

## 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](http://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 [Department of Aging and Disability Services](#)

**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.

<https://www.ssa.gov/work/>

**Job Accommodation Network** - Provides information and guidance on workforce accommodations and disability employment. [www.askjan.org](http://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](http://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 <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/topics>

**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 Workforce Inclusion Now (WIN)** – A workforce development program designed to promote diversity in hiring and create inclusive workplace culture for not just individuals with autism, but all employees. Resources available for employers, job seekers, families and the overall community <https://www.autismspeaks.org/workplace-inclusion-now>

**Autism Speaks Autism Employment Network**- Offers LinkedIn job 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/workplace-inclusion-now-employment-resources>

**Autism Speaks – The Spectrum Careers** – an employment portal designed to connect employers with job seekers with Autism or other disabilities <https://www.autismspeaks.org/spectrum-careers>

**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. You can also visit [www.211ct.org](http://www.211ct.org).

**Ken's Krew (partner of Home Depot and CVS)**- operates in Fairfield, Middlesex and New Haven Counties. Provides job placement, training and at the workplace support for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities in competitive employment. Individuals are paid a regular salary. This is free to families/individuals. To learn more, contact (212) 290-8999 or visit <https://kenskrew.org/>

**AMC Theatres' FOCUS program**- which stands for Furthering Opportunities, Cultivating Untapped Strengths, is an employee development program specifically directed toward hiring disabled individuals. Call to learn if services are offered in Connecticut. For more information, call the corporate office at 913-213-2000

**SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) Employment Training Program**- Providers throughout the state take part in the SNAP Employment Training program which is a short-term vocational training for SNAP recipients. In Connecticut, this program is known as CTPathways. To learn more, visit

<https://snaptoskills.fns.usda.gov/about-snap-skills/what-is-snap-et>. To view participating community

colleges and community agencies, please visit <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/SNAP/SNAP-Employment-and-Training>

**CareerConneCT**- Job training program that assists individuals with trainings in the areas of manufacturing, information technology, CDL drivers, business services, life sciences, health care, infrastructure and clean energy. Individuals will first register in the portal found at <http://portal.ct.gov/careerconnect>. Once registered, participants will complete a skills assessment and be assigned a career coach who will assist participants with accessing trainings, provide supports, find free job training programs, case management, and employment assistance.

**The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** was signed into law on July 22, 2014. WIOA was designed to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services to succeed in the labor market and match employers with skills workers

[https://portal.ct.gov/dol/divisions/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act-wioa-administration-unit?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/dol/divisions/workforce-innovation-and-opportunity-act-wioa-administration-unit?language=en_US)

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