

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are cordially invited to come to a transition planning meeting to discuss an option available to selected students through our partnership with Jewish Family Service. On Thursday, June 14, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. we will be having a parent meeting for those parents who are interested in having their student(s) participate in this program. Representatives from Jewish Family Service will be here to answer any of your questions. Enclosed is a fact sheet on the program. Please contact the Child Study Team at 927-0825 if you are planning to attend. If you are interested in the program, but cannot attend the meeting, please let your case manager know.

I thank you for the privilege of working with your child and look forward to having them experience a positive high school education. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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Work Readiness for students eligible for 504 plans/IEPs

Background: Individuals with disabilities face significant challenges in finding and maintaining satisfying employment. While capable, job candidates with disabilities often have less work experience outside of a school setting than other high school graduates. Additionally, they may struggle with the soft skills intrinsic to the job search process such as understanding a potential employer's body language, facial expressions, or idioms and as a result may be experienced as unfriendly, intimidating, or disinterested.

Program Description: Work Readiness for students 14-21 years old with a disability to increase readiness to enter the work force. Through interactive workshops, participants will learn "soft skills" for both obtaining and maintaining jobs. Topics covered will include communication skills, teamwork and collaboration, adaptability, problem solving, financial planning, resume building and job specific social skills. Attendees completing the skills sessions will have the opportunity to participate in work sampling and/or internships.

Program Eligibility: The program will be open to 5-6 students who meet eligibility for the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services Pre-employment Transition Services, which typically any student with a 504 plan or IEP.

Number and Length of sessions: The program typically consists of 6-8 weekly sessions each lasting 1 hour.

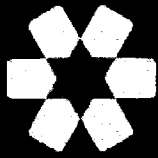
Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be aware of the role of non-job specific skills in the workplace.
2. Students will be prepared for a job search an application process.
3. Students will receive an introduction to common workplace expectations, the accommodation process and financial considerations when beginning work.



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Group topics may include:

- Career exploration
- Communication with employers or potential employers
- Job application FAQ's and follow up
- Building skills and experience for your first resume
- Preparing for an interview; Answering common interview questions
 - What to wear
 - What to bring

Interactive exercises may include:

- Mock interviews
- Contacting prospective employers
- Skill and interest identification activity
- Understanding body language

Successful completion: Participants who attend 85% of the sessions, complete a resume and 1 or more mock interviews will be considered as having successfully completed the program. Internship or work sampling participation is strongly encouraged.

Organization: Jewish Family Service of Atlantic and Cape May Counties

Location: Mainland Regional High School

Program Cost: Fees are offset by grant funding

Program Supervisors and Facilitators: Nina Stolzenberg, Ph.D., Mike O'Brien & Trained Job Coaches

Dr. Stolzenberg is a licensed clinical psychologist with 20+ years of experience working with individuals with Disabilities. JFS job coaches have training and work experience relevant to supporting individuals in job searches and job maintenance. All JFS staff have had background checks and are covered by agency insurance.

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