

## WORK-RELATED RESOURCES

**Having HIV may affect your ability to work, but many people with HIV are able to continue their jobs, with or without workplace accommodations.**

Many resources in Los Angeles County support persons with disabilities who want to continue working or re-enter the work force. Become familiar with these resources. They can help you with your concerns about how HIV may affect your ability to work.

*These concerns may include:*

- > How employment may affect your eligibility for public assistance
- > Job accommodations from an employer
- > Returning to work after an extended absence
- > Need for job skills or training
- > Starting a career in a new field
- > Disclosing your HIV status at work

### **What Services Are Available?**

*Work-related resources available to people with HIV or other disabilities include:*

- > Computer training and other job skill services
- > Assistance with finding a job (such as interview skills, completing job applications, networking)
- > Resumé assistance
- > Career counseling
- > Financial aid for employment goals

### **What Are My Rights in the Workplace?**

Your present or future employer may not know the rights of persons with disabilities in the workplace. The Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) are just two laws that protect persons with disabilities in California, including people living with HIV.

For information on these laws and other workplace issues, ask your case manager to refer you to a job counselor or organization that specializes in serving persons with disabilities.

Visit [www.hivla.org](http://www.hivla.org) for the most up-to-date Work-Related Services listings.

**If work-related services are not delivered appropriately, please contact OAPP's warmline @ (800) 260-8787.**