

Putting YOU in Charge of Your Job Search

How Will We Put You in Charge?

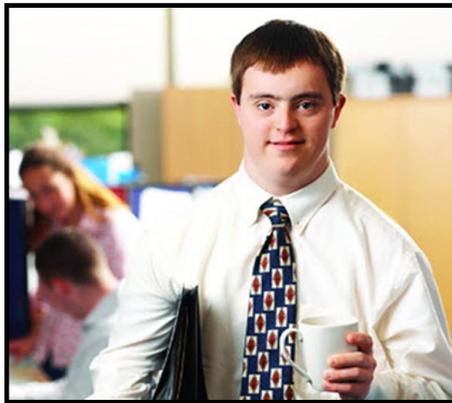
A Working Life Alliance (AWLA) will hold **Work is Possible (WIP) Summits** statewide, informing job seekers, families, and supporters about changes in federal regulations, state laws, and public service programs. Knowing about changes can make integrated and competitive work possible in local communities.

AWLA is developing and testing approaches through **two demonstration pilot projects** in the Twin Cities metro and northern Minnesota. What we learn will be broadly applied in innovative approaches in employment across Minnesota.

Mini Employment Learning Communities (ELC) will bring job seekers, family and other supporters together, energizing everyone pursuing employment in their communities. An ELC is established around a **cohort**, a shared experience common amongst the job seekers.

The four (4) cohorts are:

- Transition-aged youth job seekers
- Center-based program participants
- Job seekers not connected to formal disability service systems
- Underemployed people wanting new challenges, more pay, benefits, more work hours, etc.



An AWLA Tool Kit for Job Seekers, Family Members will be user-friendly, containing information and strategies for self-directed and family-assisted employment planning. It will be rich with print and video materials, online training, resources, and instructional tools.

Community Resource Connectors (CRCs) assist ELC members by:

- Engaging in discovery of the job seeker's talents, interests, skills & abilities.
- Learning about & using services & resources beneficial to working.
- Tapping experts in customized employment & other approaches that leading to being hired, creating a new job, or becoming a new business owner.

A Working Life Alliance Organizational Partners

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Partner agencies include:



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