

Back to Bedlam?



Without Supported Employment Services

- Most Washingtonians with developmental disabilities will lose their jobs and \$38 million in taxable wages in the next biennium
- Increase in costs to Medicaid and public funding for medical, behavioral, and mental health crises, emergency services, Food Stamps, Social Security, housing assistance, and other assistance
- Decrease in daily activity, skills, and relationships
- People forced to give up homes and apartments
- Families put into crisis to provide in-home supervision
- Parents and family members forced to quit their jobs
- Increase of people in poverty
- Permanent climate of segregation, eventual institutionalization, and dehumanization
- Coworkers replaced by television remote control
- Supported Employment system dismantled and future generations of people with disabilities unemployed
- **THIS IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE OPTION**

With Supported Employment Services

- \$38 million in taxable wages earned in the next biennium
- Decrease in costs to Medicaid and public funding
- Savings in cash benefits of \$1 for every \$2 earned by those on Supplemental Security Income
- Active and productive people fulfilling valuable roles in the community
- Decrease in mental health crises, medical needs, emergency services, and reliance on public benefit programs
- Increase in independent supported living in the community, and less isolation and loneliness
- Parents and family members able to work, avoiding family/home crises
- Poverty issues addressed
- The freedom to be part of the community
- Supported employment system strengthened and future generations of people with disabilities employed
- **THIS IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE OPTION**



Or Forward to Equitable Employment?

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