

# Career/Special Education Transition

## Career/Special Education Services

The Six District Educational Compact provides services to students with disabilities who are enrolled in Career-Technical Education Programs. Teachers, counselors and others, along with the Career-Technical Special Education Coordinators, work with students and parents to plan and implement specific goals, objectives, transition activities and accommodations in the Career-Technical education programs to meet the students' individual needs. The Coordinators acts as a liaison consultant within the Compact schools for the purposes of communication, collaboration and program supports to address the students' strengths and concerns in both career and academic areas.

## Career Assessment

The Six District Educational Compact's Career Assessment Specialist helps students understand their career interests, aptitudes, abilities and employability skills. A parent conference may be scheduled to review the career assessment results. This valuable information may be used to aid the student, parent, and home school staff in setting clear and realistic career goals.

## Work-Study/Transition

The Work-Study/Transition Program is a related service offered to students with disabilities and who are enrolled in high school. Participants must currently be on an Individual Educational Plan (IEP). Students have the opportunity to earn elective school credit and receive wages while working in the community. The Work-Study/Transition Program encourages students to develop good work habits and a positive attitude toward employment. The Work-Study/Transition Coordinator acts as a liaison within the Compact schools for the purposes of collaboration and communication among the students, school personnel, parents, agencies and the employers in the community. The Coordinator provides a continuum of services to promote transition from the school environment to the world of work.

## Job Training Coordination

Job Training Services help students with cross categorical disabilities make a successful transition from school to the world of work through hands-on experiences in real-work settings. The Six District Educational Compact offers two models of job training services. One program provides students with Job Training Coordination in community work settings. Students within two years of leaving school may apply for Job Training

Coordination. Project Search, the second program, is a site-based job training opportunity located at Summa Health. Students who have completed their academic credentials may apply for Project Search. In addition to work and employability skills gained through participation in both programs, students also focus on attaining a Career Passport, networking with adult services agencies and transition planning for post-secondary opportunities and support. Candidates for these programs should demonstrate good attendance, be dependable and be able to get along with others, as well as demonstrate a strong work ethic as indicated in pre-employment school-based or community-based work experiences. Students also work on interview skills and resume development, as well as learn about the process of applying for jobs and following up with employers.

## Project SEARCH interns & completers working at Summa Health

**Gus Dies (Cuyahoga Falls completer) & Miracle Wright-Ford (Tallmadge), working in the Disinfection Management Technologies department**



**Javier Delgado (Cuyahoga Falls) working in Distribution/Receiving**



**Mavrick Mazzei (Tallmadge) working as a food captain in the Food & Nutrition department**

