VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN COMMUNITY REINTEGRATION

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Roles of Employment

- Identity
- Purpose
- Freedom from Benefits
- Independence
True Freedom

- Being on benefits can restrict how much we earn, what we own, what we do, what we write on paperwork, and basically our personal potential.
- Some say that freedom is not needing to work but I believe that true freedom is the ability to choose to work.
Disability And Employment Is A Whole Other Beast

• 17.9% of People with Disabilities are Employed, statistically similar to Veterans with Disabilities

• Reasons for high unemployment rates
  – Misinformed about disability
  – Discrimination
  – Lack of connections to adequate supports
USE YOUR SUPPORTS

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EMPLOYMENT
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment

http://www.military.com

- Comprehensive rehabilitation evaluation to determine abilities, skills, interests, and needs.
- Vocational counseling and rehabilitation planning.
- Employment services such as job-seeking skills, resume development, and other work readiness assistance.
- Assistance finding and keeping a job, including the use of special employer incentives.
- On the Job Training (OJT), apprenticeships, and non-paid work experiences.
- Financial assistance for post-secondary training at a college, vocational, technical or business school.
- Supportive rehabilitation services including case management, counseling, and referral.
- Independent living services.
What Now? When Services Aren’t Enough
The #IWantToWork Campaign

Goals
Engage community and business leaders
Ensure integrated employment for all
Removal of employment disincentives
Re-define "successful employment"

Our work is guided by one simple, but powerful belief ... people with disabilities who can work, who want to work, deserve to work
THANK YOU

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