

Connecticut's Division of Autism Spectrum Disorder Services



Employment Resources

Autism Speaks Employment Tool Kit - A free downloadable guide that provides strategies and resources to help adults with ASD to help research, find and keep employment in the competitive labor market.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/tool-kits/employment>

A Parent's Guide to Employment for Adult's with Autism Spectrum Disorder - This booklet will provide guidance to family members in assisting their loved ones who are on the autism spectrum to find and maintain employment, while empowering the adult with autism

www.autismspeaks.org/sites/default/files/docs/employment_tool_kit_parent_booklet.pdf

Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS) – The Vocational Rehabilitation program assists persons with disabilities to prepare for, find or keep a job. Supports are time-limited. 1-800-537-2549

www.ct.gov/brs

Connect-Ability – A program of the Department of Rehabilitation Services that offers information, tools and technical assistance to job seekers and employers rather than provide direct job placement services.

www.ct.gov/connect-ability/

Connect-Ability Distance Learning Initiative – A series of free online e-learning modules on skills related to accessing employment. <https://elearning.connect-ability.com/>

CTWorks/American Job Center – American Job Centers are located throughout the state, offering resources ranging from free employment workshops and seminars, résumé assistance, Labor Market Information, and an electronic job bank. All services at no cost.

<https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/ctworks/ctworks.htm>

Ticket To Work – A program of the Social Security Administration that provides people with disabilities choices about which agencies can help them get ready for work and find employment.

<http://www.chooseworkttw.net/>

National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability/NCWD for Youth – Provides information and has numerous publications about employment and youths with disabilities. www.ncwd-youth.info/

Job Accommodation Network - Provides information and guidance on workforce accommodations and disability employment. www.askjan.org

PACER's National Parent Center on Transition and Employment - Provides information and resources to support families, youth and young adults, educators and employers. The website includes an extensive resource library and interactive learning opportunities. www.pacer.org/transition

The Lifespan Transitions Center at OCALI – Offer training, technical assistance and consultation to support the successful transition of individuals with disabilities throughout their school career and into adulthood. Resources address employment and community living.

<http://www.ocali.org/center/transitions>

Disability.gov – A U.S. federal government website for information on disability programs and services nationwide. The “Employment” section offers a broad range of resources about finding a job. In addition, this guide connects with programs, services, government agencies and organizations provide information about career planning and job training, employment laws and regulations and job accommodations and supports. www.disability.gov

Accessing Home and Community-Based Services: A Guide for Self Advocates - A tool designed to provide information about a wide range of resources available to people with disabilities.

<http://autismnow.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/9-3-14-HCBS-tool-FINAL.pdf>

Autism Speaks Autism Employment Network- Offers a networking group for individuals with ASD and their families to connect with employers and service providers (i.e. job coaches) to encourage the creation of employment opportunities for individuals with Autism.

<https://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/adult-services/autism-and-employment>

Autism Speaks – The Spectrum Careers – an employment portal designed to connect employers with job seekers with Autism or other disabilities <https://www.thespectrumcareers.com/>

2-1-1 Infoline – 2-1-1 is a free, confidential information and referral service that connects people to health and human services 24 hours a day, seven days a week by phone or online. Just dial 2-1-1 or toll free at 1-800-203-1234. You can call and speak with a contact center specialist regarding volunteer and employment opportunities in your area.

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