seekers**



Pathway to college

Earn college credit or even a bachelor's degree

An alternative to a four-year degree

Gain a variety of transferable skills

Progress into higher education

Advancement in chosen career

Credential upon completion



# Compensation

- The average starting wage of an apprentice is between 50 – 60% of the wage of someone who has pursued a traditional career path
- Apprentices usually earn a raise every 6 months if training and school performance is satisfactory
- Average starting hourly wage is \$15.00

Sources: <u>doleta.gov/OA/occupations.cfm</u> and <u>www.dol.gov/apprenticeship/toolkit/toolkitfaq.htm#2a</u>





# **How Do I Find an Apprenticeship?**

### Most **common** options:

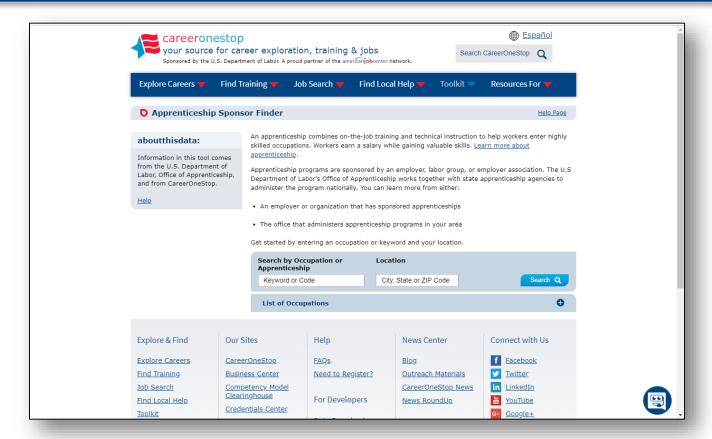
- US DOL: <a href="http://bit.ly/dol-apprenticeship">http://bit.ly/dol-apprenticeship</a>
- Contact your local American Job Center at: <a href="http://bit.ly/career-one-stop">http://bit.ly/career-one-stop</a>
- Apprenticeship Finder Tool: <a href="http://bit.ly/finder-tool">http://bit.ly/finder-tool</a>





### **CareerOneStop**





www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Training/find-apprenticeships.aspx





### JEVS Human Services – A 75-Year Mission

Enhance dignity, independence, and life opportunities through a broad range of programs and create innovative, sustainable solutions to address current and future community needs.





### A Diversified Human Services Provider

### **Program Operator**

- More than 30 programs serving 30k + individuals
- Workforce development, in-home care, addiction recovery, and others

### **Employer and Business Services**

 30 job developers supporting employer talent development

### **Local Employer**

More than 1,000 employees







# **JEVS hireAbility Program Overview**

- JEVS hireAbility offers an empowering, customized employment program to assist individuals of all ages, skill levels, and experiences living with an intellectual disability, mental illness, physical disability, or chronic disease by preparing them for competitive, integrated employment
- We serve approximately 250 people each year and place
   100 people into integrated, competitive employment





# **JEVS hireAbility Services**

- Benefits counseling
- Developing inclusive pre-apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs





# What Is a Registered Apprenticeship?

- It's a full-time job!
- Includes training on the job and in the classroom
  - Apply in-class learning directly on the job site
  - Results in portable, industry-recognized credentials
- Pay increases as milestones are reached
- Mentored by employer at work





# Five Core Components of Registered Apprenticeship



Employer Involvement Is Integral

Employer is the foundation for the RA program and must be directly involved and provider of OJL



Structured On-the-Job Learning with Mentoring Minimum of 2,000 hours Structured and Supervised



Related Training and Instruction

144 hours recommended per year
Parallel | Front-loaded | Segmented Options



**Rewards for Skill Gains** 

Increases in skills brings about increases in earnings



National Occupational Credential



# Apprenticeships as a Career Pathway



Full-time job with steady salary

Entry into an industry

Mentored by experienced worker

Learn job specific skills

Gain a variety of transferable skills

Advancement in chosen career

Industryrecognized credential upon completion



# Apprenticeships as Skill Building



Gain technical skills that reinforce workplace learning

Alternative OR pathway to college

Earn college credit or even a degree

Progress into higher education

Transferable credential upon completion



# Aligning JEVS hireAbility to Apprenticeships

- Career Planning and Assessment
- Pre-Apprenticeships (IT Career Readiness)
- Apprenticeships
- Retention





