



EXTENDED EMPLOYMENT PROVIDER **2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

Help Minnesotans with Disabilities Access Choice & Quality Services

- **Combat COVID costs by increasing Extended Employment (EE) “base” funding by \$5 Million for client rates for a total of \$36+ Million for FY24-25 and beyond.**
 - Help EE providers afford COVID labor and overhead costs to rebuild and sustain recent caseload levels, meet underserved/unserved populations;
 - Respond to severe employee workforce shortage and general employer cost increases (eg; health care, wages, worker’s compensation, fuel, etc.);
 - Address ongoing increased post-COVID workforce costs;
 - Funding is necessary to support state’s ongoing workforce plan goals.
- Consequences Without adequate EE funding:
 - Waiting lists could start up again and certain categories of service could possibly close for highest-need Minnesotans;
 - Rural-based EE providers cannot fully serve rural Minnesotans with disabilities;
 - Residents become more isolated rather than more integrated into the community;
 - Increased state costs for additional services.
- **Create annual inflation adjustor for EE funding.**
 - EE funding increases have been sporadic (one-time increases, permanent increases in 2007 and 2017).
 - EE providers need predictability and stability for budgeting and planning for client services.
- **Serve as resource on vocational rehabilitation issues.**
 - Vocational services for individuals with disabilities (eg; Extended Employment);
 - Support all employment options for individuals with disabilities.

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