



About the Program

Project SEARCH is an innovative school-to-work transition program for high school students with developmental disabilities. The program is dedicated to workforce development that benefits the individual, community and workplace. Children's Hospital Colorado serves as the host business providing opportunities for students to learn workplace skills and emerge from the program ready for employment.

What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH prepares individuals to gain and maintain employment through education, career exploration, training and supports. Program components include:

- Total immersion in a professional workplace environment (Children's Hospital Colorado)
- Career exploration and training through internships at Children's Colorado
- Job coaching support
- Individualized job development
- Instruction from a special educator on workplace competencies, professionalism, independent living and self-advocacy skills
- Internal mentoring by hospital staff through PS Pals
- Ongoing, long term workplace support for working graduates

Who is eligible to apply for Project SEARCH at Children's Colorado?:

- Special education students from local high schools/transition centers who are nearing their last year(s) of school services
- Students who have completed their graduation requirements but who have deferred receiving their diploma
- Students who have a strong desire to work and have the end goal of working once they complete the program
- Students who are or will be able to work independently with the right training and supports
- Students who are comfortable working in a healthcare setting
- Students who qualify for services through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation AND their local Community Center Board (CCB)



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Here's what people are saying about the program:

"I loved being in Project SEARCH. It really helped me reach my goal of finding a job that I love"

– Genail Lemon, PS Graduate 2011 and Employee of Children's Colorado

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"The most important part of my experience at Children's is the fact that I am getting the skills needed to get a job, and, after all, that's what I'm here for."

–Vickie Kaiser PS '10 –Employed at Arc Thrift

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"Vonze always has such great enthusiasm and dedication to his work. He always arrives with a smile on his face and ready to take on new challenges. Vonze is a great example of how we should all interact and perform at Children's."

– Stacy Gahn, Previous Dentistry Business Operations Coordinator, Children's Colorado.

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"Project SEARCH took the transition process to a new level and provided our son with the skills and maturity to acquire employment upon graduation. We are grateful for all the help he has received during and after completing the program."

– Dawn S., mother of a Project SEARCH graduate employed at Children's Colorado

For More Information

For more information about Project SEARCH, please call our office at Children's Hospital Colorado, (720)-777-8027 or visit <http://www.childrenscolorado.org/about/careers/project-search.aspx>

To learn more about the Project SEARCH at Children's Hospital Colorado and view videos of students at work visit <http://youtu.be/vHmKk5159So>