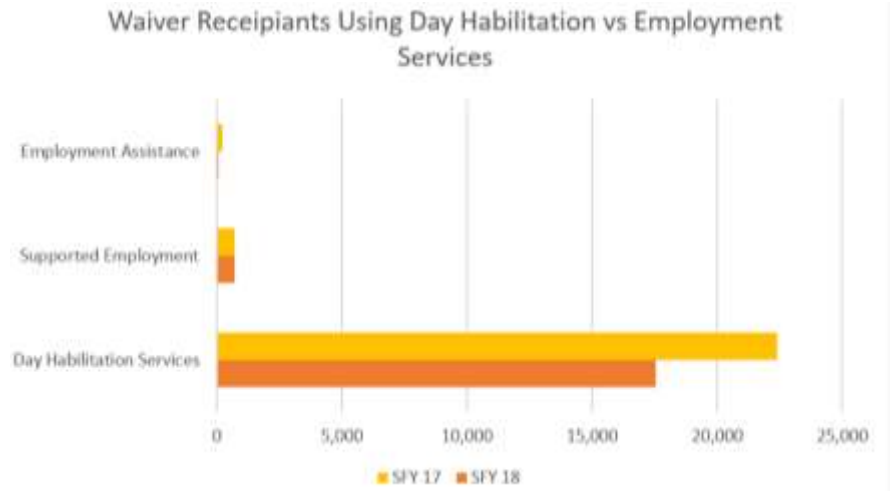


Deshotel's HB 3916 : Zaffirini's SB 1818

Employment Assessment for Texans with Disabilities Entering State Services

Employment First states the first and preferred outcome for Texans receiving benefits is employment, and the waiver employment assessment is the first step for many to achieve that goal.



Why Is This Needed?

Texans with disabilities, receiving waivers, are not being not given adequate information regarding employment services and options.

84% of people with IDD claim they want to work, but don't have or know about the supports to do so.

Only **1.7%** of people supported by a Medicaid waiver received any employment service, yet, **59%** received day habilitation.

This bill addresses Waiver employment services use.

- Requires all individuals enrolled in the waivers to complete a questionnaire on their employment goals and the supports they need to achieve them.
- Ensures individuals review their employment goals annually.
- Implements state performance standards such as:
 - 15% of individuals enrolled in 1915c Medicaid Waiver and the STAR PLUS Waiver will be utilizing an employment service from any state agency by 2021
 - 100% of individuals who indicate a desire to work are referred to receive the appropriate employment services
 - Report to the Governor's Office and the Legislature on the number of individuals enrolled in 1915c Medicaid Waiver and the STAR PLUS Waiver utilizing employment services and who have obtained competitive, integrated employment.