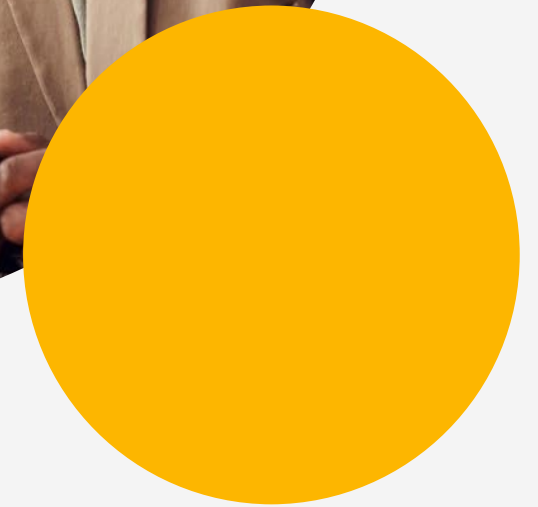




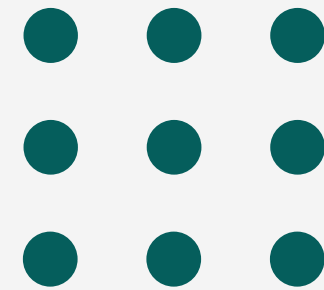
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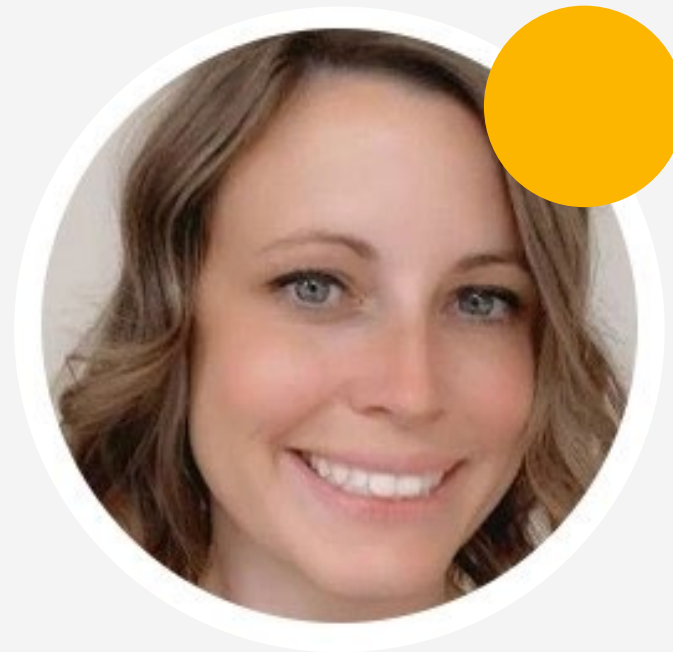


