

RSA Policy Principles

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- ❑ Individuals with disabilities, including those with the most significant disabilities, are capable of achieving competitive, high-quality employment in integrated settings and living full and productive lives in their communities.
- ❑ The low expectations and misunderstandings society, some service providers, or consumers themselves have about their abilities, capacities, commitment, creativity, interests, and ingenuity are major barriers to the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities.
- ❑ Individuals with disabilities are able to make informed choices about their own lives--including their employment options, the types of services they need, the selection of service providers--and are able to assume responsibility for their decisions.
- ❑ The primary role of VR agencies and other RSA-funded entities is to provide individuals with disabilities with the information, skills training, education, confidence, and support services so that the individual is empowered to make informed choices about one's professional and personal life.
- ❑ Services are best delivered within a framework of accountability, flexibility, and the least administrative burden necessary.
- ❑ Collaboration between rehabilitation service providers and community-based organizations comprised of individuals with disabilities enhances the quality of services and improves outcomes.