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**To: Employment First stakeholders**

**From: Rebecca Sexton, Manager, Employment Policy and Innovation**

**Re: [Employment First](#): New report for families and self-advocates**

(Please forward to your local partners & stakeholders)

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Over the past year, the Employment First initiative at DHS has received stakeholder feedback to have the results from the semi-annual data reports repackaged in a format that is easier to read and understand.

We are happy to announce that the Employment First: Outcomes and Success report [is now published online](#). This report highlights some of the outcomes and successes achieved toward the goal of increasing community jobs for people with I/DD. All the numbers included in this Outcomes and Success report are from the already-published [September 2016 Employment First Data Report](#) and reports on clients in ODDS services for State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016).

We highly encourage stakeholders, including providers, advocacy organizations, and staff, to share this report with families, individuals and others interested in Employment First. Copies of this report will also be available.

The Employment First: Outcomes and Successes report is available online with links accessible at the Employment First website under “Documents and Publications” at: <http://iworkwesucceed.org>

Thank you for all your work to help improve employment services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

~ Rebecca