

APD Home and Community-Based Individual Experience Survey

The following represent comments made by individuals completing the HCBS Individual Experience Survey. The following comments were made in the margins of the questions designed to get at an individual's ability to work if wants to work.

We received over 400 comments that were related to working. The majority indicating that they did not work and many included reasons such as disability, age, or retired as reasons. Some comments questioned the sanity of the questions. Some expressed that the questions made the individual feel guilty that they do not work, or upset that we would ask the question. Still a percentage do indicate an interest in working/volunteering.

We have included only the comments here regarding potential interest in working.

WOULD LOVE TO WORK - MENTALLY & PHYSICALLY DISABLED INTERFERES WITH HOLDING A JOB.;

I HAVE VOLUNTEERED WITH RED CROSS BEFORE

NOT EMPLOYED I VOLUNTEER OUTSIDE HOME, I HOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT THROUGH FRIENDS AND STORES

MY GOAL IS TO BE AN ART ASSISTANCE, OH, LIKED AN TEACHER TO WORK WITH ADULTS WHO ARE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED..

HAS HAD A BAD STROKE IN THE PAST THAT STOPS HIM FORM BEING ABLE TO WORK. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COUNCLOR TO TALK TO. BUT, I DO WANT TO WORK IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS AN ART ASSISTANCE. BUT, I DO WANT TO WORK AS AN ART ASSISTANCE WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED ADULTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE AS MY GOAL. I, JUST HOPED THAT THE STAFF AT WOULD LET ME HAVE A PAYING JOB (PART TIME) AS AN ART ASSISTANCE WITH PAID MINIMUM WAGE WHICH IS OK WITH ME.

WE WOULD LIKE SOME INFO ON JOBS THAT JOE MIGHT DO

I'VE WORKED ALL MY LIFE. I PLAY MUSIC SING AND LOVE
CHUEDREW CAN I VOLUNTEER SOME WHERE TO HELP W/O
PATRONIZING PEOPLE? I HAVE B/A/ & BAUE COUNSELED PEOPLE
FREQUENTLY. I MISS WORKING WITH PEOPLE & THE INTERACTION
LECTURING PEOPLE. MY CHELDUM LIVE FAR AWAY

Would like to see him get training in something to
be working, adding meaningful purpose in life. Volunteer or paid ok.
Goodwill? He agrees.

NOTHING IN HOME WOULD IN ITSELF RESTRICT FROM WORKING
OR PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER SHE IS
UNABLE TO DO EITHER BECAUSE OF HER PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS

HEALTH PROBLEMS HEART KNEES I WANT TO WORK IF I GET WELL
HEART & KNEE PROBLEMS PROHIBIT THIS NOW I WANT TO WORK

I AM ASSUMING NO BUSINESSES WOULD HIRE ME BECAUSE I HAVE
USE OF ONLY 1 SIDE OF MY BODY. (CONSIDERING THE
EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE I HAVE, WORKING AS A SALES
ASSOCIATE IN RETAIL-SALES.) I MUST USE A WHEELCHAIR DUE TO
PARALYISD

I'D ONLY WORK DAY-SHIFTS IF I WAS EMPLOYED

I HAVE GOOD OFFICE SKILLS & COMPUTER SKILLS. I WOULD LIKE A
CHANCE TO USE THESE SKILLS & EARN MORE MONEY. BECAUSE I
DON'T HAVE ENUFF FINANCE TO MAKE ENDS MEET. BARELY
ENOUGH TO PAY FOR MY RENT HERE CAN YOU HELP ME TO BE
ABLE TO GET MY OWN APT SO I CAN LIVE ON MY OWN THANK YOU I
LOOK FORWARD HEARING FROM YOU P.S. WHERE I DID LIVE THEY
CALLED ME ON LIE EVERY TIME & EVERY THING I SAID I FELT VERY
DEGRADED & DIDN'T RESPECT ME AT ALL

I need a job to pay my rent.

VOLUNTEER" LOOKING FOR WORK

IM TRYING TO GET EMPLOYMENT SEVICES THRU MY SOCIAL
WORKER

I FELT THAT THIS PART(S) OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE WERE SLANTED TOWARDS PUSHING TO WORKING & TO CAUSE ME TO FEEL GUILTY THAT I AM UNABLE TO DO SO

I WOULD LIKE TO WORK PART TIME IF POSSIBLE

I AM INTERESTED IN VOC-REHAB.EDU. BUT HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO PURSUE...;

NO BUS, PLUS IF I COULD WORK DO I GET TO KEEP IT, SO I COULD GET FURNITURE, OR DOES THE STATE KEEP THAT?