

Using the Brochure Series

This series can be used a number of different ways depending on the purpose and needs of your group. Some of the brochures focus on values clarification, weighing options and considering and making choices — and others are more content-driven, designed to convey specific information. For group participants, reading these brochures can bring up memories of past experiences, feelings of all sorts, hopes for the future, and current needs.

Please Note: Written material in brochures may be difficult for some people to read or understand. Some brochures may be harder than others. If participants are having difficulty, it can help to read parts out loud in the group, and then discuss it together until everyone seems to understand the content. As facilitator, you should be prepared to help explain the material in the brochures to any participants who need it.

There are Many Different Options for Using the Brochures with a Group:

You may go through the brochures one by one as a group one brochure per week, or one at a time at whatever pace works for the group

You might want to use some or all of the brochures as supplemental materials in a pre-existing group; to provide or add to information in a pre-designed curriculum or as a special topic in back-to-work group. For instance, if you have a peer support group already running and people have questions about job accommodations, you could provide the group with copies of Brochure 11 for discussion.

You might use clusters of brochures together for a period of a few weeks at a time. Here's one possible way to cluster the brochures:

- Brochures 1 2 3 to explore values, hopes and fears about work;
- Brochures 4 5 to address empowerment issues and assess interests/goals;
- Brochures 6 7 8 for information and strategies for job hunting or for use with people who are actively job hunting;
- Brochures 9 10 to provide information about and discuss benefits issues;
- Brochures 11 12 to talk about workplace rights;
- Brochures 13 14 15 with people starting jobs or already working to help maintain attachment to workforce.