Charting the Life Course

Focusing on Employment

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Life Course Framework

Life is a journey.
*Our lives are not static, they change every day.*

It’s all about vision.
*Anything is possible, with the right vision.*

Everything is connected.
*What you do today affects your life in the future.*
Life Course Vocabulary

Charted
*Traditional service system*

Slightly Charted
*Somewhat new and innovative, off the beaten path*

Uncharted
*My dream is...*
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So many questions....

Have I talked to my child about what he or she wants to be when she grows up?

Is there a transition plan in place that is truly individualized and preparing the youth for adult life after school ends? Does the plan include work or volunteer experience?

What will my adult son/daughter do during the day? Full time job, part time job, volunteer, or some sort of program? What do they like to do/want to do? Where can employment skills be learned or improved upon? Is there some type of job or volunteer activity that ties into their passion or interests?

Can the person afford to retire? What will they do to keep busy if they retire?
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What is work?

Why work?

Where do people work?
Where have we been?

Charted

Sheltered Workshops

Day Habilitation
Where are we now?

Slightly Charted

Supported Employment

Volunteerism

AmeriCorps
What is our vision?

Uncharted

Micro-enterprise

College

Career

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." James Baldwin
National Efforts around Employment

Actions
Phase-out subminimum wage

Supports
Funding support changes

Awareness
Employment First
Missouri Initiatives around Employment

Show Me Careers

APSE-MO

Employment First Initiative

MO State Employment Leadership Network (SELN)
Your Employment Coordinator

**Navigate**
Navigating the service system
Transition to adulthood
Work Incentive Awareness

**Connect**
Outreach
Networking
Business Network

**Discover**
Training
Technical Support
dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/employment.htm
Missouri Resources

Centers for Independent Living

MO DD Council

MO Family to Family
Questions?

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