

## Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities

Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities (EAPD) offers a wide range of employment focused services to assist adults with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and maintaining employment.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for EAPD, a person must be:

- a resident of Manitoba with an intellectual, psychiatric, learning or physical disability;
- 16 years of age or older;
- legally entitled to work in Manitoba on a permanent basis and show a willingness to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment.

Applications for services must include proof of a qualifying disability diagnosed or assessed by an appropriate professional.

### Services Available

**Vocational Counselling:** A Vocational Counsellor will assist in exploring vocational goals based on the individual's interests, abilities and skills.

**Assessment:** Specialized vocational assessments may be used to assist in identifying appropriate employment options and supports.

**Vocational Planning:** Planning is done on an individual basis to address each person's unique training or employment support needs. It may involve a single service, or a multi-year training plan that includes a variety of supports.

**Vocational Training:** Vocational training may include specific job development and/or post-secondary or other adult education courses.

**Support Services:** Support services may be provided to accommodate disability-related barriers to employment and may include supported employment, disability-related education expenses, sign language interpreting, provision of technical equipment, or building or vehicle modifications.

**Direct Employment Services:** These services may include job search, resume preparation, establishment of contacts with job placement agencies, job referral, training-on-the-job, and supports required to obtain or maintain employment.

## Applying for Services

Employment-focused services for people with an intellectual, psychiatric or learning disability are provided by Vocational Counsellors with Manitoba Education and Training. For individuals with physical disabilities, services are provided through three designated agencies.

## For more information

Individuals with an intellectual, psychiatric or learning disability should email [EAPD@gov.mb.ca](mailto:EAPD@gov.mb.ca)

Or, for general information, contact Manitoba Government Inquiry at:

1-866-MANITOBA (1-866-626-4862)

TTY: 1-800-855-0511 (Manitoba Relay Service)

## Designated Agencies

Individuals with a visual disability may contact:

### **CNIB**

Manitoba Division

1080 Portage Avenue

Winnipeg, MB R3G 3M3

Phone: 204-774-5421

Toll-free: 1-800-552-4893

TTY Deaf Access Line: 204-775-9802

Fax: 204-775-5090

Individuals with a spinal cord injury may contact:

### **Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA)**

Manitoba Division

825 Sherbrook Street

Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5

Phone: 204-786-4753

Toll-free: 1-800-720-4933

Fax: 204-786-1140

Individuals with other physical disabilities, including the Deaf or hard of hearing, may contact:

### **Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD)**

825 Sherbrook Street

Winnipeg, MB R3A 1M5

Phone: 204-975-3010

Toll-free: 1-866-282-8041

TTY Deaf Access: 204-975-3012

TTY Toll-free: 1-800-225-9108

TTY Deaf Services: 204-975-3083

Fax: 204-975-3073