

MY Work Initiative

The MY Work Initiative is a summer employment program created by the PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) with the goal of providing high school students with disabilities the opportunity to work for their local municipality. Student employment is at no cost to the municipality, as OVR will cover the wages for all student workers participating in the program. Per federal guidance, OVR has been evaluating all services and programs to ensure we can serve the most students with disabilities as possible.

Municipal Staff Members:

We are looking to develop and strengthen this program! We need strong municipal partners who can help us provide these opportunities to students in our communities. If you represent a municipality and are interested in participating in the program, please contact the OVR staff member listed below to discuss how student workers may assist your community this summer. As an additional benefit, OVR will host virtual workshops for municipal staff to provide training regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which will include disability sensitivity and disability etiquette training for interested staff.

School Staff:

We work closely with school districts to help provide us with student referrals for this program. We are also interested in having you partner with us for outreach to municipalities to help generate interest in this program. Contact the OVR staff member listed below to discuss how we can partner!

Interested Parents/Students:

Please contact your OVR Counselor or your school's Transition Coordinator to apply for a position. Students ***MUST** have an open case with OVR and be at least 16 years old. Students who are interested should be able to complete tasks with little supervision. The supervision is a 4 to 1 student to adult ratio. Applications should be returned to the OVR counselor assigned to your school for review to ensure the referral meets all requirements. ***Positions are not guaranteed.**

See The Impact:

Take a moment to view a video created for the project to hear about the success and importance of the program and the positive impact it has had on both the community and the student participants: [MY Work Initiative Video](#).

About OVR:

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is a state agency within the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry. Our Mission: To assist Pennsylvanians with disabilities to secure and maintain employment and independence.

For more information, please contact:

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