

WORK-RELATED RESOURCES

While having HIV could affect your ability to work, many people with HIV are able to continue their jobs, with or without workplace accommodations

There are many resources in Los Angeles County for people with disabilities who would like to continue working or re-enter the workforce. Familiarity with these resources will help ease any concerns you may have about how HIV may affect your ability to work.

These concerns may include:

- Determining how employment may affect your eligibility for public assistance
- Requesting job accommodations from an employer
- Resuming your career following a period of not working
- Updating or expanding your new job skills or training
- Starting a career in a new field
- Deciding if disclosing your HIV status in the workplace is appropriate

What Services are Available?

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

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

What are My Rights in the Workplace?

Your employer or potential employer may not be familiar with 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 long-standing laws that protect persons with disabilities in California.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

-For the most up-to-date Work-Related Services listings, visit www.hivla.org

-For the most up-to-date Public Benefits listing visit www.hivla.org

-Call the California Department of Rehabilitation, (213) 736-3904

-Call the City of Los Angeles Department of Disability, (213) 485-6334