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Connecticut DDS Job Development Training and Network

Employment Related Web Resources

Employment Practices

<http://www.realworkstories.org/>

This site highlights employment successes of people with intellectual disabilities, and details the promising practices and innovative strategies that led to their jobs.

<http://www.workwithoutlimits.org>

Provides a range of employment related information for individuals and families, service providers and businesses

<http://www.tacene.org>

New England TACE Center offers an array of info for Vocational Rehabilitation and employment providers, including current events & policies, trainings, and useful forms, documents & publications on strategies such as job creation, networking, and career planning.

<http://www.apse.org/>

APSE (formerly the Association for Persons in Supported Employment) is a member organization with an exclusive focus on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities. They hold a National Conference annually.

See the "Chapters" link for information about Connecticut APSE.

http://www.communityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=251&type=topic&id=3

Teaching Networking Skills: Paving a Way to Jobs and Careers (Teaching Manual) contains a full curriculum to be used directly with job seekers.

<http://www.communityinclusion.org/page.php?page=pubs>

Go to the ICI Publications page to search many publications and resources related to employment and disabilities.

<http://www.worksupport.com/>

VCU-RRTC site on Workplace Supports and Job Retention content includes info on research and training along with many resources, publications, e-newsletter, etc.

<http://www.jan.wvu.edu/>

The Job Accommodation Network hosts comprehensive info about workplace accommodations and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

<http://www.abledata.com/>

Able Data provides info and examples of assistive technology products and rehabilitation equipment.

<http://www.cttechact.com/index.php>

Connecticut Tech Act Project's mission is to increase independence and improve lives of individual's with disabilities through increased access to Assistive Technology.

<http://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/publications/ada18.cfm>

U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission site has a helpful publication for job seekers to understand rights & responsibilities related to all aspects of the ADA.

<http://www.careeronestop.org/>

U.S. Dept. of Labor site contains comprehensive job seeker resources for career research & exploration, and job search activities.

<http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/ContactInfo/Default.htm>

Link to the Connecticut Department of Labor listing of CTWorks Career Centers.

<http://www.start-up-usa.biz/>

Start-Up USA has comprehensive Information and resources about self-employment.

Labor Market Information

<http://www.acinet.org>

America's Career InfoNet contains an array of general labor market information. Included on the site are the following tools:

http://www.acinet.org/occ_intro.asp (info on occupations sorted in a variety of ways)

http://www.acinet.org/select_educ_rd.asp?next=oview2&optstatus=&id=1&nodeid=4&soccode=&stfips=&jobfam=&ShowAll (occupations with the most openings)

http://www.acinet.org/select_educ_rd.asp?next=oview3&optstatus=&id=1&nodeid=5&soccode=&stfips=&jobfam=&ShowAll (occupations with the largest employment)

<http://www.acinet.org/employerlocator> (find specific employers by occupation, location and/or keyword)

Employer Awareness & Education

<http://www.foremployers.com/>

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/categories/employer/>

<http://www.earnworks.com>

http://www.shrm.org/hrdisciplines/Diversity/Articles/Pages/disability_072110.aspx

The above sites are all focused on providing employers with practical info, fact sheets, and resources to encourage and promote recruitment, hiring, and retention of employees with disabilities.

<http://www.worksupport.com/da/intro.cfm>

This self-paced seminar covers disability awareness for HR professionals. Learn about stereotypes and misconceptions about people with disabilities; changing attitudes and behaviors that prevent growth of a company or organization; and developing skills that will help staff effectively communicate and work with people with disabilities.

<http://www.connect-ability.com/>

Connect-Ability provides information, tools and technical assistance to employers and job seekers.

Benefits

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

This Social Security site focuses on Work Incentives & the Ticket to Work program, and links to the Red Book, and other relevant publications and forms.

<http://dps.missouri.edu/resources/ssawork/forms/default.html>

This site contains useful tools for managing benefits, such as a sample IRWE request form, and a wage recording & reporting form.