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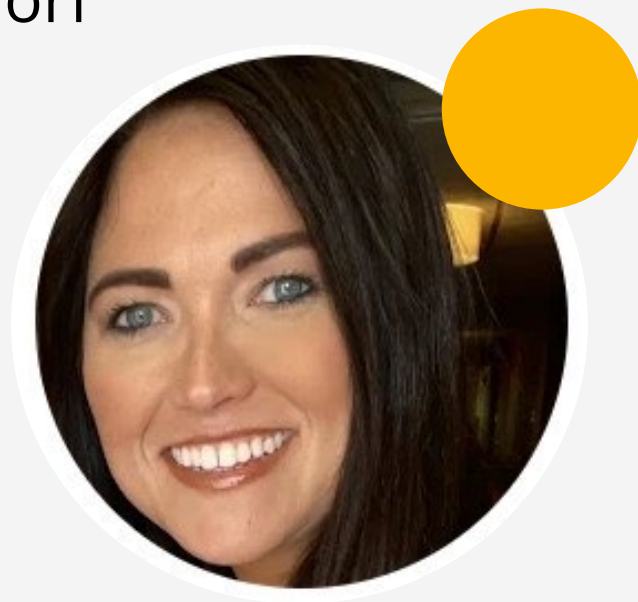
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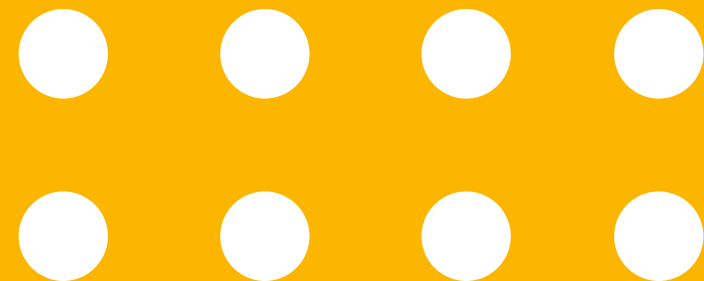
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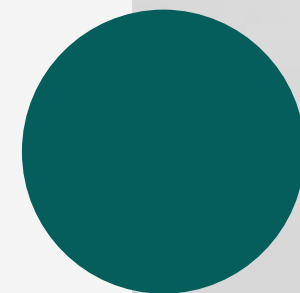
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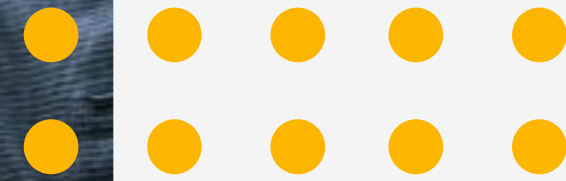
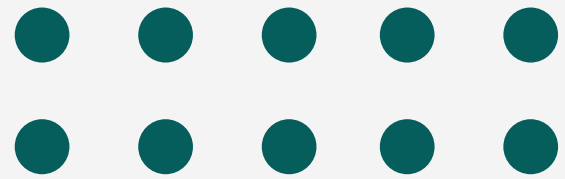
The Disability Innovation Fund is a grant opportunity provided by the Rehabilitation Services Administration with the intent to improve employment outcomes of individuals with disabilities.



What is Iowa Blueprint for Change?

Iowa Blueprint for Change is the name given to our DIF initiative. The mission of the Iowa Blueprint for Change is to advance and improve systems so Iowans with disabilities have competitive integrated employment opportunities that lead to economic security.

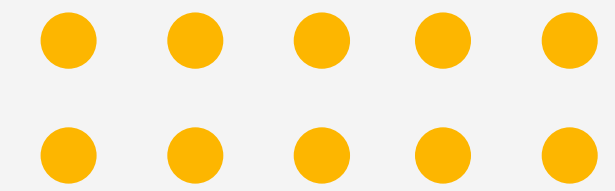




What is SWTCIE?

Specifically, the DIF grant awarded to Iowa VR is for moving individuals from **S**ubminimum **W**age **T**o **C**ompetitive **I**ntegrated **E**mployment (SWTCIE).

Data Needed for Performance



Objectives and Performance Measures

● Age Category at Enrollment

- Youth (24 and Under)
- Adult (25 and Older)
- Validated off the JC's date of birth and locks

● Eligibility Criteria at

Enrollment

- Working in Subminimum Wage Employment
- Contemplating Subminimum Wage Employment
- Working in Subminimum Wage Employment AND Competitive Integrated Employment

● Employment at Case Closure

- Employed in Competitive Integrated Employment
- Employed in Both Subminimum Wage Employment and Competitive Integrated Employment
- Employed At or Above Subminimum Wage In A Non-competitive Environment
- Employed in Subminimum Wage Employment Only
- Not Employed

How does this look in IRSS?



IRSS Training prod test Search Approvals Bills/Invoices Reports Case Transfer Mass Entry Vendors Welcome Sostend [DVRs]

Case History Application Case Notes Case Forms

Case Dashboard - Contracts and Programs

Case Demographics (Case Number: 014-0458-23)
Client Demographics (Client Name: Doe, John)

Contracts and Programs

Get Client Address Go to Profile

OA Ticket To Work

Add Program

*Program Type
DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)

