

Community Based Instruction Services



The Watson Institute provides education to students with special needs as well as training for professionals and pre-professionals in the fields of special education and mental health. Additionally, Watson offers services that teach students job skills and other life skills.

Watson's Community Based Instruction program partners with school districts to teach students lifelong work skills and work ethic in an employment setting.

What we ask of employers:

Watson's Community Based Instruction (CBI) services would not be possible without the help of community businesses. Through these services, students with disabilities receive instruction that focuses on the development of independence within their own community environments.

Typically, a student (supervised by a Watson staff member) is given the opportunity to try out a job - unpaid - for 1 to 3 hours per session, focusing on assessment of skills and interests.

Watson follows U.S. Department of Labor guidelines and provides proof of liability insurance. Employers are only asked to provide suitable work activities for our students and demonstrate positive role modeling.

The role of Watson staff:

A Watson staff member will accompany the student to the job site and remain to coach the individual and provide support as needed to complete assigned tasks without taking away from productivity.

Why be a participating business?

By becoming a community business partner, your organization will be helping students identify job interests and learn life skills that will bolster self-confidence and independence.

Furthermore, by allowing students these hands-on work opportunities, we are working together to promote good work habits and develop strong skills that lay a foundation for future sustained employment.

- Asbury Heights Nursing Home
- Big Lots
- Bridgeville Public Library
- Camp Bow Wow
- Cash Market
- Center for Hope
- Chuck E. Cheese
- Circle of Friends
- Courtyard Marriott
- Crowne Plaza Pittsburgh South
- Dormont Library
- Eat n' Park
- Fern Hollow Nature Center
- Golden Corral
- Hampton Public Library
- Humane Animal Rescue
- Kings Family Restaurant
- Kohl's
- Kuhn's Market
- La Quinta
- Marian Manor Greentree
- Marriott Springhill Suites
- Marshall's
- Millvale Community Library
- Monte Cello's Restaurant
- Mt. Nebo Preschool
- Pizza Hut
- Precious Angels Daycare
- Red, White and Blue Thrift Store
- RMU Golf Dome
- Safran's Supermarket
- Sewickley Creek Greenhouse
- Sewickley United Methodist Church
- Sharpsburg Community Library
- Shop 'N Save
- Simmons Farm
- T.J. Maxx
- Texas Roadhouse
- The Dog Stop
- The Haven
- The Tull Family Theater
- Thriftique
- U.S. Postal Service
- Uno's Pizzeria & Grill
- Vincentian Home
- Vintage
- Walgreens
- West Penn Hospital
- Westminster Nursery School

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