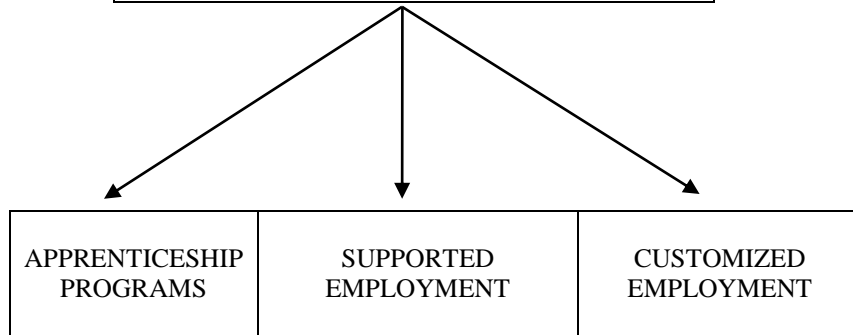


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A wide variety of employment outcomes are available for students as they transition from high school into the world of work. In choosing an employment outcome, the work goal should take into account the student's interest and abilities as well as support needs. With this in mind, the student, his or her parents, school staff and community agencies may consider the employment options outlined.

Youth Apprenticeship Program

Apprenticeships are periods of full or part-time paid work experience that may extend from several weeks to a year or more. Often the term apprenticeship is used in connection with learning a specific occupation that requires certification for employment such as plumbing or electrical work. Apprenticeship programs are also closely associated with organized labor (unions) and tend to be concentrated in occupations with a strong organized labor presence. Frequently, the organized labor group for a specific occupation sponsors the apprenticeship program.

Competitive Employment

Work: (i) in the competitive labor market that is performed full-time or, if appropriate, part-time, in an integrated setting; and (ii) for which an individual is compensated at or above the minimum wage, but not less than the customary wage and level of benefits paid by the employer for the same or similar work performed by individuals who are not disabled.

Supported Employment

Competitive work in an integrated work setting, consistent with the strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice of the individual with the most significant disability, with ongoing support services for individuals with the most significant disabilities. Supported employment also includes transitional employment for individuals with the most significant disabilities due to mental illness.