

PASS At-A-Glance

Progressive Abilities Support Services (PASS) is a non-profit organization that seeks to provide customized employment services and to promote and practice full inclusion and diversity within the workforce and the community. We provide one-on-one, individualized supported employment, pre-employment training, career consultation, placement assistance, on-the-job training, and follow-along support, among other services.

One of our areas of expertise is working with younger “transition” students who are often seeking their first job during or after high school. As part of this focus, PASS is working to implement new training curriculums, training sites, and employment opportunities to aid in the transition process.

In addition to working with individuals, we work to educate employers about the benefits of hiring a diverse and inclusive workforce, including a talented new pool of applicants, increased staff job satisfaction, reduced hiring and training costs, higher retention rates, higher attendance marks, a talented new pool of applicants, increased scheduling flexibility, and valuable tax credits, just to name a few.



Project SEARCH® Sites

- Halifax Health Medical Center, Volusia
- John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital, Pinellas
- Stetson University, Volusia
- University of North Florida, Duval
- Palm Garden Healthcare, Duval
- Princeton Village Palm Coast, Flagler
- Princeton Village Largo, Pinellas
- Palm Garden Healthcare-Jacksonville, Duval



Message of Informed Choice: While PASS would be honored to serve you, we believe it is important to note that you have multiple options when choosing who to work with. We are only one of the organizations that provide employment assistance and we would ask that you take time to choose which provider will best accommodate your needs and goals. Thank you for your consideration.

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What is Project SEARCH®

The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program is a unique, business led, one year school-to-work program that takes place entirely in the workplace. Total workplace immersion facilitates a seamless combination of classroom instruction, career exploration, and hands-on training through worksite rotations.



Program Overview

High School Transition Program

Program Model

Project SEARCH is an internationally trademarked and copyrighted program model focused on skill development and competitive employment for Project SEARCH interns with intellectual disabilities.

Project SEARCH is a partnership of essential agencies. This cooperation leads to series of seamless transition services that provide each student a significant opportunity for career achievement in their chosen employment field.

- Host Business Site
- Local School District
- PASS
- Vocational Rehabilitation
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Career Source
- Families and Supports
- Social Security Administration
- Florida Developmental Disabilities Council
- Project 10

Who is Eligible to Participate?

Students who are:

- Between the ages of 18-21
- Will not reach age 22 before the school year ends
- Have an active IEP
- Have a significant barrier to employment
- Qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation's Supported Employment program
- Deferred receipt of their High School Diploma

Program Goal

The goal of Project SEARCH is competitive, meaningful employment for each student participant. The program provides three 10 week internships tailored to each intern's interests and career goals. Through the internships, each student will develop a plethora of skills and tools while exploring multiple employment sectors. This interest and skill building will be vital as we develop successful career paths.



What Services will PASS Provide?

With the goal that each student participant be competitively employed at the conclusion of the Project SEARCH program, PASS can offer the following services:

- Provide staff to train interns
- Assist in the development of internships
- Actively serve on the Project SEARCH steering committee
- Provide pre-employment services and travel training for each intern
- Assist with student recruitment and selection
- Administer Vocational Fit Assessments with other partners
- Assist with securing a host business site
- Administer Vocational Evaluations and Situational Assessments
- Invest in program intern resources where needed, ie:
 - graduation ceremony
 - apparel and certificates
 - skills assessment supplies
 - uniforms
 - pre-employment screenings, etc.
- Provide marketing assistance:
 - logo banner
 - marketing video and other materials
- Assist in finding gainful and rewarding employment

Contact Kim for More Information!

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