

Why Get A Job?

- Earn your own money (*financial independence*)
- Take pride in what you can do
- Learn new skills
- Be an independent citizen making a difference in your community
- Make friends

How Do Young Adults with Disabilities Get A Job?

- On their own
- With help from an adult service provider
- With help from parents, friends, neighbors

Think About This...

- What are you passionate about?
- What skills can you offer an employer? Can you talk about and demonstrate your skills?
- Do you have a resumé?
- Can you be on time for work everyday?
- Are you able to work well with others?
- Do you know where to go for help in finding or doing a job?
- Can you file an application online or in person?
- Can you send, receive, organize emails?
- Do you know how to ask for help or discuss problems with a supervisor?
- Do you have natural supports on the job (an advocate for you)?
- Are you flexible in your job search? Every job might not be perfect but every job is one step on your road to success.
- Who can help you answer these questions?

A Guide for Career Seekers with Disabilities

JOBS



Some people walk right into great jobs

Some people work hard to get jobs.

Some people need help to get and keep jobs.

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Power to Job Seekers

- Know your skills and strengths. Write a simple, one page resumé.
- Think about what kind of job you want.
- Speak up - learn to sell yourself.
- Decide when, if and how to disclose your disability:
<http://bit.ly/2MqTh3f>
- Understand your disability and know what accommodations or support you need to succeed.
- Have written proof of your disability. Ask DORS about Schedule A verification for some jobs with the federal or local government.
- Know the soft skills of success: appropriate dress, manners, punctuality, good hygiene, dependability, social skills, self-advocacy.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Try different types of work experience - in school, part-time, volunteering, internships.
- Look for jobs in the library, on community bulletin boards, online: indeed.com, simplyhired.com, www.onetonline.org, www.careeronestop.org/ResourcesFor/WorkersWithDisabilities/workers-with-disabilities.aspx
- Don't expect to find the one perfect job that will last a lifetime. Each work experience is a stepping stone.

Tips for Parents and Helpers

- Talk early and often about the benefits of working. Young people should be responsible for tasks at home.
- Know your young adult's strengths, interests, opinions.
- Help build a resumé that includes all paid/volunteer experiences, skills, strengths, references.
- Observe places you go regularly - what skills could your youth bring to those places?
- Network with colleagues, neighbors, friends.
- Participate in email lists.
- Find a volunteer or hire a consultant/job coach who can be an advocate when talking with current or future employers.
- It is the job seeker's responsibility to develop a relationship with the employer, NOT the parent's. The job seeker will be interviewed, NOT the parent. Practice interview conversations.

Resources

Maryland Department of Education/Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

Employment/training/Schedule A
PETS - Pre-Employment Transition Services for ages 14-22
dors.maryland.gov

Wheaton: 301-949-3750 Germantown: 301-601-1500

Maryland Developmental Disability Administration (DDA)

dda.health.maryland.gov/ 301-362-5100

Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID)

mmcp.health.maryland.gov/eid 866-373-9651

Maryland Workforce Exchange

mwejobs.maryland.gov

Montgomery County Dept of Health and Human Services

Aging & Disability Resource Unit 240-777-3000 Behavioral Health Planning & Mgt Local Behavioral Health Authority 240-777-1400 Crisis Center 240-777-4000
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs

Montgomery County Volunteer Center

www.montgomeryserves.org/ 240-777-2600

WorkSource Montgomery

worksourcemonteromery.com Young Adults 240-283-1500

Job Accommodation Network

askjan.org 800-526-7234 Voice/877-781-9403 TTY

DBTAC Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

www.adainfo.org 301-217-0124 (Voice/TTY)

National Collaborative for Workforce and Disability for Youth (NCWD)

www.ncwd-youth.info 877-871-0744/ 877-871-0665 TTY

National Youth Transitions Center

heath.gwu.edu askheath@gwu.edu

Potomac Community Resources Links

pcr-inc.org/community-resources/ community-links

AmeriCorps

www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/join-ameri-corps 800-942-2677

Job Corps

www.jobcorps.gov/ 800-733-5627

Project Search

seeonline.org/projectsearch 301-318-4948 or 301-469-0223 x 137

PACER National Parent Center on Transition and Employment

www.pacer.org/transition/

Think Beyond the Label

resources for employers and jobseekers
www.thinkbeyondthelabel.com