



GARFIELD COUNTY EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES

FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Garfield County Individuals with developmental disabilities may be eligible to receive support at home and at work through Washington State Developmental Disabilities Administration! Supported employment, respite, independent housing and other programs are available to individuals in Garfield County who meet eligibility criteria.

KEY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Residency: Must be a resident of Washington State.

Origin: Disability must have started before age 18.

Duration: Expected to continue indefinitely (lifelong).

Substantial Limitation: Causes significant limitations in personal and social functioning.

QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

Intellectual Disability (ID)

Cerebral Palsy (CP)

Epilepsy

Autism

Other neurological conditions similar to ID or requiring similar support.

MYTH BUSTERS!

I'LL LOSE MY BENEFITS IF I WORK!

You won't lose your SSI/SSDI checks if you work. Social Security wants you to work! Work Incentives (like income exclusions and disregards) allow you to keep some benefits while earning more, increasing your total income.

IF I WORK AND I SAVE MONEY, I'LL LOSE MY BENEFITS!

You can save money without losing your benefits! ABLE accounts let you save up to \$100,000 without affecting your SSI/Medicaid eligibility!

I AM TOO DISABLED TO WORK!

Once DDA eligibility is confirmed, trusted employment agencies in Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman counties help match individuals with community jobs that fit their abilities. Work hours vary, and agencies provide on-the-job support for as long as needed.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

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