

A Quick Guide to Blending, Braiding, and Sequencing Resources to Support Employment of People with Disabilities



Blending: Multiple funding streams combine dollars to create a single "pot" of dollars to purchase services for customers.

- Funding from each program loses its programspecific identity.
- Requires explicit regulatory or statutory authorization.
- Requires a formal agreement between funders that aligns with regulatory or statutory authority.



Braiding: Multiple funders separately and *simultaneously*, purchase and provide specific services for customers.

- Requires interagency coordination and collaboration.
- Funders must coordinate services to ensure nonduplication.
- Emphasizes cost-sharing rather than cost-shifting.
- Facilitates great opportunity for co-enrollment.
- Focuses on division of payment responsibility defining what each funder can provide in the shortand long-term.
- When multiple funders can pay for the same thing, there must be clear agreement in writing on who will pay when



Sequencing: Multiple funders separately and *sequentially* purchase and provide specific services for customers.

- Requires interagency coordination and collaboration to ensure no gaps in services for jobseekers.
- Unlike braiding, jobseekers leave one service to connect to the next service.
- Often requires creation of clear agreements in writing between agencies to define the services provided.

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