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NEW Project SEARCH at Nationwide Children's Hospital

Program Overview:

Project SEARCH is an intensive 9-month internship program which provides training and education. The goal is **competitive integrated employment** for students with disabilities. Ohio Project SEARCH sites are jointly funded by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), local education providers, and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and are further supported by county boards of developmental disabilities, business partners, and OOD vocational rehabilitation service providers.

The **Nationwide Children's Hospital** Project SEARCH program will be housed on-site at the new **Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion in Columbus, Ohio starting in fall 2020**. This program is specially designed for Central Ohio students in their last year of high school who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or have additional challenges. In this unique Project SEARCH program, all student interns, skills trainers, and departments will have access to an **additional layer of support through Nationwide Children's Hospital Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (CASD)**.

Project SEARCH student interns will participate in daily group instruction and gain hands-on work experiences by rotating among **three 10 week unpaid internships**. Managers at the internship sites work together with the Project SEARCH instructor and skills trainers to support each student intern. Interested students must apply, and student interns are accepted through a selection committee process. All students must also be eligible for OOD.

Benefits to the Student Interns:

- ❖ Receive services in a supportive environment to prepare for employment
- ❖ Acquire **competitive, transferable and marketable job skills**
- ❖ Gain increased self-awareness, confidence, and independence

Benefits to the Business:

- ❖ **Access to a new, diverse, talent stream with skills that match labor needs**
- ❖ Interns and employees with disabilities who serve as role models for customers
- ❖ Increased performance and retention in high-turnover positions

For More Information:

Project SEARCH was originally developed at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, and is the administrative headquarters for the organization. Learn more about them at www.projectsearch.us.

To learn more about Nationwide's Project SEARCH, please contact the Educational Service Center at ProjectSEARCH@escoco.org

TYPICAL DAY AT NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PAVILION

ARRIVAL

GROUP INSTRUCTION

Participation in lessons based on employability skills.

INTERNSHIP SITES

Participation in three 10 week onsite non-paid internships.

LUNCH

INTERNSHIP SITES

Return to internship department to continue learning job specific skills.

GROUP INSTRUCTION

Reflection on the day and plan for the next.

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