



**CED (Center for Entrepreneurial Development)
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So You Would Like to be Self-Employed!

Services To Enhance Potential and the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental health Agency are happy to offer you support with the CED (Center for Entrepreneurial Development). CED is designed to put you in the driver's seat by following the principles of self determination and the CED Principles for Supported Self-Employment.

The road to self-employment is hard work and a job in itself and you will learn many things about yourself as well as the best ways to start and maintain a business. You must be willing to work hard, face problems, make difficult decisions, and take responsibility for your decisions and actions. Will it all be worth it? You be the judge - but being self-employed is one of the most rewarding things that you can do. It is sure to bring you other opportunities as well.



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Principles of Supported Self-Employment

- 1. A LEGITIMATE BUSINESS** is your goal. What activities and earnings do you want that match a need in the marketplace?
- 2. INDIVIDUAL PREFERENCES** are very important. Choices and decisions about the business and supports are based on your likes and dislikes, strengths, and experience.
- 3. ELIGIBILITY** is based upon choice. No one is left out who wants to participate. A sincere desire to be self-employed is required.
- Supported self-employment is **INTEGRATED WITH TREATMENT**. Your Career Counselor will work with you and your Case Manager or Supports Coordinator.
- Your **SEARCH FOR SELF-EMPLOYMENT** starts soon after you express an interest in self-employment. You will not have to complete testing or training before starting. Work at your own pace.
- Personalized **BENEFITS PLANNING** will give you information about how being self-employed may have an effect upon your social security and/or SSI benefits.
- FOLLOW ALONG SUPPORTS** are individual supports to help you with your business for as long as you want and need help.

