



Barber National Institute

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES FOR YOUTH

Helping schools prepare students for employment

The Barber National Institute has partnered with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) to assist schools as they help students between 14-21 with a disability who have an IEP or 504 plan prepare for employment in the community. Pre Employment Transition Services for Youth is a new and innovative program that provides:

Group Pre-Employment Classes

Classes for groups of students by Barber National Institute staff who have a proven track record in Supported Employment Services. Students must be between the ages of 14-21 and still be in school, but they do not have to be approved by OVR.

Classes are held during the school day and will include instruction on Self Advocacy Training, Independent Living Skills, and Workplace Readiness with lessons designed for future competitive integrated employment.

Community Pre-Employment Experience and Assessment

One-on-one Job Shadowing and Transportation Assessments. Schools now have the opportunity to request referrals for students approved for OVR services while they are still in school. OVR's Early Reach Coordinators can guide the referral process for interested students.



Students will have opportunities to participate in job tryouts through the Job Shadowing experience in their areas of interest, with hands on work experience at local businesses. At the same time, Employment Specialists be working one on one to provide assistance and assessment.

Coupling the Job Shadowing experiences with an in-depth Transportation Assessment will assist students with future decisions pertaining to realistic career opportunities.

This 100% OVR funded program will assist schools in achieving and reporting on Indicator 14/transition services mandated by IDEA legislation. Your schools will be providing meaningful services to help students prepare for employment that meet new state and federal requirements relating to transition planning and job readiness.

We look forward to supporting real employment opportunities for your upcoming graduates!

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