



Hiring people with Disabilities Makes Good Sense!

The Take Your Legislator to Work Campaign raises awareness about the importance of people with disabilities working in their communities by inviting legislators to visit workplaces and see first-hand the value people with disabilities bring to the workforce.

The campaign highlights how everyone wins when people with disabilities have community-integrated jobs at a competitive wage including being more independent, paying taxes, contributing to the local economy, and being less likely to rely on publicly-funded programs and services.



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I was able to learn how having a job has helped a person with a disability increase their self-esteem, foster new relationships and pride for money earned through employment.

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Changing attitudes about hiring people with disabilities:

- 94 visits done in the last year!
 - 38 State Representatives
 - 17 State Senators
 - 75 individuals with a disability
- The campaign has spread to 7 other state DD Councils.

As a result of participating in TYLTW, Legislators say:

- “I believe that hiring people with disabilities is good for business.”
- “I think all individuals with a disability should have the opportunity to work in the community.”
- “I am more likely to support policy/legislation that expands integrated employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.”

Individuals with Disabilities say:

- “I know the business where I work is better because I work there.”
- “I feel like my boss values my work more.”
- “I feel more proud of the work I do at my job.”
- “I think my legislator knows more about how important work in the community is for people with disabilities.”