*Program Name
DIF IBC Control Group
DIF IBC Participant

End Date

*Age Category at DIF Enrollment

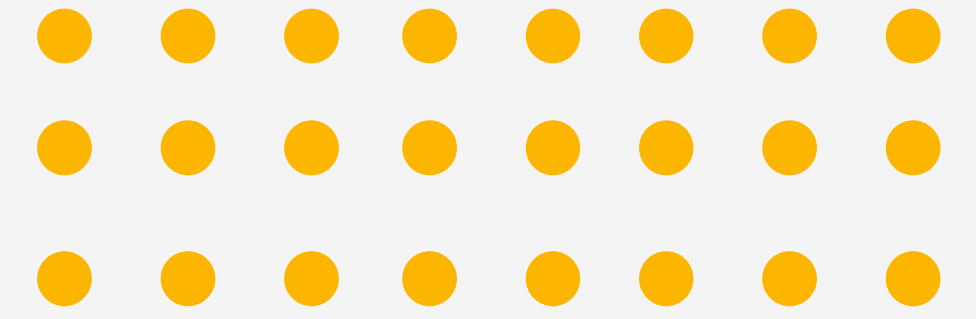
Eligibility Criteria at IPE Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development):

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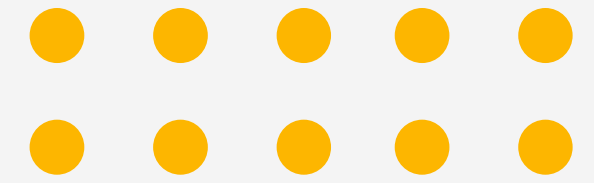
Wait!

What's the difference?



Participant	Control Group
<p>A participant case is a job candidate who meets one of the qualifying criteria already discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working in Subminimum Wage Employment• Contemplating Subminimum Wage Employment• Working in Subminimum Wage Employment AND Competitive Integrated Employment	<p>A control group case is a job candidate who is receiving similar regular VR services and matches a set of covariates similar to participants in the control group. Covariates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age• Gender• Race• Ethnicity• Residency (Rural/Urban)• Diagnosis• Number of Functional Limitations• Day Habilitation Participation

Triggers to add the DIF program in IRSS.



● Sub minimum Wage Employment

- An applicant reveals in an intake appointment that they are working in SMW employment.
- A job candidate reveals at IPE development that they are working in SMW employment.
- A JC on your caseload is working in SMW employment or starts working at SMW.

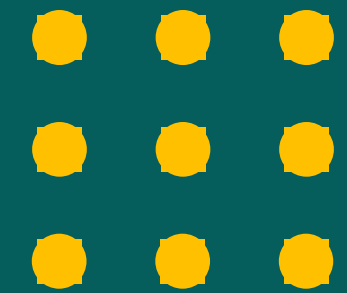
● Adults Contemplating SMW Employment

- JC is a former Level 3 high school student and DIF services are available in your area.
- JC is a day habilitation participant (any age).
- JC is an adult receiving case management services that are not employment related.

● High School Pilot Programs

- JC is a current Level 3 high school student in a DIF pilot area.
- JC is a high school student who receives their own SSI benefit and is in a DIF pilot area.

DIF at Status 02 -0



When adding the program in Status 02-0, IRSS requires:

Program Type: *DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)*

Program Name: *DIF IBC Participant*

Start Date

Age Category at DIF Enrollment


Add Program

*Program Type
DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC) ▾

*Program Name
DIF IBC Participant ▾

*Start Date
10/19/2023

End Date

*Age Category at DIF Enrollment
Adult (25 and older) ▾ 

Save **Cancel**

DIF at Status 10 - X



When adding the program in Status 10-0 or 10-1, IRSS requires:

Program Type: *DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)*

Program Name: *DIF IBC Participant*

Start Date

Age Category at DIF Enrollment

Eligibility Criteria at IPE

Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development)


Add Program

*Program Type
DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)

*Program Name
DIF IBC Participant

*Start Date
10/19/2023

End Date

*Age Category at DIF Enrollment 
Adult (25 and older)

Eligibility Criteria at IPE Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development):
Working in subminimum wage only
Contemplating subminimum wage employment
Working in subminimum wage and CIE

Save Cancel

Eligibility Criteria:

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Working at Subminimum Wage Only

Eligibility Criteria at IPE Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development):

Working in subminimum wage only

*Hours Worked Per Week

*Wages per Hour

Save

Cancel

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Contemplating Subminimum Wage Employment

Eligibility Criteria at IPE Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development):

