

Project:: Employment Plus Project - YEAR 2

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Abstract: In this second year, Employment Plus will select an additional ten individuals, ages twenty-one and above, for career advancement who are employed or recently displaced from employment. Additionally, the pilot group (year one) will begin implementing mentoring practices learned.

Employment Plus will consist of three networking components overseen by a Program Coordinator. These components are:

- Establishing a network group for members with disabilities seeking job stability, career advancement, and increased fiscal capital
- Organizing a mentoring program to match participating individuals of the group to mentors in his or her occupational/personal interests, while training each group there after to become mentors to new individuals,
- Hosting joint sessions between the members and their employers in an attempt to reduce barriers to job retention, career advancement, and improve employee/employer relations

It is the expectation of this project, not only to increase the marketability of its participants (the want of an employer for the individuals to be an asset to an entity); but to produce a self-sustaining social/business networking guild of PwDD, to share experiences and refine problem solving skills with relation to employment issues.