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/oesp/providers.nsf/links/97E79639155B939C85257361006B2E28>

Link to the Work Incentive Planning Assistance (WIPA) program(s) in CT, that provide individual counseling to SSI/SSDI recipients, and training to providers, on the impact of working on all public benefits.

http://www.communityinclusion.org/article.php?article_id=211

Going To Work: A Guide to Social Security Benefits and Employment for Young People with Disabilities (2011 Edition). This booklet was designed specifically for the state of MA, but also has useful information that applies to all recipients of SSI and SSDI.

Transportation

<http://www.ct.gov/dot/site/default.asp>

CT Department of Transportation

<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1386&q=259356&dotPNavCtr=-40587>

Connecticut Department of Transportation's link to public transportation, express and local buses, two rail lines, a statewide vanpool system and other services in Connecticut.

<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1386&q=305316>

Connecticut Department of Transportation's link to paratransit / ADA bus services.

<http://www.cact.info/>

CT Association for Community Transportation is committed to promoting and improving public transportation in CT.

http://ct.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=CTDR_Mobility_Center

The Easter Seals Connecticut Mobility Center provides thorough driving assessments to individuals over 16 years of age who have an injury or impairment that may impact their ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

<http://www.thekennedycenterinc.org/servicesparticipating/mobility.php>

The Kennedy Center's Travel Training Program provides travel training to individuals with disabilities who would like to learn how to travel in their community using public transportation.

<http://www.projectaction.org>

<http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=23&z=2>

Easter Seals Project ACTION and the Community Transportation Association are national resources, both of which support creating mobility for people. Their websites contain a variety of tools to assist with transportation.

Transition from School to Work

<http://transitionassessment.northcentralrrc.org/>

http://www.nsttac.org/products_and_resources/tag.aspx

These websites provide tools and resources to assist with transition assessment.

<http://www.youthhood.org/>

An interactive site designed for young adults to plan for life after high school. The Job Center component addresses "learning about work," and "knowing it's important."

<http://www.ncwd-youth.info/>

National Collaborative on Workforce & Disability for Youth is a national center, offering a wealth of info about many aspects of achieving employment for youth with disabilities.

<http://www.ncset.org/>

National Center on Secondary Education and Transition site provides news, research and materials on topics including transition planning, family involvement, and youth development and leadership.

Self-Advocacy & Self-Determination

<http://www.wecahr.org/people.htm>

WeCAHR is an advocacy organization in CT. They advocate for the civil and human rights of people with disabilities.

<http://www.ct.gov/dds/cwp/view.asp?a=2050&q=332050>

CT DDS self-advocacy group contacts.

<http://www.hsri.org/leaders/theriot/>

This site houses an e-newsletter for self-advocates, with a goal to make readers laugh and feel good about life.

<http://www.selfdeterminationak.org/>

With a focus on school age, this site offers an up-to-date and diverse variety of resources dealing with self-determination.

Post-Secondary Education

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

This site provides comprehensive info for students, families, and professionals about college options for people with intellectual disabilities.

<http://www.going-to-college.org/>

This site is a resource for teens to help them understand and explore living college life with a disability.

Special Populations

<http://www.hirenetwork.org/>

National Helping Individuals with criminal records Re-enter through Employment Network site contains resources by state, issues & policy info, employer resources, and useful publications.

<http://autism.sedl.org/>

<http://www.vcu-autism.org/index.cfm>

Both sites have a focus on research and vocational rehabilitation employment services for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and contain info and resources on placement planning, workplace supports, and accommodations specific to this population.

<http://www.dps.missouri.edu/Autism.html>

A comprehensive guide about Adult Autism and Employment can be found on this site.

<http://autismnow.org/>

Autism NOW: The National Autism Resource and Information Center is a central point of information for individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities, their families, and other targeted key stakeholders.