

Who is eligible for Pre-Employment Transition Services?

- Must be a student with a disability between the ages of 16-22
- Have an IEP, 504 or documented disability
- May be referred by your local Division of Rehabilitation Services Counselor at DARS
- Once a referral is received and accepted, ECI will hold an Open House for parents/guardians and the students before each group session starts
- Services are provided to students that live in Chesapeake, Franklin, Isle of Wight, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, or Virginia Beach.

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What are Pre-Employment Transition Services?

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) are an opportunity for students with disabilities to begin to explore and prepare for life after they graduate from high school.

Endependence Center (ECI) offers the chance for students with disabilities to learn more about skills that will help prepare them for the workforce as well as understand how to advocate for their needs to increase their independence.

ECI offers a unique opportunity for students to engage and interact with adults with disabilities who have maintained or obtained their desired level of independence. ECI promotes the participation of people with disabilities in all aspects of life.



Endependence Center Pre-Employment Transition Services



“Opening Doors
to Opportunities”

When Services are Offered

Lessons can be offered in a bundle or separately depending on the needs of each student.

Lessons can be taught individually or in a group setting

During the School Year

Lessons can be offered two or three days during the week for an average of two hours at ECI or a pre-approved designated location.

During the Summer

A six-week session for three hours a day that will cover Instruction to Self-Advocacy and Work Readiness Training.

Transportation Assistance

ECI will provide paratransit or bus route fare tickets for students who live close to the bus line.



Instruction to Self-Advocacy (ISA)

Contains 16 topics that help prepare students with disabilities to advocate for themselves.

Focuses on:

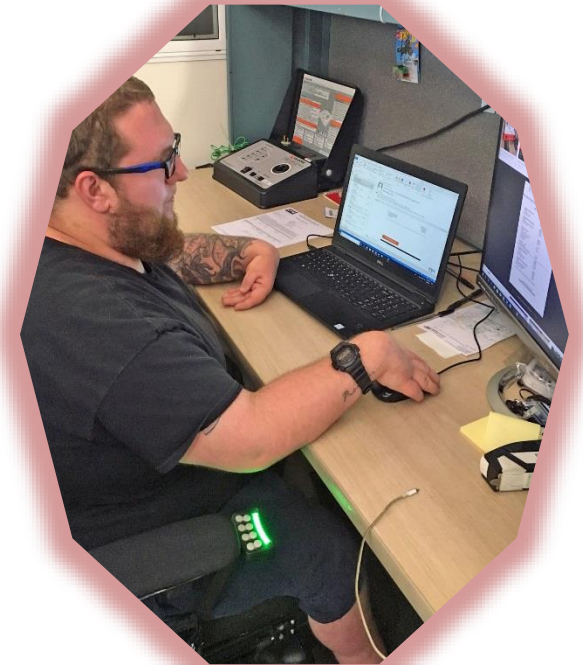
- Identifying what independence is and developing a definition that reflects their goals
- Identifying strengths and support needs
- Understanding barriers and how to ask for accommodations
- Importance of speaking up and why
- What it means to make an informed decision
- Setting and accomplishing goals

Work Readiness Training (WRT)

Contains 18 topics that help prepare students with disabilities for work.

Focuses on:

- Financial literacy
- Health and nutritional needs
- Problem solving
- Managing activities of daily living
- Identifying steps toward employment goals



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