



Hudson Community Enterprises *Giving Special Needs People a Chance to Succeed*

Hudson Community Enterprises is a non-profit organization that has been based in Jersey City, New Jersey since 1957. Since the organization's inception, the primary mission has remained consistent—creating employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities and other barriers to employment while providing valuable services to the business community.

HCE works closely with state and federal agencies including: the N.J. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, the N.J. Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, the N.J. Division of Developmental Disabilities, and the Social Security Administration, as well as a range of local school districts.

HCE maintains accreditation through CARF, a national accrediting body. Since 1980 HCE has consistently been awarded CARF's highest 3-year accreditation. CARF accreditation is a hallmark of quality, meaning HCE not only met CARF guidelines but has also met nationally and internationally recognized service standards.

With a staff of over 400, the agency offers a range of education, training, and employment services for youths and adults.



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**PARTICIPATION IN HCE'S
TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM
PREPARES YOUTH FOR LIFE
BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL BY
BUILDING ESSENTIAL SKILLS.**

Transition Services

**Nurturing the Transition from
Adolescence to Adulthood**

**A Member of Hudson Community
Enterprises' Family of Social Ventures**

Transition Services

Skill Building for Successful Self-Management of Career and Life Goals

Hudson Community Enterprises Transition Services teaches youth and young adults the necessary skills to help them successfully transition from adolescence to adulthood. This process is accomplished by providing a personalized and safe learning environment to teach youth the skills necessary for successful self-management of career and life goals.

Most young people move from adolescence to adulthood with support of family, schools and community. Unfortunately students who have been classified as “special needs” are more at risk and in need of individualized attention in overcoming the many obstacles and barriers that challenge them on their journey.

HCE Transition Services provides a safe, predictable, and nurturing environment that develops communication, social and work related skills that will help students grow into valuable citizens, productive and contributing employees.

Our program consists of three components:

- Daily literacy and number skills
- Social skills
- Work skills



HCE Transition Program Benefits

Individuals who are competent in social skills are:

- Perceived positively in the classroom, work place and their community;
- More fully engaged in their learning experience or work environment;



- Able to attain and maintain a job, establish friendships, gain peer acceptance, and walk away from negative situations;
- Adept at creating “small talk” which is extremely important in interpersonal relationships as well as on the job;
- Effective in social problem solving which requires reading one’s own and other’s feelings— a skill that our program teaches.

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A Minimum 5 Year Program

Eligible students are referred to HCE through their local school districts. Upon our acceptance, the students will earn a portion of their high school academic credits. They will participate in half-day work programs at local businesses in order to gain hands on practical work experience. Some students will benefit from staying in the classroom where they will learn the skills needed to become valuable and productive citizens.

Year 1

- Students take part in career preparation activities, assessing their strengths and interests in order to create attainable, realistic goals.

Year 2 – 5

- Students are placed at work sites or they will remain in the classroom and they will learn about a variety of jobs in different industries as well as become familiar with the people of their communities.
- Students rotate through departments and are mentored by one of our skilled, professional counselors.
- Upon completion, participants will have realized their potential in areas of their life that will help them in attaining employment, or if they choose, continued education.

Did you know?

- HCE has offered Transition Services for 20 years.
- Transition Services offers concrete and hands on work experience.
- Transition Services helps to develop students social skills.