



# EMPLOYMENT WEBINAR SERIES

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## FL SAND Fellows: Working People with Disabilities

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**About this presentation:** This webinar empowers you to start earning what you're worth without fear of losing your essential Medicaid services. Presented by the FL SAND Fellows, learn key information about the Working Peoples program and how you can start taking advantage of it immediately.

Attendees may submit questions to [drbarnes@usf.edu](mailto:drbarnes@usf.edu).

**Advance Registration:** [Register Online!](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

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### PRESENTERS



**Michelle Zeman** Diagnosed with PDD-NOS at three, Michelle is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst and FL SAND Fellow. She played a key role in advocating for the 2019 Working People's program.

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**Amanda "Mandy" Ranochak** Mandy is a founding member and former president of MAGICAL Self Advocates, FL SAND's self-advocacy group in Greater Orlando. Born legally blind and later diagnosed as autistic, Mandy

began her journey in self-advocacy in Rhode Island. She is an FL SAND Fellow, a 2024 Partners in Policymaking (PIP) graduate, and the recipient of PIP's Alan C. Wesley Award. Mandy has worked at various attractions in Orlando and is currently an administrative assistant for a social services agency. She also volunteers for United Against Poverty Orlando in her spare time.



**Chatequa Pinkston** holds a master's degree in computer science from USF. She is a FL SAND Fellow, entrepreneur, ordained minister, author, and public speaker. Serving on several disability-related boards, Chatequa, who has

CP, is passionate about helping self-advocates reach their full potential.