

TOPIC: Integrated Employment  
**The Voice of Families:**

**EXPLORING PERSPECTIVES ON THE PATHWAYS TO INTEGRATED EMPLOYMENT**

Researchers are currently conducting interviews and focus groups to examine the perspectives and experiences of families of individuals with I/DD who want to work in the community. The goal of the research is to find out how family members define meaningful employment and what barriers and facilitators to employment they face. Researchers plan to use these findings to:

- Develop a practical mentoring intervention package that provides parents with relevant information and personalized support.
- Evaluate the package's impact on employment outcomes within a rigorous study.
- Examine how the intervention is implemented across contexts.
- Package and disseminate the intervention in widespread ways through our extensive state and national networks.



For more on this topic, read the Project Brief at:  
<https://idd.vcurrtrc.org/resources/content.cfm/1404>

*"I'll be honest, sometimes it feels like a fulltime job trying to get in touch with resources and figuring out what we can do."*

*~Mother of 21-year-old daughter with IDD*

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