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The employment of people with disabilities was a major topic at the last NGA meeting. Here's what our Vocational Rehabilitation Department had to say about that (it's email text from Anne Iriel to me...so I'm the "you" she refers to...we can ask follow-up questions or for more detail, if necessary):

- In South Carolina, the Work Ready Communities program supported by Governor Haley certainly would fall into that category. As you know from your involvement, that program is mainstream in scope, but people with disabilities will certainly benefit from the opportunities for good jobs with participating employers, and South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's partnership will enhance our ability to utilize WorkKeys to connect people with disabilities with those jobs.
- Another recent and exciting development at Vocational Rehabilitation is our partnership with Boeing. This began with the successful employment of one of our clients as an administrative assistant. It has now expanded to include the launching of a Boeing training program specifically for Vocational Rehabilitation clients, in cooperation with ReadySC. Phase One of Boeing's training for plane assembly jobs is being replicated at our own Charleston Vocational Rehabilitation work training center. Once clients successfully complete this phase of training they will be merged with other trainees for the next phase leading to opportunities for fantastic careers with Boeing. We are excited about this initiative and the possibilities it presents for people with disabilities.

For background's sake, here are the bulletpoints on DDSN from the FY 2013-14 Executive Budget. It's included in case you want some detailed numbers. The item that's worth emphasizing is the \$600,000 to implement the Supports Intensity Scale (which folks in the community call "the SIS"). It's a nationally-recognized tool that is used to fairly and consistently assess clients' needs and design individualized treatment plans for them.

✿ A \$4,969,762 net increase in General Fund support for DDSN, consisting of:

- \$3,200,000 for the Intellectual Disabilities and Family Support Program, of which \$2,200,000 would be allocated for In-Home Family Supports, and \$1,000,000 would be directed towards Adult Development and Supported Employment. These funds would address federal reimbursement issues, protect services for existing clients, and enable the agency to continue to serve clients in the least-restrictive environment available.
- \$1,769,762 for the Intellectual Disability Community Residential Program (in excess of the pay raise allocation), including \$469,762 for services, \$700,000 to address changes in federal reimbursement policies, and \$600,000 to implement the nationally-recognized Supports Intensity Scale to ensure that clients' needs are accurately and equitably assessed.

✿ No capital or non-recurring funds.

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