

Project SEARCH

What is Project SEARCH?



Ag for Autism

This innovative job-training program assists individuals with the preparation required to gain and keep employment in Arkansas.

A proud to partner with Arkansas Rehabilitation Services and a variety of businesses across the state. These dedicated businesses serve as host sites for our internship programs, helping young adults with disabilities gain hands-on experience and build skills for the workforce.

Who's a Fit for Project SEARCH?

- Between the ages of 18–35
- Have a diagnosed disability
- Hold a high school diploma, GED, or certificate of completion
- Have a desire to work and gain real-world experience
- Are willing to work on social, communication, and employability skills
- Can take direction from staff and coworkers
- Have the potential to gain independence within the workplace
- Interested individuals must demonstrate independent personal hygiene and grooming skills, exhibit appropriate behavior, and be able to navigate the host business site independently.
- Applicants are required to be nicotine-free for at least 90 days before the start of the program and must remain nicotine-free throughout their participation.
- Additionally, reliable transportation to and from the host site is necessary.
- Applicants must have an open case with Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS); if they do not already have one, they will need to begin the process by calling 1-800-330-0632 or 501-296-1600. Once your application is received, you will be mailed a letter containing detailed entrance criteria and information about the next steps in the process.

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- 9-month program
- Complete (3) ten-week internship rotations
- 90 Days of supported employment once you find a job

LOCATIONS:

- University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) – Little Rock
- Arkansas Children's Hospital (ACH) – Little Rock
- CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs (CHI St. Vincent) – Hot Springs
- Ouachita County Medical Center (OCMC) – Camden
- St. Bernards Medical Center (St. Bernards) – Jonesboro
- Mercy Fort Smith Hospital (Mercy Fort Smith) – Fort Smith
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) – Pine Bluff
- Arkansas Children's Northwest (ACNW) – Springdale

For more information, visit their website here:

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