



The Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) 2025 Employment Symposiums Unlocking Untapped Talent: The Benefits of Hiring Employees with Disabilities Agenda*

ODP's Employment Symposiums will introduce employers and businesses to a service system which supports more than 14,000 people who want to find a job. Through panel discussions, presentations, and networking opportunities, you will learn about available state services, build connections with employment services providers, and dispel common myths about hiring people with disabilities.

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30 a.m. Panel Discussion:

Business Support to Unlock Untapped Talent – A panel discussion with employers, employment service providers, and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) staff to learn how businesses can successfully leverage available Commonwealth services systems to incorporate employees with disabilities into their workforce.

10:45 a.m. Presentation:

ODP and OVR Fundamentals – An introduction to the Office of Developmental Programs and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

11:30 a.m. Panel Discussion:

Putting the Pieces Together – Hiring Employees with Disabilities Benefits Everyone!

12:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Networking Lunch