



People First. Opportunity First. Employment First.

Employment First means competitive, integrated employment is the **first** and **preferred** option for individuals with disabilities receiving assistance from publicly funded support.

Why is Employment First needed in SC?



There are
727,701+
individuals with disabilities
in South Carolina.



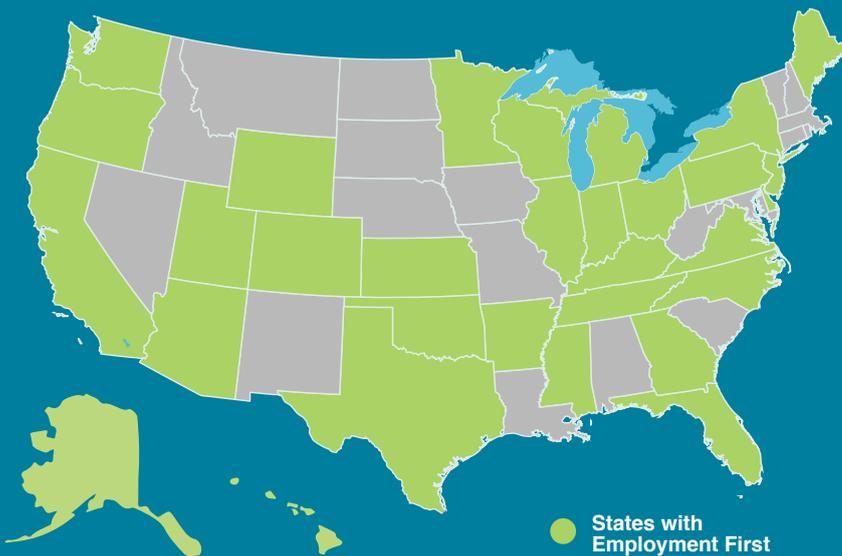
67.4%
of individuals with
disabilities in South Carolina
are unemployed.



South Carolina's unemployment rate
for people with disabilities is the
6TH HIGHEST
in the country.

Did you know...

32 OF **50** states in the U.S. have adopted
Employment First legislation?



Employment First Legislation would...

- Ensure state programs, policies, procedures, and funding support the competitive and integrated employment of South Carolinians with disabilities.
- Share data and information across systems in order to track progress.
- Create benefits for businesses that hire citizens with disabilities, like lower costs, higher revenues, and increased profits.

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