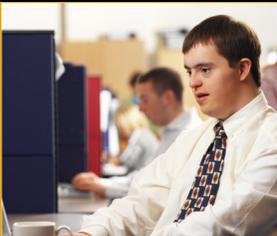


SCHOOL TO WORK

School To Work is a collaboration between the Developmental Disabilities Division of Spokane County, your school, and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to help students with developmental disabilities, in their last year of school, find jobs before they graduate; because students who have jobs when they graduate are more prepared for adult life than those who don't.

Everyone can work!



To print an application for School TO Work go to
<http://www.spokanecounty.org/CommunitySVCS/DDP>

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Developmental Disabilities Division of Spokane
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What is the School To Work program?

A program to help students with developmental disabilities leave school with a job and to get connected with adult support services.



What are the benefits of being a part of School To Work?

- ⇒ Students who leave school with a job will be more successful in maintaining work throughout their adult life.
- ⇒ Students work with employment specialists to find a good job-match before they leave school.
- ⇒ Students get training, Social Security Benefit Planning, and resource coordination.
- ⇒ Practice community-based transportation options before leaving school.

Who is eligible for School To Work?

- Students who are eligible for Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) services.
- Students who are willing to apply for, and follow through on, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services if they qualify.
- Students who are of transition age (20-21) and still in school.
- Students who are committed to integrated community employment, earning at least minimum wage, through an Individual Supported Employment type program.

Guiding Principles: Employment...

- is inclusive and integrated in the community;
- promotes membership and contribution to community;
- is for everyone regardless of type of disability;
- promotes independence and financial stability.

How do I apply? What is the process?

1. Complete a School To Work application and submit it to Spokane County Developmental Disabilities Division, 312 West 8th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204
2. Follow the instructions in your acceptance letter, if you are accepted.
3. Choose an employment agency from the Spokane County Participant Guide.
4. Notify your school and the School To Work program which employment agency you choose.
5. Begin working with the employment agency to find a job.

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