Who is a Candidate?
• Students ages 14-21 with a disability or an IEP, 504 Plan, Health Care Plan with a diagnosed illness or condition (even if not receiving special education services) or students who have been declassified from special education
• Must reside in Erie or Niagara county
• Must be enrolled in a school, program, or homeschooling
• May not be a current ACCES-VR customer

For Schools
This program is free for schools with the exception of transportation in the event of a field trip. We strive to provide flexible scheduling for both students and schools. It is our goal to build a partnership between schools, students and our program to ensure the best possible outcomes.

Program Overview
Erie 1 BOCES in partnership with Community Services for Every1 and Parent Network of WNY is preparing students with disabilities for employment.

Students are provided with a variety of activities and services to explore careers and post-secondary education.

Through the development of soft skills and gaining work experience with appropriate supports, students are able to work towards reaching employment and social goals.

Program Services
• Job Exploration Counseling
• Post-Secondary Education Counseling
• Self-Advocacy Training
• Workplace Readiness Training
• Work Based Learning Experience

Learn more about the program:
www.e1b.org/pre-ets
Components of Pre-ETS

1. **Job Exploration Counseling**
   We assist students in exploring career options and identifying career paths of interest. Students learn about the skills needed in the general workplace and for specific jobs, uncover vocational interests, understand the demands of the labor market, and learn about non-traditional employment options.

   Some sample activities include:
   - Career Awareness
   - Career Speakers

2. **Work Based Learning Experiences**
   We assist students in developing work skills through participation in paid and non-paid experiences. These integrated community workplaces allow students to apply classroom knowledge to the workplace, practice workplace soft skills and gain mentorship from people in jobs of interest.

   Some sample activities include:
   - Job Shadowing
   - Volunteering
   - Workplace Tours/Field Trips
   - Internships

3. **Post-Secondary Education Counseling**
   We assist students with researching career and post-secondary educational options. These may include community colleges with degree and certificate programs, universities, technical schools and military service.

   Some Sample Activities Include:
   - Class Shadowing
   - Admission and Application Assistance
   - College, Technical School and Job Corps Campus Tours
   - Review of Course Offerings and Career Options
Workplace Readiness Training
We assist students in navigating the career exploration process. Students will gain many of the skills necessary to be successful at work, socially and when living independently. These skills may include social/interpersonal, orientation, financial literacy, and mobility. Through readiness training, students will develop both an understanding of the job seeking process as well as employer expectations such as punctuality and performance.

Self-Advocacy
We assist students in developing self-advocacy skills. These include teaching students how to stand up for themselves, decision making processes, active listening, problem solving, how to seek credible information, and building a support team. Students will also gain an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as well as how to ask for help and request accommodations.
Pre-Employment Transition Services

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