Contemplating subminimum wage employment

*Current or Previous Level 3 High School Student

*High School Student Receiving an SSI Disability Benefit

*Youth or Adult Day Habilitation Participant

*Adult Receiving Case Management Service (not employment related)

Save

Cancel

3

Working in Subminimum Wage and CIE

Eligibility Criteria at IPE Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development):

Working in subminimum wage and CIE

*SMW Hours Worked Per Week

*SMW Wages per Hour

*CIE Hours Worked Per Week

*CIE Wages per Hour

Average Combined Hours per Week

Average Combined Wages per Hour

Save

Cancel

DIF at Status 14 -0 or higher

When adding the program in Status 14-0 or higher, IRSS requires:

Program Type: *DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)*

Program Name: *DIF IBC Participant*

Start Date

Age Category at DIF Enrollment

Eligibility Criteria at IPE

Development or DIF Enrollment (if after IPE Development)

Add Program

*Program Type
DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)

*Program Name
DIF IBC Participant

*Start Date
10/19/2023

End Date

*Age Category at DIF Enrollment
Adult (25 and older)

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Working in subminimum wage only
Contemplating subminimum wage employment
Working in subminimum wage and CIE

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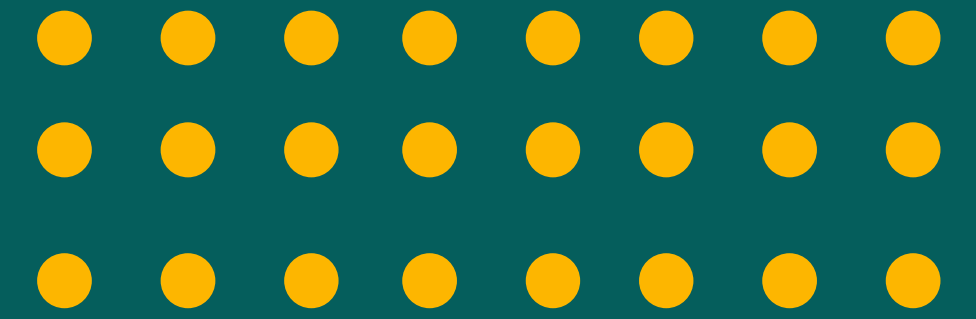
Authorizing Using DIF Funds



- Before authorizing using the DIF service lines, make sure the DIF program is on the case.
- DIF services are not to be reported on the RSA-911 as purchased services, so we'll need to add them as a comparable service and benefit.
- RSA has told us to use Other as the service provider for these.



DIF to Regular VR Services Crosswalk



When you authorization for	Enter	Comparable Benefit & Service Category*
Customized Discovery	->	Assessment
Customized Job Development	->	Customized Employment/ Job Carving
Customized Employment Supports	->	Supported Employment
IPS Career Exploration	->	Assessment
IPS Job Development – 1	->	Job Search
IPS Job Development – 2	->	Job Search
IPS Job Coaching	->	Supported Employment

* Use Service Provider Type “Other”
for all DIF funded services

Comparable Benefits & Services

[Case History](#) [Application](#) [Case Notes](#) [Case Forms](#) [Pre-ETS](#) **Case Services** [Case Authorizations](#) [Case Tools](#) [Programs/Contracts](#) [WIOA](#) [Ticket To Work](#)

Case Dashboard - Case Services

▷ Case Demographics (Case Number: 093-0120-22)

▷ Client Demographics (Client Name: Doe, Jane (she/her/hers)) [Get Client Address](#) [Go to Profile](#)

Service Line Item Summary

[Add New Service Line Item](#) [Add Comparable Benefits](#) [Add Service](#)

[Authorize Selected Items](#) [Authorize Selected Items and Print](#)

Comparable Benefits & Services

Add / Update / View Comparable Benefit Information

Select Service Category: * Required
Assessment

First Service Provider Type: * Required
Other

- Please Select
- Adult Education and Family Literacy Act program (Title II of WIOA)
- Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth programs (Title I of WIOA)
- American Indian VR Services Program
- Centers for Independent Living
- Public Rehabilitation Program
- Employer Provided Benefits
- Public Educational Institution (elementary/secondary)
- Public Educational Institution (postsecondary)
- Federal Student Aid (e.g., Pell grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, work study, etc.)
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Agency (Public)
- Medical Health Provider (Public)
- Mental Health Provider (Public)
- American Job Center Partner (not listed separately)
- State Department of Correction/Juvenile Justice
- Veteran's Benefits or Health Administration
- Wagner-Peyser Act Employment Service program (Title III of WIOA)
- Public Assistance Not Otherwise Listed
- Other**
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

