
We make it easy!

Here's how:

Assist in making informed decisions about work.

Build knowledge about work incentives for eligible individuals.

Connect individuals with employment professionals at the Regional Workforce Development Center.

**Iowa Workforce
Development (IWD)
Mission Statement:**

Iowa Workforce Development (IWD) will contribute to Iowa's economic growth by providing quality customer-driven services that support prosperity, productivity, health and safety for Iowans.

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Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
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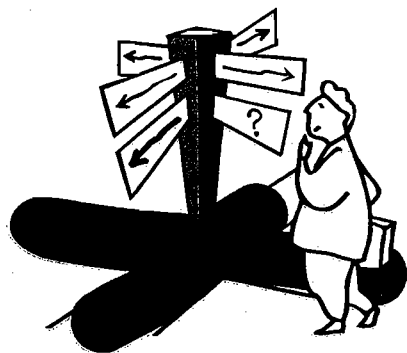
**Disability
Program
Navigator
Initiative**



Jointly sponsored by the
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Social Security Administration

The Purpose of the Initiative:

Navigators will operate in a Regional Workforce Center as a resource to all who live and work and operate businesses in that region. Their objective is to reduce the unemployment and underemployment rate of Iowans with disabilities.



The Disability Program Navigator will help people with disabilities “navigate” through the challenges of seeking work.

Navigators will:

- Develop and maintain relationships with support groups, organizations, and agencies that facilitate the employment of people with disabilities.
- Develop resources for businesses, through the center’s business services, to support the employment of people with disabilities.
- Connect job seekers with IWD services that will support them in meeting employment goals.
- Assist people with disabilities to understand how earnings affect their Social Security benefits and other support programs.
- Provide information about Social Security benefits, Ticket-to-Work, and Benefits Planning services.

Navigators will also:

- Provide information about programs, services, health care options, housing, and transportation supports as they impact the search for employment.
- Facilitate transition of school-age youth with disabilities to secure employment and economic self-sufficiency.
- Provide information and training about programs, adaptive technology, and accommodations.

Contact your local Workforce Development Center for more information.
