



PATH TO EMPLOYMENT

EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS AT THE ST. LOUIS ARC

WHAT IT IS:

Employment Services that allow individuals an opportunity to explore their employment interests in a flexible and supportive environment.



TARGET AUDIENCE:

Individuals who have an employment interest, but not been given the opportunity to intentionally explore this outside of a school setting. This includes people who:

- Were not offered employment as an option in school or previous program
- Did not find success in a traditional VR model or previous employment
- Have complex medical or behavioral support needs
- Need long term employment supports or protective oversight

SCHEDULE:

- The duration and frequency of services will be customized to the individual, but will generally be approximately 3-9 hours per week.
- These supports will be integrated into individuals' existing day services schedules, allowing for a seamless transition between service models. Start and end times for their typical program days will remain unchanged.

GOALS:

- People reach maximum independence in their life.
- People have the experiences and education to make an informed choice of whether or not to pursue Competitive Integrated Employment.
- Participants obtain sustainable, personally meaningful employment (through supported employment, customized employment, or customized self-employment methods) through informed choice.