

**DVWR**



**Division of Vocational Rehabilitation**

# What is DVR's Goal?

## Employment!

Anyone with a disability, age 14 and up, can refer themselves to DVR for help in finding a job.



## What is Transition?

Helping students get ready for employment after high school

# DVR Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS)

- Serves potentially eligible students ages 14 – 22
- Provides 5 Core Pre-ETS Services to students with disabilities
- 12 community-based programs provide paid Work Based Learning Experiences
- 5 Pre-ETS Career Counselors serve almost 700 students in 8th-10th grade within 20 schools

## Pre-ETS Core Services

- Job Exploration Counseling
- Work-Based Learning Experiences
- Counseling on Opportunities for Enrollment in Comprehensive Transition or Post-Secondary Education Programs
- Workplace Readiness Training to Develop Social Skills and Independent Living
- Instruction in Self Advocacy (Including Peer Mentoring)

## Eligibility

- Students with an IEP or 504 plan; students with documented disability
- Students must be between the ages 14 – 22
- Students who are home schooled
- Students in post-secondary education programs

# DVR Transition Services

Transition services assist students with disabilities to move from high school to:

- post-secondary education
  - specialized training programs
  - employment
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- 16 DVR Transition Counselors
  - Serving students with disabilities in 67 Public, Charter, or Alternative schools
  - Continued DVR support through Post-Secondary education and training into employment
  - Student Enrichment class provided at DTCC to help students with academic success

# Early Start to Supported Employment (ESSE)

- Serves students with IDD ages 18 – 22
- Typically exit high school with a Diploma of Alternate Achievement
- Goal is to create a smooth transition from school to adult services leading to employment
- Statewide Collaboration

## Statewide Collaboration

- Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDDS)
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
- Delaware Department of Education (DOE)
- Local School Districts
- Supported Employment Provider Agencies



# Project SEARCH

- 4 locations – Christiana Care, BayHealth, TidalHealth, and DeIDOT
- DVR partners with Community Rehabilitation such as Department of Education, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, host businesses, and service providers
- Fidelity Model of the program is to provide education and employment opportunities to students with intellectual and development disabilities (IDD) ages 18-22
- Students work 3 rotations during the school year