Workforce Employment Network (EN) Tools and Resources
Annotated List of DEI Employment Network Tools

Meet WorkforceGPS

WorkforceGPS is the central web portal for the public workforce system and for all of the work of the Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) grantees. WorkforceGPS serves as an interactive online communication and learning platform designed to communicate with and build the capacity of the public workforce system. The site includes technical assistance resources, online learning opportunities and space to connect and collaborate with peers. WorkforceGPS Communities offer you the chance to find resources on specific topics, programs, or initiatives--all while engaging with peers on those matters that most interest you.

Creating a WorkforceGPS Account: If you do not already have an account on WorkforceGPS, then your first step should be to create a "My WorkforceGPS" account so that you can access all of the features and functionality of the WorkforceGPS site. Get started here. You can also click here to go directly to set up an account.

Webinar Archive: You can access a webinar archive in which the NDI Technical Assistance team walks through some key features of WorkforceGPS, the DEI and Disability and Employment Communities.

WorkforceGPS DEI Employment Network Page

The WorkforceGPS DEI Community was developed with the DEI projects in mind: to provide you with the information and resources you need to help you do your day-to-day work. The DEI Employment Network Tools page contains links to tools and resources for Employment Network Operations in the public workforce system. An EN administers the Social Security Ticket to Work program. While the adoption of the Ticket to Work program is a requirement in the DEI grant program, it is also an important strategic approach to the sustainability of a DEI grant project after the pilot funding ceases.

This document includes an annotated list of the tools and resources associated with the EN Tools Page. The left hand side of the web page includes the links to the tools and resources under **"Related Content"** and the middle of the page includes a description of the content. The Annotated List of DEI Employment Network Tools can be used as a guide to the WorkforceGPS DEI Community EN Tools Page or as a standalone document.

Below is the annotated list of the tools and resources along with active links, where available. For resources that need to be retrieved from the Main page, the active link will take you to that page where you will retrieve the resource under "Related Content" on the left navigation bar.

1. **Workforce EN Planning Guide** - This checklist helps DEI projects that are in the process of applying to become Employment Networks, or are new to providing EN services. It will assist DEI projects in identifying some key questions to consider from a business operations standpoint as projects begin accepting Ticket Holders.
2. **EN Ticket Assessment Guide** - Designed to assist workforce ENs in understanding the customer flow as it relates to the Ticket Program in the job center, plus guidance to determine whether or not they can provide the services the Ticket Holder may need and thus determine whether or not to assign the ticket.
3. **Timely Progress Guidelines** - Used to help ENs assess whether a Ticket Holder is on track and also effects EN payments. This document explains the Timely Progress Guidelines.
4. **Payments at a Glance** - Provides an overview of the Ticket Program payment structure, including payment options and schedule of payments based upon achieving training and employment goals.
5. **SSA Individualized Work Plan (IWP)** - This template has been developed by the NDI-DEI team to support Workforce ENs. It is optional, and has been approved by the Ticket Program Manager's Program Integrity department for use by Workforce ENs.
6. **"Example" of the Individualized Work Plan (IWP)** - This form provides an example of the IWP completed with the required elements the Ticket Program Manager wishes to see, using SMART goals.
7. **DEI Workforce EN CoP** - This Community of Practice provides examples of current and former local- and state-level DEI project staff, who are operating Workforce ENs and the promising practices they are using to assist Ticket Holders and achieve success in American Job Centers.
8. **TEN 02-14 - ETA Training and Employment Notice** - Receiving Ticket payments as an Employment Network.

Ticket to Work Contact Clarifications and Explanations Click on this link and scroll down to "Contact Clarifications and Explanations" to access a list of points of contact. Note, these contacts are only for service providers authorized to participate in the Ticket program.