



Project | SEARCH[®] Farmington

*An internship program preparing students with disabilities
for competitively-paid work*

Goals of Project SEARCH

- **Learning real-world job skills and responsibility in a real-world setting**
- **Practicing tools for independent living**
- **Becoming familiar with one's strengths, interests, and abilities**
- **Obtaining a job at or above minimum wage, at or above 16 hours per week at the end of the internship year**

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Project SEARCH is an internship program for students with disabilities, ages 18 – 22, that prepares them for integrated, competitively-paid work.

Project SEARCH Farmington interns spend their final year of high school transition services fully immersed inside a host business. For Farmington interns, the host business is The City of Farmington. Here they complete three 10-week internships where they gain practical employability skills.

At the City, for example, students might rotate through internships in departments like the Animal Shelter, Museum, Airport and Senior Center.

At a hotel, students might rotate through internships in Housekeeping, Banquet Serving, Maintenance and Customer Service.. Through these internships, students achieve the task- related skills and people skills that prepare them for competitive jobs in their community when the Project SEARCH internship is done.



Project SEARCH Success Stories

Kayla starts every day with a smile and a positive attitude. In her time with Project SEARCH, she has gained confidence and social skills. Her first internship rotation at the Bonnie Dallas Senior Center helped her discover a love of working in a kitchen. She is always willing to help out and will search out new tasks after she has finished the ones assigned to her. Kayla also became a role model, assisting her fellow interns with anything from class assignments to opening a bank account.

Kayla is now employed through A'viands as a food service worker in an elementary school.

"Through Project SEARCH I have learned many skills including time management, personal responsibility and getting along with co-workers. I have learned problem-solving techniques as well as dealing with frustrations on the job. Project SEARCH has increased my independence and strengthened my skills. I have really enjoyed learning how to get a job, keep the job and do well on the job."

**--Stephan Moore,
Project SEARCH graduate 2019**

Stephan is currently employed at Chick-fil-A

