Criteria for Admission

All individuals served by Best Buddies Jobs must
- Have a primary diagnosis that is an intellectual or developmental disability
- Have a desire to work in the community

Best Buddies Jobs is not designed to serve individuals who
- Have a major mental illness that is not controlled by medication
- Have any severe behavior problems
- Are active substance abusers
- Lack the legal right to work

How JOBS is different from Friendship Programs
State government DOES regulate supported employment programs, and when we start our Jobs program in a state, we need to become what is called a provider agency.

Who Funds What?
There are typically two state agencies involved, the vocational rehabilitation agency and the developmental disabilities agency. These reimbursements cover between a third and a half of all Jobs program costs.

1. Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
- Funding is for Phase 1 or initial placement and stabilization in a job, typically up to 90 Days
- Amounts usually vary between $1-2k up to 90 days of employment

2. Developmental Disabilities Agency (DD)
- Funding is for Phase 2 or long-term follow-along services, also called maintenance
- Usually pay a quarter hour or hourly rate – based on authorization from the agency (most states have a waiting list so this funding is not guaranteed)

Accreditation
CARF International
- CARF accreditation signals a service provider’s commitment to continually improving services, encouraging feedback, and serving the community