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Project SEARCH™ is a unique one-year transition to work program that takes place entirely at the workplace.

Internships prepare individuals with developmental and intellectual disAbilities for competitive employment.

HOST BUSINESS Community Medical Center

Family Resource Associates, Inc.

210 Newman Springs Rd. E. Red Bank, NJ 07701



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program provides real-life work experience combined with training in employAbility and independent living skills to help young adults with significant disAbilities make successful employment transitions for a productive adult life. The goal for each intern is competitive employment, which is successfully met by the inclusion of a Business Advisory Council.

Project SEARCH™

Project SEARCH™ is an international program that has grown from a single site at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in Ohio to more than 600 sites across the United States and Canada, England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia.

Project SEARCH™'s primary objective is to secure competitive employment for people with disAbilities.

The program is approved by the New Jersey Education Department and focuses on transitional education; taking place entirely at the workplace.

The person-centered philosophy of Project SEARCH™ helps build skills that will lead to a fulfilling career.

Is Project SEARCH™ right for you?

Interns participate inten months of employment-related classroom instruction with three internships where they are fully immersed with all of the job responsibilities of their particular department.

Interns must commit to paid employment of a minimum of 16 hours per week upon program completion.

Project SEARCH™ BENEFITS Include:

- Supported internship training experiences
- Competitive, transferable and marketable job skills
- Increased independence
- Confidence and self esteem
- Individualized coaching, direct instruction and feedback daily
- Building personal and professional relationships
- Opportunity to obtain and secure employment in non-traditional jobs
- Independent travel training



POTENTIAL INTERNSHIP DEPARTMENTS

- Volunteer Services/ Reception
- Food Services
- Transport
- Environmental Services
- · Materials and Receiving
- Patient Services
 And many more!



SELECTION PROCESS

Referrals are accepted from local high school districts and from the greater community.

Informational meetings are held in the late winter to provide details and tours of the program. Prospective interns and family complete and submit an application by a predetermined deadline.

Candidates are screened and selected during the Skills Assessment Day carried out by members of the Project SEARCH $^{\text{TM}}$ Steering Committee.

Acceptance letters are sent to finalize the group of interns to be enrolled in the program.

Up to 8 interns are accepted annually.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER, as the host business, has over 40 different departments that may be available for intern placement, decided upon mutually during the summer.

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