



... for the Educator

Community Pre-Vocational Services

To meet the varying needs of people wanting to expand their knowledge of careers and further develop employable skill sets, The Arc Ontario offers a continuum of community-based pre-vocational services.

JET Connections

JET Connections offers a series of “flights” for individuals that would benefit from learning more about employment and career options and what workplace expectations are. Flight destinations will provide exposure to various settings through informational tours, social encounters, work readiness discussions, try outs, travel training, and much more. Throughout the flight, each person will work on a PASSPORT binder that will capture details of their flight experience; what they liked and disliked, their strengths, challenges, how they managed barriers and so forth. When the time comes for the person to move toward more intensive job related services, they will already have a portfolio to initiate the next step in their career journey.



Two graduates of The Arc Ontario's College Experience at the Finger Lakes Community College location.

College Experience

The Arc Ontario's College Experience is an innovative and exciting Community Pre-Vocational service! It offers access to a college campus and its amenities, including extracurricular activities, athletic facilities, dining halls, and libraries, as well as the option to audit classes. Those enrolled have opportunities throughout the year to participate in internships to explore career preferences. With locations at Finger Lakes Community College and Hobart & William Smith Colleges, the program supports community involvement and networking, enhancing social skills, and promoting independence, while exploring career paths. The hands on training and skill development ultimately results in job readiness and increased employability through work experiences.

Community Pre-Vocational Services Continued

Project SEARCH™

Project SEARCH™ is an effective, efficient fast track to successful employment! The model is used internationally and has proven results. 70% of people completing the program engage in long term successful employment. Project SEARCH™ runs 10-month long sessions and follows the traditional school year, running from September to June. The Arc Ontario partners with Project SEARCH™, ACCES-VR, OPWDD, and our host businesses, Eastview Mall and Finger Lakes Health, to provide multifaceted support. The Arc Ontario provides work readiness, skills training, and career development, as well as other pre-employment related supports. Three 10-week long internships build stamina while allowing for career exploration.

Learn More - April Open Houses

Join us on April 13th, 2022 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm at Finger Lakes Community College, or Hobart William Smith Colleges on April 15th, 2022 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm to learn more about Community Pre-Vocational Services at The Arc Ontario. Please email JoEllen Schaefer at jschaefer@TheArcOntario.org for further details.



The next issues of The Arc Apple will greet you in May/June, September/October, and November/December, for a total of 5 issues annually. We'll be giving you more information about our programs and the ways in which we can help you help your students. Be on the lookout for the May/June issue which will highlight our Autism and Clinical Services. View previously published editions at <https://www.thearcontario.org/arcapple>.



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