

“Why we do what we do”

Working is an integral part of our lives. We work to fulfill our dreams and expectations and to survive everyday life. Working provides us with social interactions, financial stability, and a meaningful life. Unfortunately, students with disabilities may not have the same employment opportunities as individuals without disabilities. According to the National Organization on Disabilities (NOD), (2002), individuals with disabilities aged 18-64 are much less likely to be employed (either full-time or part-time) than people without disabilities (32% versus 81% respectively). In addition, individuals with disabilities are more likely to live in poverty with household incomes of \$15,000 or less than are people without disabilities (29% versus 10%).

These are devastating statistics for individuals with disabilities. According to NOD (2002) individuals with slight disabilities are 8 times more likely to be employed than individuals with very severe disabilities (64% versus 8% respectively), but individuals with slight disabilities are still less likely to be employed than people without disabilities. This may be due to the growing number of students leaving school without the skills to compete in the workforce .



Let us Introduce Ourselves!

The Community Based Work Transition Program (CBWTP) is designed to provide a positive beginning in the world of work for students in special education during their last two years of high school. It serves students having a range of abilities who need personalized support exploring potential careers, pursuing challenging work experiences, maintaining employment, and seeking job advancements in their communities. The CBWTP is a cooperative effort between Boone County Board of Education, the Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Kentucky Department for the Blind, and the Human Development Institute at the University of Kentucky.

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CBWTP Mission:

*Working as a community
to prepare our youth for
meaningful employment.*

What is the CBWTP?

The Community Based Work Transition Program (CBWTP) is a Two Year program for students in their last two year of high school. The Program is split into two phases.

The first year of the program is the "Exploration Phase", it is designed to explore vocations, build on strengths, and assess students' interests and skills in an effort to narrow job focus. Monthly reports regarding progress, shadow opportunities, and training for understanding of the social and professional standards related to their area of interest are all a part of this phase.

The second year of the program is the "Training Phase", in this phase the CBWTP works cooperatively with local area businesses in an effort to gain practical experience in the student's area of interest. This provides the opportunity for the student to build upon the skills and knowledge acquired during the first phase of the CBWTP in a practical setting, and build their resume thru volunteer works. The ultimate goal of the program is to gain paid employment before the student graduates high school.

Partnering with the Community Based Work Transition

Preparing students for the world of work is a mission where the possibilities are endless. We have approached your organization because student(s) have an interest in learning skills by training for/with a position your organization already employs. Thank you for taking the time to consider working with us.

What you provide >>>

- Opportunities to acquire necessary skills to work in field of interest.
 - Unpaid Training
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Job Shadowing opportunities
- Feedback on student performance.
- Consideration for permanent employment if need arises.

What we provide >>>

- One on one job trainer supervision onsite at your facility.
- A Risk-free opportunity to train/screen a potential employee.
- Students who have engaged in intensive vocational evaluations, assessments, and formal preparation for work.
- Prepared students eager to gain experiences to support their goal of securing meaningful employment.
- Flexibility of schedule, we are simply grateful for your willingness to support our efforts. We will do everything in our power to accommodate your needs.

A collaborative effort is needed between schools and community businesses to build a future for our students and achieve excellence."



Still have questions? >>>

The Community Based Work Transition Program staff is available anytime to answer questions, make a presentation to your staff. We look forward to hearing from you!

Relax...Families of students have consented to a liability release.

Taking on a volunteer to work in your company or organization can be a scary prospect when considering they could become injured at the job site. For this reason the Community Based Work Transition Program have requested that the parents/guardians of students participating in our program sign a medical liability release. This document is available for review upon request, but verifies that the family of the student is responsible for any expenses related to injuries while at school or on the job site in the community with the CBWTP.