

## **FFY 2012 State Plan Update - Attachment 4.8 (b) (4) – Arrangements and Cooperative Agreements for the Provision of Supported Employment Services**

Washington DSHS/DVR primarily provides Supported Employment services to individuals with developmental disabilities and individuals with mental illness. Of these two customer groups, individuals with developmental disabilities represent the vast majority of Supported Employment outcomes. While we continue to work with the DSHS Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery – Mental Health to identify resources for supported employment, the state has limited capacity at this time to provide extended services except in a small number of communities. This limited capacity continues to make it difficult to provide Supported Employment services to individuals with mental illness.

Diligent efforts continue to facilitate extended services for individuals with mental illness through natural supports, employers and self-pay. However, very often individuals with significant mental health disabilities require more intensive support than is available through these resources.

Efforts continue to promote and expand resources for extended services to individuals with mental illness. Washington DSHS/DVR is working in collaboration with the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery – Mental Health, the Mental Health Consortium, and the Washington Community Mental Health Council to expand the availability of extended services through alternative resources and innovative approaches. The intended result of this effort will be to establish cooperative agreements with all 13 Regional Support Networks responsible for the delivery of community mental health services at the County level by the end of FFY 2012.

In light of the changes to the Social Security Administration Ticket to Work/Employment Network regulations, DSHS/DVR continues to promote the use of Ticket to Work as a potential income source for developmental disability (DD), mental health (MH), and traumatic brain injury (TBI) service providers to build their capacity for providing extended support services.

DSHS/DVR also will renew written agreements with County Developmental Disabilities Programs and Mental Health Regional Support Networks by the end of FFY 2012 to clarify roles and responsibilities for their provision of extended services to joint customers.