

## **What is The Bridge Project?**

The Bridge Project is a program that helps “bridge the funding gap” for people with developmental disabilities who need employment services, but do not have a Medicaid waiver to pay for those services.

Bridge can pay for services to help you prepare for and get employment such as:

- ◆ Job preparation
- ◆ Job exploration
- ◆ Job development
- ◆ Job coaching
- ◆ Job retention

## **Who qualifies for The Bridge Project?**

To qualify for Bridge you must be:

- ◆ Over 21 years old
- ◆ Out of high school
- ◆ Enrolled with the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)
- ◆ Not on a DDD Medicaid waiver
- ◆ Interested in individual supported employment in a community job (not group supported employment or Prevocational employment)
- ◆ Willing to work with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) if eligible for their services. If not eligible, Bridge will provide employment services

## **What happens in The Bridge Project.**

- 1) Complete an application and consent form.
- 2) Get an acceptance letter from Spokane County’s Developmental Disabilities program.
- 3) Go to DVR for services. (If not eligible, Bridge will assist with employment services.)
- 4) Work with DVR (or Bridge) to find a job.
  - a. Develop an employment plan.
  - b. Work with a job developer.
  - c. Find a job.
  - d. Work with a job coach to learn job duties.

# Resources

## Division of Developmental Disabilities

(DDD): 509-329-2900

1611 W. Indiana Ave.

Spokane, WA 99205

[Www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd)

## Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

(DVR): 509-363-4700

1313 N. Atlantic Ste . 1000

Spokane, WA 99201

[Www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr)

## Social Security Administration (SSA):

1-800-772-1213

[Www.socialsecurity.gov/work](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/work)

## Who do I contact?

Spokane County Community  
Services, Housing, and Community  
Development Department:

### Developmental Disabilities

509-477-5969

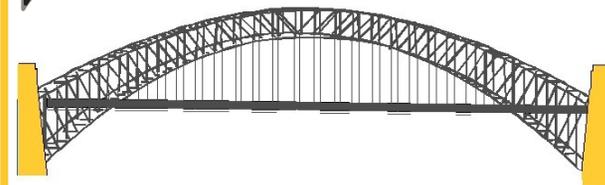
[www.spokanecounty.org/  
communitysvcs/ddp/](http://www.spokanecounty.org/communitysvcs/ddp/)

### Mission Statement:

To support each person with a  
developmental disability to achieve and  
maintain a full and participating life in  
their community.



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