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Employment Issues in Utah Focus of Workshop

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One of the issues that faces young adults with developmental disabilities as they transition out of school is finding and keeping a job so they can become more self-reliant. In Utah, not quite 1 in 4 people with disabilities holds a job in their community.

Employment is an essential part of becoming financially independent and provides many opportunities for personal growth. In addition, it provides a sense of purpose each day and the opportunity to learn new skills and gain more knowledge. It is also a valuable source of social interaction, especially for those with developmental disabilities.

The Utah Alliance for Full Participation project, under the direction of the Utah Developmental Disabilities Council, is offering an Employment Workshop this coming week to help young adults and their parents learn about the employment issues facing Utah's with disabilities in 2010. If you have questions about jobs or self-employment or ideas for others, this workshop will help answer them.

This workshop is part of a national movement called the **Alliance for Full Participation (AFP)** that is a formal partnership of leading developmental disabilities organizations with a common vision—to create a better and more fulfilling quality of life for people with developmental disabilities

For more information about this workshop, you can email bmartin@utah.gov or call 801-533-3965.