

# 2019 DVR Summer Work Programs

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## *Division of Vocational Rehabilitation*

We have paid summer work programs in a variety of communities. Most are 4-6 weeks long and provide students with valuable work experience. Program content varies depending on the community. See list of programs below for details. After reading this, if you have further questions, contact Jim Kreatschman at 907-465-6931 or [Jim.Kreatschman@Alaska.gov](mailto:Jim.Kreatschman@Alaska.gov).

## **Who Can Apply**

A student with a disability is: an individual age 14-21 and enrolled in secondary education (high school) who:

- Is on an IEP or 504 plan, or
- Is a student who is potentially eligible for DVR services because of a physical, sensory, intellectual, mental health, and communication disabilities and whose disability could be a barrier to postsecondary education or employment.

**Teachers Note:** They do not have to be “identified” by the school district for special education or related services. Example: This could be students who have difficulties learning, or difficulties with attention or they are challenged in an emotional or behavioral way. This could also include kids who have been through treatment, involved in foster care or juvenile justice.

## **List of Programs**

### **Access Alaska - Fairbanks**

Access Alaska’s Summer Work Program provides students throughout the Fairbanks North Star Borough the opportunity to explore various hands on job tasks at over 10 local businesses, along with supplemental training on soft skills, career paths and independent living. While participating in one of two sessions offered, youth enjoy engaging with the community in a professional manner while gaining new job skills and practicing soft skills in a team environment.

**Who can apply:** Students, 14-21, that experience a disability who are enrolled in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District or who reside locally while enrolled in home school programs associated with other school districts within the state of Alaska.

**Contact:** Christine Charron, [ccharron@accessalaska.org](mailto:ccharron@accessalaska.org) (907) 479-7940

### **The ARC of Anchorage**

2019 Youth Summer Work Program - The Arc of Anchorage is looking for IEP students between the ages of 14 -21 to gain valuable work experience and training towards developing a pathway to a career. There will be two Summer Work Program sessions and the program dates are: June 3 - June 28, 2019 & July 1 - July 26, 2019

**Contact:** Cathy Lee, [clee@thearcofananchorage.org](mailto:clee@thearcofananchorage.org) (907) 777-0313

### **Arctic Access – Nome and surrounding area**

Arctic Access Inc. is offering a "Summer Go To Work Program" for YOUTH eligible for DVR services, an IEP or 504. Youth participants need to be between the ages of 14 and 21, attend the Summer Job curriculum, Why Try and ARISE. Youth get the opportunity to make money and get to learn valuable job skills that will last a lifetime. Summer Program dates are from June 14<sup>th</sup> to August 14<sup>th</sup> 2019.

**Contact:** Denice Gilroy, [arcticaccessnome@gci.net](mailto:arcticaccessnome@gci.net) (907) 387-0688

### **Cordova City School District – Cordova**

Students will be placed in jobs of interest where they will receive real life experiences. Employers are partners with the Cordova School District in helping 504 students and students with special abilities gain work experience by helping each student gain an understanding of the hiring process and the work environment demands.

**Who can apply:** Any student of Cordova School District 14-21 on a 504 or IEP plan and/or who might or does qualify as a student with a disability under IDEA or at-risk.

**Contact:** Jacquie Dyre: [jdyre@cordovasd.org](mailto:jdyre@cordovasd.org) - (907) 424-3266

### **Family Centered Services – Fairbanks/Wasilla**

Summer Skills Development program (SSD) both in Fairbanks and Wasilla sites. The program will run June 3 – August 2, Monday – Friday 9:00-3:30.

This program is designed to help youth who are FCSA clients' ages 14-19 years old with individual and group skill development in a work environment. Youth will receive transitional services, career exploration and job readiness skills.

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- Jordan Bartlett, [jbartlett@fcsa-ak.com](mailto:jbartlett@fcsa-ak.com) (907) 452-2159
- Ernie Manzie, [emanzie@fcsa-ak.com](mailto:emanzie@fcsa-ak.com) (907) 459-4739
- Tammy Sellers, [tsellers@fcsa-ak.com](mailto:tsellers@fcsa-ak.com) (907) 357-7103

### **The Independent Living Center – Kenai**

The ILC Summer Work Program will work with students to identify employment interests and develop placements with employers for each student. ILC will provide 15 hours of work readiness/self-advocacy skills training. Program Dates: June 3 – July 26, 2019 depending on start date.

**Who Can Apply:** Any student with a disability ages 14-21 (limit of 8 students).

**Contact:** Maggie Winston at [mwinston@peninsulailc.org](mailto:mwinston@peninsulailc.org) or 907-740-0410 or Joyanna Geisler [ilc@xyz.net](mailto:ilc@xyz.net) or 907-235-7911.

### **Ketchikan Indian Community – Ketchikan**

KIC's Summer Youth Training and Employment Program (SYTEP) is designed to provide youth opportunities for real world work experience while they learn work readiness and work ethic skills. SYTEP is an 8-week program that provides tribal members ages 14-18 the opportunity to gain on-the-job training in a variety of local industries. The Program's goal is to increase tribal youth's job experience and have positive workforce behaviors for future employment opportunities.

