

DVR's Pre Employment Transition Services

This year DVR will provide over 600 students with disabilities pre-employment transition services to help them prepare for employment.



JOBZ Club: JOBZ Clubs occur after school and use engaging activities to introduce students to “work readiness skills.” Last year over 45 students participated in different JOBZ Clubs across the state. DVR pays teachers to clubs in their schools. We anticipate reaching over 100 predominately rural youth through JOBZ Club activities this school year. JOBZ great vehicle for teachers to prepare students for transition and also helps the better connect with DVR.



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Transition Camps



Transition Camps: DVR partners with the DEED to fund Camps, utilizes a team of highly qualified special education professionals through Southeast Regional Resource Center. The Camp team travels across the state doing three to five day conferences with school districts and juvenile justice facilities. At conference Pre-ETS activities are provided through community exploration, presentations by businesses, postsecondary education and training providers that help youth develop a vision for their future. Last year students participated. Our goal for this year is to reach over 200 students.



Brightways Learning
Phlight Club

Phlight Clubs: DVR partners with Brightways Learning to conduct Phlight Clubs in school districts across the state. Phlight Clubs are three day, lock-in events designed to engage youth and their families for cultivating caring and connected schools and communities. Phlight Club incorporates Pre-ETS self-advocacy and work readiness skills training activities to help youth develop self-esteem and leadership skills. This is a new project and we anticipate engaging over 50 students with disabilities in Phlight Clubs this school year.



PATHWAYS School to Career: DVR partners with Northwestern Alaska Career and Technical Center, EXCEL AK and Voyage to Excellence Career and Technical Education program to offer an intensive array of courses that combine Pre-ETS activities with “hands on learning” in specific career fields such as culinary, carpentry and welding. DVR funding increases the effectiveness of the courses by increasing the staff to student ratio and needed disability supports. These courses offer exposure to the stepping stone credentials students need to be competitive candidates for postsecondary education and training towards apprenticeships. So far this state fiscal year, 34 students have participated in Pathways activities.



"I like looking at what we did and feeling proud that we've built this. We've built a bridge; we can all say that now"- Christopher Worrell, Juneau

Pre-ETS Projects: DVR funds nine agencies in rural and urban areas to provide an intensive array of Pre-ETS activities. Each youth receives instruction in job exploration and work readiness training with 40 hours of paid work experience to practice those skills. Last year over 150 youth participated in Pre-ETS Projects run by behavioral health, developmental disability and independent living organizations.

Summer Work Programs: DVR, in partnership with the Disability Employment Initiative, has just released and “Invitation for Proposal” to provide summer paid work experience to 150

students with disabilities. The project was creatively designed to allow students of any ability to participate in programming that leads to competitive employment.