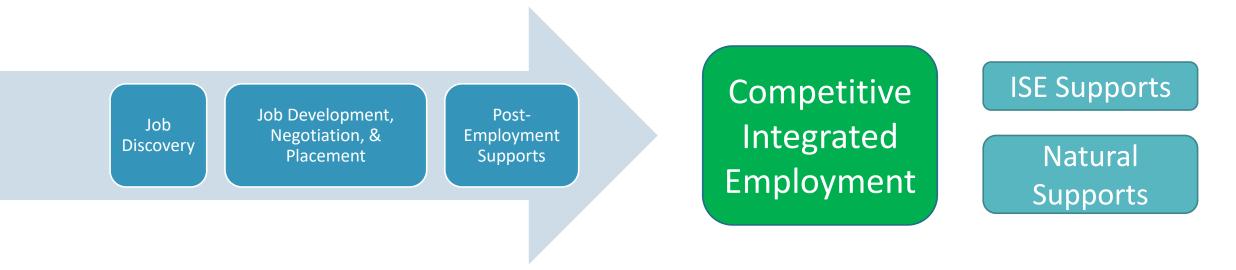
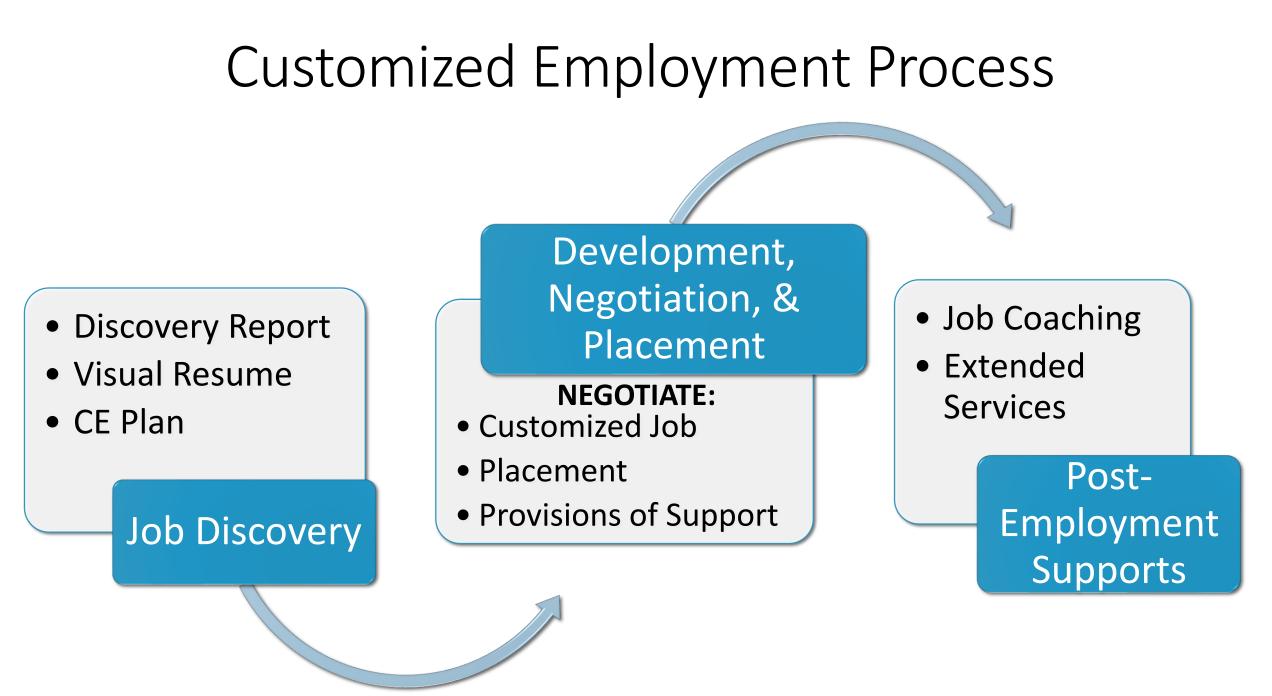


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What is Customized Employment?

Customized Employment (CE) is an alternative method of finding **competitive integrated employment** for individuals with significant intellectual or developmental disabilities. CE focuses on the strengths, skills and abilities of the individuals and the unmet needs of employers. It is a highly structured, personcentered process, <u>carried out over time</u>.





Who is CE for?

CE is a good strategy for those who need <u>more</u> <u>intensive support</u> than typical individualized or group models and who may need to utilize more intensive discovery strategies for career and job direction.

CE is effective for individuals with complexities that make it difficult to utilize traditional job search strategies.



Interested in CE? – NEXT STEPS

The first step in pursuing Customized Employment is to talk to your DDS Case Manager.

Customized Employment is an interagency process with the Department of Aging & Disability Services (ADS) including the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) and the Bureau of Education Services for the Blind (BESB). If you don't have a DDS Case Manager, contact your Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Counselor.

Program questions about CE?

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Questions about starting CE:

Contact your Case Manager