



The WNY Collaborative of Project SEARCH is provided through Aspire of WNY, Erie 1 BOCES, Summit Educational Resources, ACCES- VR and host site Beechwood Continuing Care.



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A HIGH SCHOOL
TRANSITION PROGRAM



OUR STORY

Western New York Project SEARCH Collaborative is a business-led partnership which offers a school-to-work program alternative for students with disabilities.

GOAL

Each intern goes through a series of job rotations lasting up to ten weeks. They receive support with necessary modifications during on-the-job training. The goal is for each intern to obtain competitive, integrated employment in their community.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“ This has been an awesome experience and I feel proud. I look forward to getting a good job in the future.”
-Project SEARCH intern

“ Project SEARCH has given my son the opportunity to use the skills he has and learn new ones. His self esteem has improved and he seems more confident.”
-Project SEARCH parent

“ I would recommend Project SEARCH to everyone as it opens the door for kids that are not sure of what they want to do in life and/or have disabilities.”
-Project SEARCH parent



A DAY IN THE LIFE

- Interns will attend classes at Beechwood Homes securing daily life skills.
- Interns participate in unpaid job rotations throughout Beechwood including: Health Information, Management Operations, Environmental Services, Dining Services and Admissions.
- Aspire of WNY and The Summit Center provide job coaching until the task can be performed independently.

Eligibility Criteria

- Students ages 18-21 who are eligible for ACCES-VR and/or OPWDD services.
- Current Individual Education Plan.
- All academic requirements for high school must be completed.
- Independence in self-care

Placement in Project SEARCH is determined by a school district's Committee on Special Education. Upon successful completion of the program, a student will earn the Skills & Achievement Commencement Credential.