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supports and services  
THAT FOSTER self-determination.

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## March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is committed to enhancing community employment options for persons with developmental disabilities and continues to promote Employment First. The guiding principle of Employment First is that all individuals who want to work can work and contribute to their community when given opportunity, training, and supports that build upon their unique talents, skills and abilities. Watch and listen as Randy Lewis, former Senior Vice President at Walgreens, shares his insights into hiring people with developmental disabilities and the benefits one worker realized through obtaining community employment: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7KTODIJGwg>

To review and obtain additional resources and information about the Division's initiative "Promoting Employment First," visit: <https://dmh.mo.gov/dd/progs/employment.html>

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