

EmploymentFirstMaine

To: Commissioners of DHHS, DOL, DOE
From: Employment First Maine
Re: Data to Support EMF Efforts

The Employment First Maine (EFM) Data Work Group is gathering de-identified data on the status of employment of people with disabilities in Maine in order to comply with the EFM legislation which states that **employment will be the first and preferred service** for persons with disabilities in Maine. We are looking for a consistent process across Departments for collecting and comparing data related to Employment in the State of Maine.

From each of the three departments providing services to persons with disabilities, this is the nature of the data being collected:

- Total number of persons served, and # and % of persons with disabilities served
- Types of services offered with employment as the outcome.
- Process across Departments for collecting and comparing data related to Employment in the State of Maine.
- Data on career planning, vocational outcomes, evidence that employment is being offered as a first and preferred option.
- How is employment being addressed in the different departments and how and when is this first and preferred option being discussed?
- How many individuals are in the position of having work as an option, how many are being asked if they want work, how many are already working?
- How is employment being addressed in the service plan? How are the individuals in charge of their own decisions about employment?

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