

Appendix I

Employment Recommendation B. 2.

Supported Self-Employment

DDD will develop services specific to supported self-employment. This area will be fully researched and information made available to individuals and agencies. The sub-group working with DVR will explore, with DVR, joint options for self-employment for persons with developmental disabilities.

DDD and systems providers have taken initial steps related to this recommendation although a specific sub-group has not been developed and is not operational at the current time.

System efforts in this area have included:

1. The Division for Developmental Disabilities provided a \$4,250 Supported Employment Project grant to the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center in February 2004. The grant provided information and training to individuals, families, providers, supported living consultants and resource coordinators in Jefferson County about supported self employment. Cary Griffin from Griffin-Hammis Associates provided training and technical assistance.
2. Breakout sessions on supported self employment were included in the 2004 Colorado Symposium conference in October. One session was presented by the Colorado Division for Developmental Disabilities and the other session was presented by Jim Corey from the Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE) in Seattle. The Division for Developmental Disabilities and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation provided financial sponsorship through joint project DDD-DVR training funds.
3. A one-day supported self employment was held in the Denver metro area in February 2005. The workshop was given by Cary Griffin from Griffin-Hammis Associates. Attendees included supported employment providers, advocates, CCB personnel, and staff from CTAT, DVR and DDD. The presentation by Mr. Griffin was followed up

by a visioning exercise facilitated by CTAT. It was recommended that a small group of interested people continue to meet to develop an action plan to integrate the concept of supported self employment into Colorado services.

As of June 2004 a group has not been established. CTAT and DDD will strive to institute a self employment work group by September 2005.