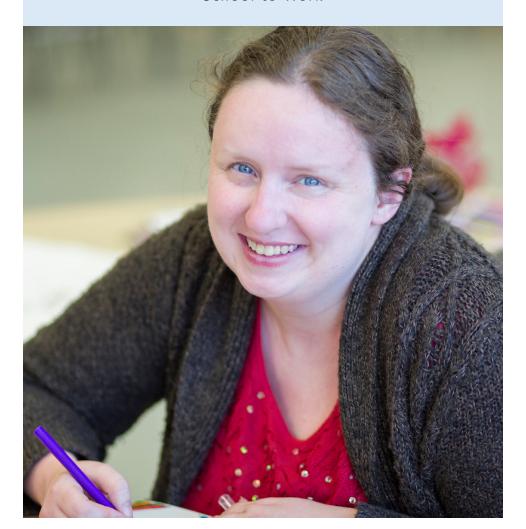


SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL ENRICHMENT (SAVE) TRANSITION PROGRAM

School to Work





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SAVE TRANSITION PROGRAM (SCHOOL TO WORK)

The goal of the Social and Vocational Enrichment (SaVE) Transition Program is to significantly increase the community-based experiences and job readiness skills of special education students. The program begins to prepare students and their families for what resources are available in the community to support each student as they transition from school to adult life. SaVE is provided to various Western New York school districts.



HOW IT WORKS

The SaVE Transition Program starts students off with training in a school environment, and then eases them into the community through internships.

Students first joining the program will receive in-school training, learning skills such as working in the cafeteria and making print shop deliveries.

When students are ready to enter the community, they

will complete four internships, each a total of 10 weeks, in a range of industries. A SaVE Transition Specialist will accompany two to four participants at each internship, guiding them every step of the way.

WHAT DO STUDENTS GAIN?

Students who participate in the SaVE Transition Program can receive the required work-based learning hours needed to receive the Certificate of Career Development & Occupational Studies (CDOS). The program also helps students hoping to achieve the Skills and Achievement Commencement Credential that prepares them for the next stage of their career.

At each phase of the program, students receive job evaluations that help transition them from school to adult agencies. The program also allows students to build a resume, cover letter, recommendations and references.

WHO OVERSEES THE PROGRAM?

Each school and program has their own SaVE transition specialist, ensuring individualized training and support for each participant. The transition specialist works closely with teachers and school administrators to create a program that fits the school's needs. The transition specialist also helps students transition out of the program upon graduation.

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Increases motivation to stay in school by making education more relevant
- Increases understanding of workplace expectations and skills needed
- Enhances general workplace competencies, such as communication, teamwork, and project planning
- Establishes professional contacts for future employment and mentoring

CONTACT

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