

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SERVICES

EMPLOYABILITY ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (EAPD)

The *Employability Assistance for People with Disabilities (EAPD) Agreement* is designed to assist individuals with a disability acquire the skills, experience and support necessary to successfully prepare for, enter or remain in the work force. Active programs in employment counselling and assessment, employment planning, pre-employment training, post secondary education, skills training, technical aids and other supports assist individuals obtain access to job opportunities and training. This program is cost-shared with Human Resources Development Canada.

Who does it serve?

EAPD is for people with a disability and/or demonstrated vocational challenges.

Current Programs funded under EAPD which are delivered by the Department of Human Resources and Employment include:

- **Training Services** offers support in obtaining post secondary training or employment. These supports are provided through application (at least two months prior to beginning a training program) to your nearest Human Resources and Employment District Office. Department staff work with applicants to build a vocational plan which will be monitored over the course of study.
- **Supported Employment:** This program area works in partnership with community groups to develop employment for people who have a developmental disability. Community groups (sometimes employment corporations), through an employment coordinator, work in a particular community to develop jobs for eligible participants. For more information contact your local employment corporation or your Human Resources and EmploymentDistrictOffice.
- Work Oriented Rehabilitation Centre: There are two Work Oriented Rehabilitation Centres (WORC) in the province, located in Lewisporte and St. John's. These locations provide training-related work opportunities prior to employment in the community. Individuals can apply directly to the organization:

St. John's: *Vera Perlin Society* P.O.Box 7114 St. John's, NF A1E 3Y3 (709) 739-8701 Lewisporte Calypso FoundationWORC P.O.Box 917 Lewisporte, NF A0G 3A0 (709) 535-2604

For more information on these programs and services individuals may contact the Department of HumanResources and Employment or contact the

Newfoundland and Labrador Work Information Network Toll-Free at 1-800-563-6600 (729-6600 in St. John's calling area) or The Website at the Internet address: www.gov.nf.ca/nlwin