



# The Best Buddies and LifeSherpa Partnership

We're excited to announce a groundbreaking collaboration between LifeSherpa and the Best Buddies Jobs Program, poised to redefine employment support for individuals with disabilities nationwide.

The Best Buddies Jobs program, a cornerstone of the organization's mission, focuses on securing meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD). By matching job seekers with roles that align with their interests and talents, Best Buddies goes beyond traditional job placement, empowering individuals to earn an income, pay taxes, and achieve greater independence.

## Bridging The Gap for Disabled Individuals

The Best Buddies and LifeSherpa partnership aims to address today's urgent need for innovative solutions to promote inclusive employment practices while helping program participants succeed as independent individuals.

National Core Indicators States That:

**85%**

of adults (18+) with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) do not have a paid job in the community

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**15%**

of people with IDD who have a paid job in the community:

**37%**

**Have an individually supported job\***

Receiving publicly funded services or support.

**42%**

**Have a competitive job\***

Not receiving publicly funded services or support.

**26%**

**Have a group supported job\***

Receiving support, works in a job mainly done by a group of people with disabilities.

**65.7  
Months**

Average length of time in current job for all three groups of paid community employment

## Empowering Change through LifeSherpa:

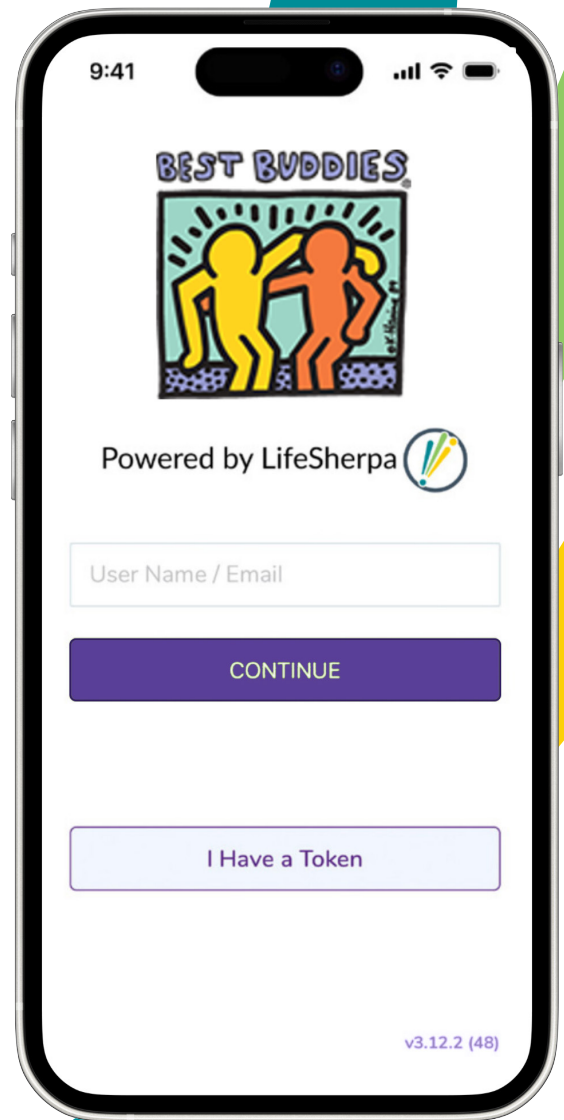
Through our partnership, LifeSherpa will provide Best Buddies Jobs access to our innovative platform, designed to streamline job coaching efforts and provide access to tailored training routines. This centralized approach will enhance scalability and consistency across Best Buddies chapters nationwide, ultimately increasing the number of neurodiverse individuals successfully employed.

## Building a Supportive Ecosystem:

Our collaboration extends beyond job placement. We're committed to supporting individuals throughout the employment journey, from pre-employment guidance to post-employment follow-up. By leveraging LifeSherpa's platform, Best Buddies Jobs can ensure participants receive the ongoing support they need to succeed in their roles through a variety of features, including private text and video messaging and daily reminders.

## Addressing Specific Needs:

Best Buddies Jobs recognizes the importance of addressing the unique needs of neurodiverse individuals at every stage of the employment process. By offering comprehensive support services, including intake, skill-building, and long-term compliance assistance, LifeSherpa breaks down the traditional barriers and creates a more inclusive workforce through remote support that is accessible to all.



## Driving Long-Term Change:

Our collective goal is to create a standardized approach to employment support, revolutionizing the landscape for individuals with disabilities. By empowering individuals to secure and maintain meaningful employment, we're transforming individual lives, fostering inclusive workplaces, and driving positive societal change through innovation.

### About LifeSherpa

LifeSherpa is a platform that automates disability support for service organizations, enhancing their capacity, reducing overhead, and improving client outcomes.

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