



FACT SHEET

What is WorkABILITY?

- An initiative to foster a cooperative, accessible and supportive environment for the disability community within New Trier Township who seek employment;
- An effort to engage and encourage persons with disabilities to pursue meaningful and competitive employment;
- A program to increase awareness of disability employment issues and deepen understanding among employers and the public at large.

Why was the program created?

The objective of the **WorkABILITY** program is to facilitate and enhance the employment of persons with disabilities by providing a single, free centralized service within New Trier Township.

What services does WorkABILITY offer?

- Employment counseling for individuals with disabilities seeking work
- Resources for employment programs and job accommodations for people with disabilities
- Assistance for employers looking for hard-working and dedicated employees
- Information on employment rights, laws and regulations

How does the program work?

Individuals with disabilities interested in applying are asked to contact **WorkABILITY** at 847-412-4300 to schedule an appointment. During the initial interview, individuals will be provided a description of services including the development of an Individualized Placement Plan, employment strategies, goal settings, all in coordination with his/her desires, skills and abilities. If eligible, services will be provided free of charge.

Who can receive WorkABILITY services?

WorkABILITY is open to all individuals with disabilities who are eligible for supported or competitive employment.

What will services cost?

There is no charge for services if eligibility requirements are met for current funding sources. JVS will coordinate and help facilitate the opening of cases for supportive services through public and private agencies in the community.



Where to apply?

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 847-412-4300 or 847-412-4316 TTY. The appointment will be held at New Trier Township Office located at 739 Elm Street in Winnetka.

Who is administering the program?

WorkABILITY is collaboration between New Trier Township, Jewish Vocational Service, disabilityworks, and New Trier Township High School’s Special Education Department.

Partner	Mission	Services
 <p>New Trier Township www.newtriertownship.com 739 Elm Street Winnetka, Illinois 60093 Phone: 847-446-8202</p> <p>Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The mission of New Trier Township is to provide leadership, advocacy and resources to benefit the physical, mental and social well being of Township residents.</p>	<p>The New Trier Township Office, conveniently located in the heart of New Trier Township, will serve as an intake center for the program.</p> <p>The Township will also play a major role of increasing public awareness of the issues surrounding the employment of and for persons with disabilities.</p>
 <p>Jewish Vocational Service http://www.jvschicago.org/ Career Planning Center 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 847-412-4300 TTY 847-412-4316</p>	<p>Empowering all people in need to find fulfillment through work.</p>	<p>The JVS Employment Specialist will help create a customized employment plan with the individual to achieve and maintain successful employment. JVS will provide support and guidance in accordance with the individual’s abilities. JVS will also coordinate services with other community organizations to assist the individual in maintaining successful employment.</p>

 www.disabilityworks.org Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce 200 E. Randolph Street, Suite 2200 Chicago, IL 60601 312-550-5781 TTY 312-494-6722	An initiative from the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce , the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and the City of Chicago , its mission is to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities throughout Illinois.	disabilityworks works to address the needs of individuals with disabilities seeking job readiness training and employment opportunities through the Illinois Worknet Centers system by facilitating access to resources, supports and services that will provide transition to employment.
 New Trier Township High School District 203 http://nth.s.newtrier.k12.il Special Education Dept Transition/Vocational Coordinator 385 Winnetka Ave Winnetka, Illinois 60093 847-784-6851	To provide a full continuum of services to students with disabilities in a supportive environment in which students can develop academic, social, emotional, vocational and life skills.	NTTHS Special Education Staff will work collaboratively with all partners in order to facilitate the referral process for current students who are seeking employment.

What do the statistics say?

Approximately 9% of people in New Trier Township are living with at least one disabilityⁱ, and most Americans will experience a disability at some time during the course of their lives. Persons with disabilities make up 7% of the working age population, yet almost 28.7% of persons with disabilities are unemployedⁱⁱ. Among the unemployed persons with disabilities, two out of three want to workⁱⁱⁱ.

How can I obtain further information?

Visit newtriertownship.com/employment-services or call 847-412-4300 or 847-412-4316 TTY. To schedule a speaker for your organization, call 847-446-8202.

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ⁱ U.S. Census Bureau 2000.

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