

Employment First Committee



Self-Advocate Survey
August 14, 2012

WORK IS FOR ALL



Focus Questions

40 people



Facebook, personal interviews,
emails, telephone calls

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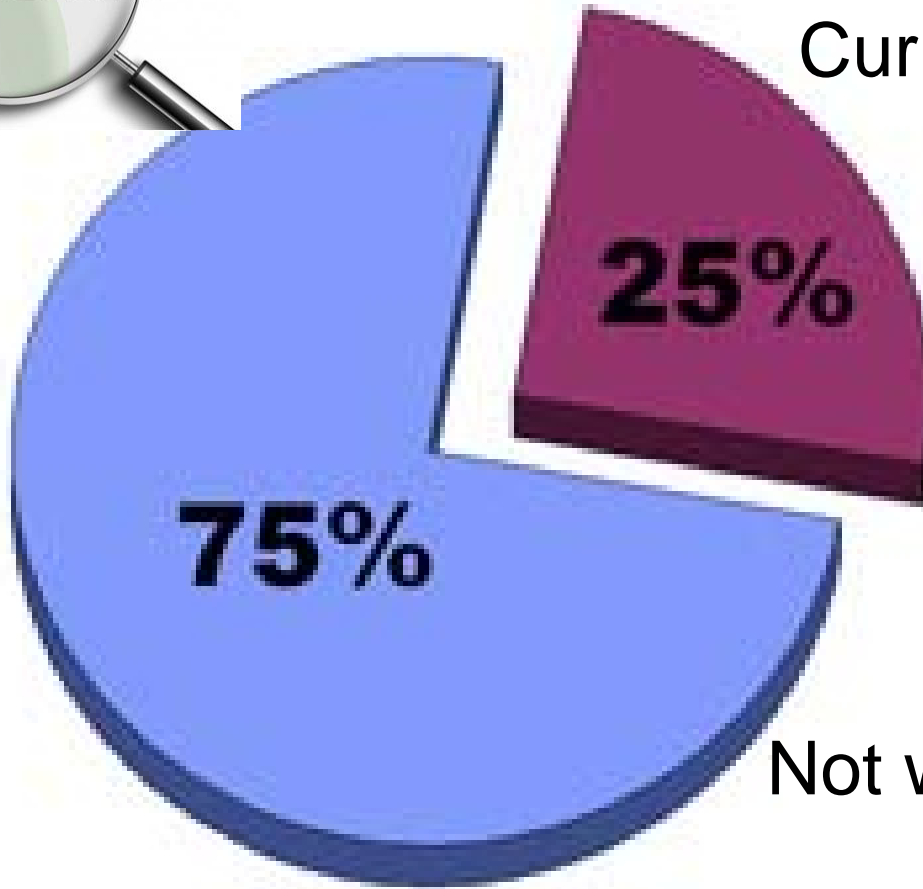


1. Are you currently working in integrated competitive employment?



2. If you are not working, what is stopping you?

Focus



Currently working "ICE"

Not working

10 Currently working "ICE"

Salary range:

(6) minimum wage

(4) salary range: \$16-\$25 per hour



Other:

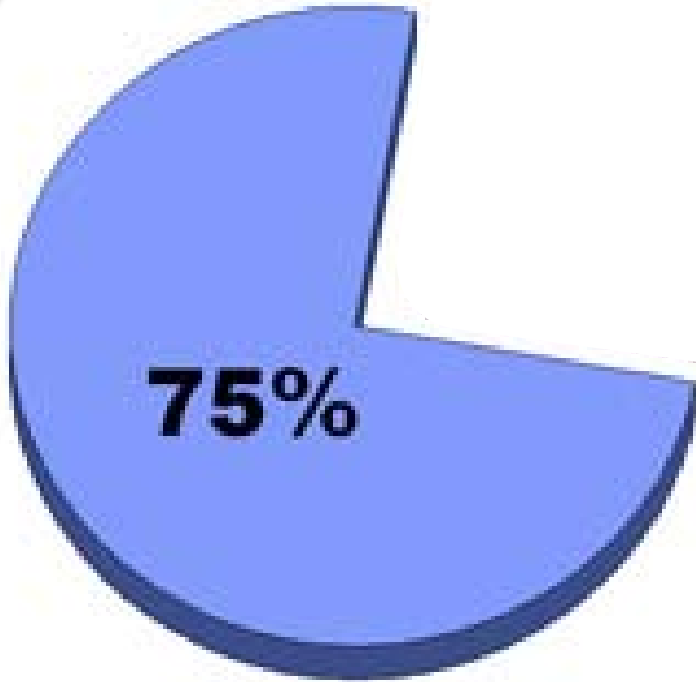
(6) do not have benefits

(1) micro-business owner

Job range:

fast food, retail, clerical, maintenance, enclave

30 Not working



(12) barriers to finding a job
(training, provider, employers)

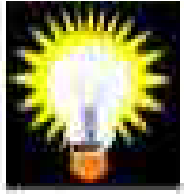
(11) government benefits/sheltered
workshop
(not interested, lose benefits)

(6) family/personal issues
(illness, transportation, retired)

(1) laid off from work



- ▶ Not enough people working in “ICE”
- ▶ People are scared or confused about losing benefits
- ▶ Not getting the help they need to find and/or keep a job
- ▶ Employers misinformed



Ideas

- ▶ Educate self-advocates about the value of work
- ▶ Communicate in ways people understand and can use!
- ▶ Educate employers
- ▶ Peer advocates who work lead others by example

