

Let's be proactive about employment for students on the Autism Spectrum

Low employment rate

Only









people on the Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are employed

Source: Canadian Survey on Disability, 2012

Obstacles

- Lack of support to find and maintain a job
- Lack of awareness of disability among employers and coworkers

Evidence-based practices

-  Starting the transition to employment during high school
-  Offering personalized support based on needs and interests
-  Supervising internship in the workplace
-  Providing disability awareness training to employers and employees
-  Supporting candidates in their job search
-  Maintaining long-term support to employers and employees

Project SEARCH

Innovative program demonstrated massive gains in employment

9 
Months
Intensive Program

720 
Hours
Supervised internships in the workplace


Adapted training program

1 year after graduation

87%
High school with Project SEARCH



12%
High school with regular services

of participants were competently employed

Source: Project SEARCH plus ASD supports, Wehman et al. 2017

It's never too early to develop skills related to employment!



Problem Solving



Social Skills



Vocational Skills



Emotion Regulation



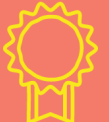
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Self-care and Presentation



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Self-Determination



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