

# Employment and Community First CHOICES Referral

On July 1, 2016, Tennessee started a new program for people with intellectual and other kinds of developmental disabilities. This new program is called **Employment and Community First CHOICES**. Services in the new program will help people become employed and live as independently as possible in the community. For people who are not ready for a job in the community, the new program offers services to help prepare for employment.

We have funding to serve up to 1,700 people in the first year. This means that not everyone who wants to apply can enroll or get services right away. There will be a referral list for Employment and Community First CHOICES. To get on the referral list, you can complete a self-referral.

Filling out the self-referral for Employment and Community First does not mean you will be enrolled in the new program. You must qualify to enroll in the program. There must be room in the new program to enroll you. AND, you must be in one of the groups that can try to qualify for the new program first.

Click [here <hyperlink to form>](#) to fill out a self-referral for the new program.

Be sure your web browser (used to access information on the web or internet) is Internet Explorer versions 8, 9, or 10, Google Chrome or Firefox.

## **Do you need help to complete the self-referral?**

**If you have TennCare and your health plan is Amerigroup or BlueCare**, you can call them for free. Tell them you need help with a self-referral for Employment and Community First CHOICES. The number is on your TennCare card. The toll-free numbers are also listed below:

Amerigroup 866-840-4991  
BlueCare 888-747-8955

**What if you're not on TennCare? OR, what if United Healthcare Community Plan is your TennCare health plan?** You can call your Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Regional Office for free. Tell them you need help with a self-referral for Employment and Community First CHOICES. Their toll-free numbers are listed below.

West Tennessee Regional Office (866) 372-5709  
Middle Tennessee Regional Office (800) 654-4839  
East Tennessee Regional Office (888) 531-9876