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*“Helping individuals with disabilities to choose, find and keep employment”*

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**PRE-ETS SBVI CARROLL CENTER REAL WORLD OF WORK SUMMER PROGRAM**

**I. PURPOSE OF SERVICE:**

The World of Work Summer Program is a 7-week residential program for students 16 and older who have little or no work experience. The summer work experience will assist in developing independence and socialization skills, while earning minimum wage for the number of hours a student works. Students will also live in a supervised college dorm and will be responsible for preparing breakfast daily and packing their own lunch.

**II. PROGRAM ELEMENTS:**

1. The Summer Work Program targets:
  - a. Students with disabilities still in high school who want to spend 7 weeks of their summer working.
  - b. Students with disabilities an opportunity to learn independent living skills by living in a college dorm.
  - c. Orientation and mobility is provided intensely during the first week of the program and as needed instruction is available throughout the seven weeks.
  - d. Student must have valid ID, up to date immunizations, and can travel to their work site.
2. It provides:
  - a. A paid work experience in the community of a minimum of 15 hour per week. (Rate is the prevailing minimum wage).
  - b. 7-week experience: One week of orientation including learning route to work, meeting with job coaches, and visiting job sites. The rest of the six weeks are spent working part-time, visiting employees who are blind at their job sites, learning about budgeting, engaging in community service, and participating in recreational activities.
  - c. Student an opportunity to develop social and independent living skills necessary for employment (ie: employer expectations, travel, job seeking skills, and financial literacy).
  - d. Development of a resume and interviewing skills.

**III. EXPECTED OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS:**

1. Student is introduced to the world of work.
2. Student will develop independence and socialization skills.

**IV. STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. ORS discusses referral with student, facilitates a signed release of information, completes the Referral Form and generates an authorization for PRE-ETS Carroll Center Real World of Work Summer Program. (**\$11,060.00 for 7 weeks**)
2. The CRP accepts the referral, provides services, and completes report about student’s work experience.
3. The CRP schedules a conference with the student, (parent if necessary), the CRP, and the ORS counselor to review the report and identify support needs/recommendations. This meeting will occur before the start of the new school year.
4. Bill and final report are forwarded to counselor within 2 weeks of completion of program/ conference.

**V. PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES:**

1. Category of Required Pre-ETS Service: Work-Based Learning
2. Service Code: Pre-ETS SBVI Real World of Work
3. Fee: \$11,060.00