

Postsecondary Transition to Employment

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Empowering People with Developmental Disabilities



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Thank you

ASD Overview

ASD is a developmental disability which can cause social, communication, and behavioral challenges.

(<https://www.cdc.gov/>)



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SECONDARY



STUDENTS / YOUNG
ADULTS



POSTSECONDARY



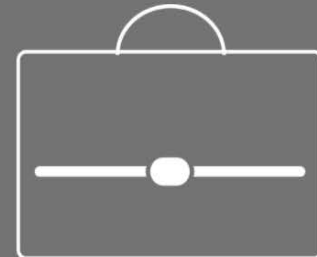
COMMUNITIES



FAMILIES



EMPLOYERS



Why Should I Hire Someone w/ASD?

ATTA Documents:

- When Should I Disclose my Autism
- Interviewing Tips
- Interviewing Tips Assessment
- Job Interest Inventory
- Work Environment Assessment
- Why Should I Hire Someone with ASD
- 10 Tips for Job Success

'What would happen if the Autism gene was eliminated from the gene pool? You would have a bunch of people standing around in a cave, chatting and socializing and not getting anything done.'

~Temple Grandin

Autism Spectrum Disorder, through my eyes



Supported Employment

competitive employment in integrated settings with support



Paid
Employment



Integrated
Environment



Ongoing
Support

- Marcfirst
- IDHS [Employment Services and Supports Providers as of 12/1/2020 \(state.il.us\)](https://www.state.il.us/employment-services-and-supports-providers)
- Best Buddies
- Have Dreams Academy
- EP!C
- Goodwill
- AMC FOCUS
- Walgreens
- Challenge Unlimited

Autism Hiring Programs

competitive employment

- Autonomy Works
- Aspirie Tech
- Freddie Mac
- Microsoft
- Dell
- SAP
- Ford
- Ernst and Young
- Cintas
- Quest Diagnostics



Competitive
Salary



Autism Hiring
Program



Ongoing
Support

Questions



ICSPS Upcoming Professional Development

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ATTA (Autism Training and Technical Assistance)

Transition to Postsecondary Education

February 9, 2021 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Self-Advocacy: Speak up for your Needs

March 9, 2021 10:00 am – 11:00 am

CTE (Career and Technical Education): Super Strategies for Perkins V Special Populations

Super Strategies for English Learners

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Super Strategies for Students with Disabilities Both Cognitive and Physical

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Super Strategies for Students Interested in Nontraditional Fields

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Support for Trauma-informed Education in Postsecondary Systems (STEPS)

Webinar 1 – *How Does Trauma Affect Us, Learning, and our Program Goals?* February 4, 2021

Webinar 2 – *Chronic Stress, Trauma, and Resilience During a Pandemic* February 11, 2021

Webinar 3 – *Trauma and Resilience in the Context of Poverty* February 18, 2021

Webinar 4 – *Historical Trauma, Bias, and the Resilience of Communities* February 25, 2021

Thank You!

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