**Contact:** Jessica Jackson, [jjackson@kictribe.org](mailto:jjackson@kictribe.org) 907-228-9442

### **Kenai Peninsula Borough School District – Central Peninsula**

The Kenai Peninsula Summer Work Program will provide students with a supportive work environment geared towards individual participant's interests, career intentions, and availability on the central peninsula. Participants will receive on and off the job training in needed financial and work related skills of an employed individual.

**Who can apply:** A student with a disability aged 16-21 years old who has an IEP, 504 plan, or who may be a potentially eligible for DVR services. Program Dates: 5/27/2019 – 6/28/2019

**Contact:** Olivia Orth, [oorth@kpbsd.k12.ak.us](mailto:oorth@kpbsd.k12.ak.us) (907) 260 – 7040

### **Kashunamiut School District – Chevak**

"Chevak Summer 2019- May the WorkFORCE be with You!" Provides work experience for students with disabilities with instruction to help them with the soft skills necessary to keep a job. We hope for each of these youth to discover their own strengths and interests for future educational and career aspirations.

**Contact:** Frances Weiss, [fweiss@chevakschool.org](mailto:fweiss@chevakschool.org) (907) 858-2525

### **Lower Kuskokwim School District (LKSD) - Bethel**

LKSD Summer Work Program - Our goal is to train young people to enter the job market as a valuable employee equipped with the skills necessary to get a job, as well as remain on a job. **Who can apply:** Any LKSD student ages 14-21 with a disability.

**Contact:** Ashley Crace, [ashley\\_crace@lksd.org](mailto:ashley_crace@lksd.org) - 907-543-4870 Delilah Hodge, [delilah\\_hodge@lksd.org](mailto:delilah_hodge@lksd.org) (907) 543-4808

### **Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)-Juneau**

The Youth Employment in the Parks Program, a collaboration between SAIL and the Zach Gordon Youth Center, provides students with a supportive work environment and focuses on both soft and hard job skills. When teens are not working in parks and on trails throughout Juneau, they will be developing team skills and discovering their own strengths and interests for future educational and career aspirations.

**Who can apply:** A student with a disability aged 16-20 years old who has an IEP, 504 plan, or who may be a potentially eligible for DVR services.

**Contact:** Emma Van Nes, [evannes@sailinc.org](mailto:evannes@sailinc.org), (907) 586-0104

### **Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL)-Haines**

The SAIL Summer Work Program in partnership with the Takshanuk Watershed Council provides an opportunity for students to gain experience by working at the Starvin Marvin Community Greenhouse and Garden Project, building and maintaining trails, and working on public lands project in the Haines area. In addition to gaining work experience, earning money, and developing employment skills, the youth will learn the importance of working as a team and discover strengths and interests for future education and career goals.

**Program Dates:** June 3rd - August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019, 20hrs./week - Wage: \$9.89/hr.

**Who can apply?** Students ages 15-20 with a disability, IEP, 504 plan, or any youth who could potentially qualify for services.

**Contact:**

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- Meredith Pochardt, [Meredith@takshanuk.org](mailto:Meredith@takshanuk.org) 907-766-3542

### **Tapestry Summer Academy – Anchorage**

The 2019 TAPESTRY Summer Academy (TSA) is for any 16 - 21 yr. old student who receives special education services under an IEP or 504 plan. TSA participants receive post-secondary education, training, mentoring and support on the UAA campus and in the community. Students learn work readiness skills, are supported in career exploration, and develop an individualized Career Plan. Job matching with community host businesses based on the career plans leads to a paid community work experience. The program operates from June 4 - July 31, 2019.

**Contact:**

- Dayna McGuire; 907-786-6038, email [dayna@alaskachd.org](mailto:dayna@alaskachd.org) or

- Ken Hamrick; 907-264-6235, email [kenh@alaskachd.org](mailto:kenh@alaskachd.org)

### **Unalaska City School District – Unalaska**

The Unalaska Summer Work Program will provide students with a supportive work environment geared towards individual participant's interests, career intentions, and availability in the area of Unalaska/Dutch Harbor. Participants will receive on and off the job training in needed financial and work-related skills of an employed individual.

**Who can apply:** A student with a disability aged 14-21 years old who has an IEP, 504 plan, or who may be potentially eligible for DVR services. Program Dates: 5/27/2019 – 6/28/2019

**Contact:** Christie Morris, [cmorris@ucsd.net](mailto:cmorris@ucsd.net) (907) 359-2860

### **Valdez City Schools – Valdez**

The Valdez City Schools Summer Work Program will provide students with a supportive work environment geared towards individual participant's interests, career intentions, and availability in the City of Valdez. Participants will receive on and off the job training in needed financial and work-related skills of an employed individual.

**Who can apply:** A student with a disability aged 14-21 years old who has an IEP, 504 plan, or who may be potentially eligible for DVR services.

**Program Dates:** 6/3/2019 – 6/28/2019

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