



Employment First Ambassador: Role and Responsibilities

Employment First (EF) Ambassadors are people with disabilities (& their family members) who have jobs in their communities & understand the importance of advocating for policies and services that will help *everyone* with disabilities get jobs in their communities too.

EF Ambassadors support the principles of Employment First and believe that:

- Everyone can work and there is a job for everyone
- Schools, families, and businesses must raise their expectations about work
- Employment is not a social service
- People are healthier, safer, and happier when they work
- Integrated employment is good for the employers, individuals, and the economy

EF Ambassadors will be asked to:

- Get training about the Employment First Initiative
- Meet with legislators and policy-makers to tell them why it is important for them to support the Employment First Initiative
- Share their personal employment stories by presenting at conferences, meetings, and community events
- Meet with employers to talk about why they work and like their jobs and why hiring people with disabilities is a win-win
- Be part of videos and Public Service Announcements to help educate others about the importance of Employment First