WHO WE ARE

An educational and vocational program that assists high school youths with significant disabilities to transition from school to career to enable them to meet their post secondary goals.

Our educators work closely with students and businesses to obtain Community Based Vocational Experiences: Guided exploration or experiences that occur in the workplace accompanied by trained job coaches.

Transition Activities:

- Assessment of students' vocational interests and abilities
- Classroom instruction
- Development of individual career plans and goals
- Trial work to gain hands-on experiences

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

Providence School Department has adopted an Employment First Policy: Promoting integrated outcomes for youth and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities I/DD.

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Quality Instruction Transition and Vocational Planning



"Promoting integrated outcomes for youth and adults with significant disabilities"

WHAT WE OFFER STUDENTS

Person Centered Planning to discover individual goals.

Vocational Assessments to explore career interests and abilities.

Life Preparatory Experiences:

- -Soft skills training
- -Job skill development
- -Self-advocacy/Self-determination
- -Peer and Adult Mentorship
- -Daily living skills training

Vocational Services:

-Transition Fairs -Business Tours -Informational Interviewing -Resume Development -Integrated Trial Work Experiences -Guest Speakers

Accommodations:

Customized work

Job Development:

Partnerships with area businesses to obtain community based vocational experiences

Trained Job Coaches:

To accompany students to work sites to mentor and teach work tasks

HOW EMPLOYERS BENEFIT

- Demonstrate business and community partnerships
- Promote equal opportunity and increase diversity in the workplace
- Improved productivity
- Reduced hiring and training costs
- Increased retention
- Meet business goals
- Access to dependable, cooperative, hardworking, individuals

HOW YOU CAN ASSIST STUDENTS

- Provide a learning environment where students can develop work place habits
- Create greater opportunities for students to advance in their careers
- Help students to accomplish and create their own identities
- Help students to connect to community
- Help build job and career skills
- Partner with us to provide opportunities and experiences for students

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