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## **INSIGHTS November 2013**

# Article: TSA May Have the Perfect Job for autistic workers

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Focus on ability: "It is not difficult to describe tasks that present disproportionate hurdles for individuals with [autism]," the authors wrote. "However, a more optimistic view -- and the one that we take in this paper -- is that [autistic] individuals have unique abilities that can give them an advantage over others at performing some tasks."

http://www.post-gazette.com/ health/2013/10/09/TSA-may-have-theperfect-job-for-autistic-workers/ stories/201310090039

### The State of Massachusetts' Decision to Move Toward Community Employment

November 8th, 2013

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Given recent federal policy changes and directives, a mutual, proactive plan has been created by key representatives of the Association of Developmental Disabilities (ADDP), The Arc Massachusetts, and the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to increase integrated employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities (ID). The foundation of the plan emphasizes the deeply held values about the importance of having a job in society and the multiple benefits gained by individuals and businesses when adults with (ID) contribute to their communities

via work. The plan also sets forth a path for the Patrick Administration to be a leader among other states by taking the initiative to close sheltered workshops and provide supported employment in integrated settings... click on this link to read more: <a href="http://www.addp.org/images/Nov2013Conference/blueprint%20for%20success%20full%20version%20final%2011.6.13.pdf">http://www.addp.org/images/Nov2013Conference/blueprint%20for%20success%20full%20version%20final%2011.6.13.pdf</a>

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