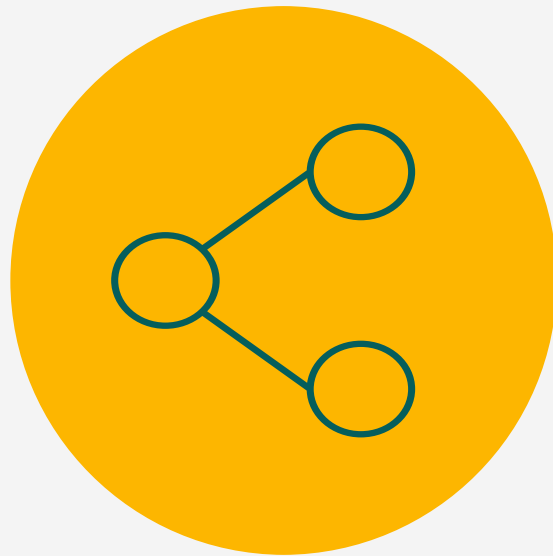
Third Service Provider Type: * Required

Use **Other** under the Service Provider Type selection to identify DIF as the funding source for all authorizations funded through the DIF grant.

Employment Information at

Don't we already enter this in IRSS? Why do we have to enter it again?!

Closure



Required for All Closures

For DIF performance measures, we need employment information for all closures regardless of closure status.



Subminimum Wage Information

RSA requires that we report wages from CIE only. For DIF, we need hours and wages for SMW employment.



All Jobs vs. Highest Monetary Support

RSA requires us to reports the hours and wages from the JC's job that results in the highest income. DIF requires average hours and wages for all CIE jobs.



Employment Information at Closure

Navigation: Bills/Invoices | Reports | Case Transfer | Mass Entry | Vendors

DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC) - DIF IBC Participant ✕

***Program Name**
DIF IBC Participant

***Start Date**
10/19/2023

***End Date**

***Age Category at DIF Enrollment**
Youth (24 and younger)

Employment at Closure:

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- Employed in CIE
- Employed in both CIE and SMW
- Employed at or above minimum wage in non-competitive environment
- Employed at SMW
- Not Employed



EMPLOYMENT IN CIE

Employment at Closure::

***Hours Worked Per Week**

***Wages per Hour**

EMPLOYED IN BOTH CIE & SMW

Employment at Closure::

***SMW Hours Worked Per Week**

***SMW Wages per Hour**

***CIE Hours Worked Per Week**

***CIE Wages per Hour**

EMPLOYMENT IN NON-CIE SETTING

Employment at Closure::

Hours Worked Per Week

Wages per Hour

EMPLOYMENT AT SMW

Employment at Closure::

Hours Worked Per Week

Wages per Hour

End the DIF Program

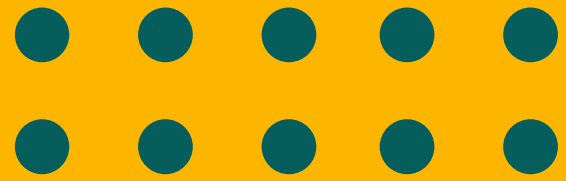


The screenshot shows the IRSS Training prod test interface. A modal window titled "DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC) - DIF IBC Participant" is open, displaying the following fields:

- *Program Name:** DIF IBC Participant (dropdown)
- *Start Date:** 10/19/2023 (text input)
- *End Date:** (empty text input, highlighted with a yellow arrow)
- *Age Category at DIF Enrollment:** Youth (24 and younger) (dropdown)
- Employment at Closure:::** Not Employed (dropdown)

Buttons for "Save" and "Cancel" are located at the bottom right of the modal. The background interface shows a "Case Dashboard - Contracts and Programs" section with a "DIF Iowa Blueprint for Change (IBC)" entry.





Thank you for coming!



If you have any questions, reach out to
anyone on the DIF team.

