



WHAT IS A PROVIDER?

Providers are qualified agencies that contract with Thurston/Mason County to provide employment support services. Their goal is to help you obtain a job and then work with you to retain the job through intensive training and ongoing coaching.

Job coach, employment specialist, and job developer are all names for someone from the agency who will work with you. They will get to know your interests, skills, and abilities. This helps them plan internships and ultimately develop a job that fits your unique needs and interests.



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SELECTING A PROVIDER



TIPS FOR SELECTING A PROVIDER

- Interview **at least two** providers.
- Ask a lot of questions.
- Choose the provider that is the best fit for *you*.
- Share some information about yourself to help the provider understand your support needs.



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- What is your School to Work job placement rate?
- What kind of jobs have you found for people with skills like mine?
- How experienced are the people who will be working with me?
- How much time will you spend with me?
- Are you the person who will work with me? If not, how do you make sure your staff person is a good fit for me?
- What do you want/need from families to help students get employed?
- What are some work accommodations that someone you support uses at work?
- Who are some employers you have worked with?
- If I have a concern with services, how does your agency address them?



APPROVED PROVIDERS

Centerforce

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(Mason County only)
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