# Phase 1: Career Planning and Assessment

### hireAbility Service

- Traditional assessment
- Work assessment
- One-on-one career counseling







# Phase 2: What Is a Pre-Apprenticeship?

- Preparation for a Registered Apprenticeship program
- Work-ready skill development
- Technical training
- Career exposure through job shadowing and internships
- Connected to a Registered Apprenticeship program





# **Phase 2: Pre-Apprenticeships**

#### hireAbility Service

- Pre-Employment Transition Services (PreETS)
- Career readiness
- Job shadowing
- Work-based learning
- Structural support







### **JEVS IT Career Readiness Program**

JEVS IT Career Readiness program is designed to help young people with autism develop their skills in the IT industry while practicing professionalism and workplace skills





# **Phase 3: Apprenticeships**

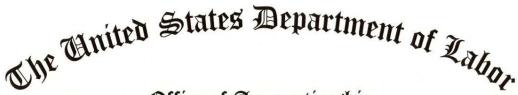
- Instructional Support
- Counseling
- Job Development
- Mentorship from Employer





# **Apprentice Completion Certificate**





Office of Apprenticeship Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship

This is to certify that

Carl Cane

has completed an apprenticeship for the occupation

Machinist

under the sponsorship of

Smith Manufacturing, Inc.

in accordance with the basic standards of apprenticeship established by the Secretary of Babor

William J. Kober, State Director, U.S. Department of Labor

July 1, 2009

Date Completed



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#### **Phase 4: Retention**

- Job coaching
- Counseling as needed
- Building natural supports







## **Derek's Apprenticeship Experience**







### **Social Security Disability Benefit Programs**



**Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)** 



**Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** 



# Why Choose Work?

# Only you can decide if work is the right choice for you.

- Earn more income
- Gain financial independence
- Meet new people
- Learn new skills





## What Is the Ticket to Work Program?

#### **Ticket to Work:**

- Is a free and voluntary Social Security program
- Helps people with disabilities move toward financial independence
- Supports career development





#### What Services Does Ticket to Work Offer?

#### **Services offered may include:**

- Job coaching
- Job counseling
- Training
- Benefits counseling
- Job placement







# Support from Employer Network: Community Integrated Services

- Employment Networks (EN) are one type of Ticket program service provider
- EN services help you prepare for, find, or maintain employment and may include:
  - Career planning
  - Job search and job placement
  - Ongoing employment support
  - Benefits counseling
  - Assistance with accommodations





## **Questions?**







### **Apprenticeship Videos and Toolkit**

#ApprenticeshipWorks Video Series: Video series featuring youth apprentices with and without disabilities and their employer sponsors

http://bit.ly/apprenticeship-video

Apprenticeship Toolkit: Tool to help establish apprenticeship programs and support employer engagement for young adults with disabilities

http://bit.ly/apprenticeship-toolkit





# **Apprenticeship Finder and American Dream Blog**

**Apprenticeship Finder:** Web portal for employers, job seekers, educators, and community-based agencies to promote apprenticeship opportunities

www.apprenticeship.gov

**Apprenticeship and the American Dream Blog:** 

http://bit.ly/dol-blog





#### **Apprenticeship Guides**



ODEP's #ApprenticeshipWorks Guides introduce youth, educators, service providers, and businesses to the benefits and opportunities of inclusive apprenticeship:

#### Youth

http://bit.ly/dol-individuals

#### **Educators and Service Providers**

http://bit.ly/dol-educators

#### **Businesses**

http://bit.ly/dol-business



# **Job Accommodation Network (JAN)**

Leading source of free, expert, and confidential guidance on workplace accommodations

- AskJAN.org
- (800) 526-7234 (Voice)
- (877) 781-9403 (TTY)
- Text (304) 216-8189
- Skype with JAN consultants
- Live chat







## **Questions?**





# **Stay in Touch**

#### Call the Ticket to Work Help Line:

- 866-968-7842
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