



Employment Services

The Department of Labor reports that only 19.8% of people with disabilities are part of the U.S. workforce. Easterseals Midwest provides an individualized approach to developing the skills, confidence, and real-world experience necessary to find and keep a job. With a variety of programs and services to choose from, we prepare each individual and their family for a successful workplace experience.



Community Connections Adult Day Program

Our day program focuses on developing independence, social skills and self-advocacy in order to help people with disabilities live successfully in their community. Whether ordering food at a restaurant, making a purchase, volunteering, or enjoying a community activity or event, our specialists focus on using real-life experiences as an opportunity for growth.

Pre-Employment

The Pre-Employment program provides one-on-one learning and group experiences to prepare individuals for community employment. The focus is on teaching general workplace skills, including, but not limited to: the ability to communicate effectively with supervisors, co-workers and customers; workplace conduct and dress; following directions; attending to tasks; workplace problem solving, and general workplace safety and mobility training.

Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is an internationally recognized, evidence-based work skills training program that takes place entirely in a community business over nine months. Through a combination of classroom instruction, career exploration and hands-on internships, Project SEARCH provides young adults with the work experience and support they need to become successfully employed.

Summer Teen Employment

Our teen employment programs provide high school students with disabilities with a paid, six-week, work-based learning experience in a community business. Participants receive job coaching and employment skills training in order to increase the likelihood of employment beyond the summer experience.

Supported Employment

Supported employment services help people with disabilities find and keep a job in community businesses. Our trained staff assist participants with career planning, discovery and exploration, job development, job coaching and retention services. Easterseals is committed to working with each individual to find a job that meets their expectations and fits their skills, abilities and interests.