

LINKING EMPLOYMENT, ABILITIES AND POTENTIAL

YOUTH TRANSITION

Job Link Program

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Job Link is a youth development and employment program where youth discover their potential and plan for their future. The program instills the attitudes, behaviors, and skills needed to obtain and retain employment and become successful, contributing members of their community.

PROGRAM GOAL: To assist high school students with disabilities to make a successful transition from school to employment and adult community life.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A year round transition program providing work related educational training for students with disabilities; combines on-the-job training at local businesses with community based work related instructional activities with an emphasis on individual student needs and goals.

SERVICES:

Transition:

- Personal assessment, identifying transferable skills, building self-confidence, future planning and goal setting
- Employability training: employment rights and responsibilities; identifying personal strengths and supports needed; communication skills; personal appearance; job search; getting along with peers and employer; support services; job retention
- Career exploration
- Youth development activities including leadership, citizenship and service learning
- Resume development, interview preparation
- Job shadowing, community based assessment and experiences
- Case management and coordination of support services to address individual needs and barriers to employment
- Referral for disability benefits assistance
- ASL interpretation and Spanish translation

Summer Work Experience:

- Summer employment and training program at work sites in the community matched to each student's individual interests, strengths and needs

Placement:

- Individualized job-seeking skills training, job development, interview assistance, job (or further training) placement, job coaching, intervention to facilitate job retention, follow-along, employer education and training

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