



Stages of Change for PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

You may have heard about the **Stages of Change Program** for Persons on EIA disability benefits during your time working with Employment and Income Assistance or maybe it's new to you. This program is designed to assist EIA Clients on Disability Benefits and/or who have an open market *Abilities* file.

The Stages of Change model is an innovative approach to respond to **motivational issues** facing job seekers with the potential to resolve **uncertainty** and move individuals towards an effective job search and sustainable **employment**.

What do we do?

- 1 We conduct an initial assessment with the EIA client to determine their readiness to participate in the program.
- 2 We use motivational interviewing techniques and proven Stages of Change workshops to explore uncertainty towards working and to move clients towards being prepared to search for employment.
- 3 We assist in developing an employment plan, preparing job search tools and coaching participants during their job search while providing a supportive and encouraging environment.

We are now accepting new referrals!

TO MAKE A REFERRAL:

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(Please include the name of EIA Client, Case# and phone number)