



THE One-Pager

#IWantToWork 2.0

WeWorkPA Campaign



#IWantToWork 2.0 is about making sure people with skills, talent, dedication and desire who just happen to have a disability can get a meaningful job. It's about helping employers find and retain talented, loyal employees. It's about helping move people from dependency to independence. ***Most of all, it's about removing more of the barriers blocking people with disabilities from having productive, fulfilling lives.***

The **#IWantToWork 2.0** campaign supports PA Employment First legislation: HB 2130, authored by Reps. Bryan Cutler, R-Lancaster and Dan Miller, D-Allegheny, and SB 1199, authored by Sen. Bob Mensch, R-Montgomery, and Sean Wiley, D-Erie. Both bills have strong bipartisan support and the backing of a growing coalition of business, labor and other organizations advocating alongside people with disabilities.



Enacting this *PA Employment First* legislation will put Pennsylvania with the 22 other states in helping people with disabilities find work consistent with new federal rules.

WHAT WILL PA EMPLOYMENT FIRST LEGISLATION DO?

It's about a fundamental shift in attitude — The *PA Employment First* legislation shifts public attitude away from “taking care” of people with disabilities to “maximizing” the employment potential of people with disabilities.

It's about Employment First, but not only — The *PA Employment First* legislation will result in a revolutionary change in support for employment for people with disabilities. Currently, the state spends \$400 million on day programs for people with intellectual disabilities with only 5 percent going to support employment. This legislation supports a major shift in priorities within existing funding.



It's about creating a plan and setting goals — This legislation requires the governor to develop and submit a three-year plan to make Employment First a reality and set a goal of 7 percent of the state workforce made up of talented people with a disability.

It's about helping, not hurting, providers — The *PA Employment First* legislation requires state agencies to develop financial incentives to enable providers to focus their energies on helping people with disabilities get and keep jobs in private businesses and public agencies.



It's about accountability and transparency — The *PA Employment First* legislation creates an interagency Employment First Coordinating Council chaired by a high ranking member of the Governor's office. And the legislation creates an Employment First Oversight Commission to measure and report progress to the public, the Governor, and the Legislature.

Join the #IWantToWork 2.0 WeWorkPA Campaign —
Support the PA Employment First Legislation.