



Turning Disabilities
Into Capabilities

Menu of Transition Services

(Offered by Individualized Career & Transition Services of Aspire of WNY)

Assessments:

- **Person –Centered Vocational Assessment:** A non-traditional personalized vocational assessment which provides elaborate and creative recommendations in regards to vocational & transition planning.
- **Vocational Summary:** A non-traditional evaluation which is focused on very specific agreed upon vocational and transition goals for a student.

Vocational Services:

- **Job Development:** An Individualized community work experience is secured based on student's area of interest. This can be tailored to student and IEP expectations.
- **Job Coaching:** Individualized coaching at the work site, to enhance work skills and support success on the job or at an internship.
- **Job Club:** A group experience which focuses on basic job search skills. During the 10 weekly sessions an Aspire staff person will work in collaboration with the classroom teacher to tailor the learning atmosphere to the enrolled students' specific needs.
- **Workshops:** A variety of workshops are available which include, but are not limited to, resume writing, interviewing skills, filling out applications, dressing to impress, etc. All workshops are tailored to the skills levels of the enrolled students.
- **Employer Tours:** Small group tours of local businesses are facilitated by Aspire of WNY staff persons. Students get a first hand look at local job opportunities and are encouraged to consider different types of work and begin thinking of their own career options.
- **Employer Presentations:** Aspire of WNY staff persons facilitate visits by local Employers to your classroom. Employers will present to classes on opportunities within their businesses, employer expectations, and career growth opportunities within their company and their business fields.

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Post-Secondary:

- **College Tours:** Geared towards a small group of students (up to 4) interested in pursuing post-secondary education, an Aspire of WNY staff person will facilitate the introduction of students to campus life at one of the local colleges. The tours will include introductions to a variety of on campus services and meetings with the Office for Students with Disabilities and the Financial Aide offices on the campus of choice. Students will learn what to consider when choosing a college, what it means to choose a major, how to advocate for yourself on a college campus, how to complete the college application process, and how to navigate the campus. This is done over a series of 5 visits to a campus and provides students the opportunity to achieve a comfort level while at the same time allowing them to make important connections with valuable and needed supports. We recommend this to be done in the junior year and can be planned in combination with Educational Coaching.
- **Educational Coaching:** Individualized on – college campus coaching for students pursuing post-secondary education to help the student transition between the high school and college environments. Provided prior to high school graduation, this service is tailored to a specific student, supporting success in registering for classes, navigating the campus, arranging meetings with teachers and student groups, registering for meal plans, developing a study regime and interacting with college administration offices.

Intake & Service Coordination Services:

NOTE: At no cost to the district or families we can arrange a meeting with our Intake Department in an effort to determine eligibility services for students. This is a vital step in securing Service Coordination and accessing many adult programs post graduation. We encourage this process to begin as soon as possible as it is often a lengthy process.

Packages of Services:

Package #1:

Includes:

- 3 employer presentations to class
- 3 employer tours

Package #2:

Includes:

- 3 workshops
- 3 employer presentations to class

Package #3:

Includes:

- **Introduction to the world of work (with a focus on teaching expectations on the job)**
- Timeframe (September-December/12 weeks or January-June/12 weeks)
- Student will experience 2 community work experiences/6 weeks in length
- Ratio is 1 Job Coach to 2 students
- Monthly progress reports to the district
- 2-3 days/week 2-3 hrs/day
- Preparation for individualized community work experiences

NOTE: All transportation is provided by the school districts

All services can be tailored to individual or groups as well specific student populations (LD, Life Skills, IEP, Local, or Regents bound, BOCES)

For a price list or to customize your transition needs please contact: Paula Kerber, Coordinator of Student Services at #836-7235 or Paula.Kerber@aspirewny.org