

WORKABILITY I

A California Transition Program

HISTORY

The California Department of Education conducted a two-year study in 1981 to gather information concerning the needs of students with disabilities who were not in the workforce. These students were not in the labor market.

WorkAbility I was initiated as a project to test the concept of a transition program for students with disabilities.

WorkAbility I continues to provide coordination of services between the Employment Development Department, the Rehabilitation and Caltrans, and financial interagency agreements.

In July 1999, a Task Force was organized to align WorkAbility I with other initiatives for youth with disabilities. WorkAbility has funded high school and middle school programs.

Through a designation process, programs of its type in the state have received national recognition. Adults with disabilities who

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The WorkAbility I program provides transition training, employment placement, and support services for students in special education, who are transitioning from school to work, independent living, and community involvement training.

All fifty-eight California counties participate in the program.

The WorkAbility I program is funded by the California Department of Education.

VISION OF WORKABILITY I

The Vision of WorkAbility I is to help students with disabilities successfully participate in the workplace and community.

GOALS OF WORKABILITY I

- Increase the percentage of students with disabilities who are employed.
- Increase the percentage of students with disabilities who are employed without subsidies.
- Increase the percentage of students with disabilities who are enrolled in post-secondary education.
- Increase the percentage of students with disabilities who report satisfaction with their independent living status and community involvement.