

LINKING EMPLOYMENT, ABILITIES AND POTENTIAL (LEAP)

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Consumer directed to ensure a society of equal opportunity for all people, regardless of disability

Programs and Services

Center for Personal Assistance - Offers three employment skills training and placement programs for persons with disabilities. *Home Health Aide/Personal Assistant* training is an employment skills training program for persons interested in working as home health aides, attendants, and personal assistants. The *State Tested Nurse Assistant (STNA)* program is offered to qualified applicants seeking an advanced employment skills training program for persons with disabilities interested in working within the health care field. *Dining Assistant Training* is offered to persons with disabilities interested in working as certified Dining Assistants. The program is well recognized on a national level and promoted by the Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute as an innovative model for increasing direct-care workforce capacity.

Community Employment - Provides vocational rehabilitation services in seven counties to assist persons with disabilities in preparing for, obtaining and retaining employment.

Doris Brennan Center (DBC) for Disability Education and Advocacy - A broad-based program designed to assist persons with disabilities in remaining active in the community. Services under this program include:

- *Disability Resource Center*: Awareness, assistance and access to services and resources related to disability
- *Disability Benefits Assistance*: Information and education regarding disability determination, and benefits eligibility and application
- *Independent Living Assessment and Skills Training*: Assists persons with disabilities to improve their ability to live as independently and healthy as possible in the community through a variety of life skills assessments and classes
- *Quantum LEAP*: a recreation program for people with disabilities
- *Low Vision Services* (for individuals 55 years and older in Lorain County),
- Outreach & disability education; advocacy groups that promote self-help and self-advocacy

Youth Transition - Offers two related programs: *Job Link*, a School to Work Transition Program – A year round, PEPNet recognized, transition program that assists student with disabilities, in six Cleveland city schools, to make a successful transition from school to employment and adult community life. *High School/High Tech* is a community-based enrichment program designed to expose high school students with disabilities to a variety of technology-related career opportunities, ready them for post-secondary education, and encourage them to achieve long-term success.

Public Policy Center - Advocates for and promote changes in legislation and policies to include opportunities for full inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of community life.

Assistive Technology Center - Provides information/education about available technologies; holds classes and workshops, and performs individualized assessments and training on assistive technology which enhances an individual's ability to live within their community and/or to maintain employment.