

OC PRE-EMPLOYMENT SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CHART

Preparing Youth & Adults with Moderate to Severe Disabilities for Competitive Integrated Employment
PARENT & FAMILY VERSION



Child/Youth/Adult:	Parent/Family Member:	Date:

Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE): Preparing youth and adults for Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and careers, starts well before age 16. As individuals with disabilities, families, school staff and community agencies focus on transition planning, employment and career development, there is an expectation that employment options will be available. It is our responsibility in the schools, in the community and at home to promote and support the acquisition of skills that will prepare our youth/adults to secure and retain jobs that are competitive and integrated. It is recommended that skill development begin as early as pre-school. The following chart identifies the skills specific to the environments where individuals learn the skills needed for success in the workplace.

Accommodations & Modifications: Supports and aids are frequently provided in educational, employment and community settings to enable individuals to have optimum success. The importance of identifying, documenting and utilizing needed accommodations cannot be overstated. As youth/adults enter the workplace, reasonable accommodations can be requested. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is the federal law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in the workplace. When needed, accommodations are negotiated with the employer and are specific to the individual work site and individual employee. It is our responsibility to prepare individuals with disabilities, starting at an early age, for the workplace (work training & employment) of the present and future.

Directions: This chart is divided into (3) columns including: Workplace, Community & Home Domains. The skills listed under the Workplace column have been verified by business representatives as skills needed for successful employment. The Community & Home Columns include activities that will promote employment related skill development. Families and community members all have an important role in helping youth/adults learn expected behaviors. As you work with your youth/adults, please be mindful that the identified skills listed under the Community and Home domains will support the development of employability skills. The Community Domain applies to skill development supported by all service providers, educators and family members. Collect baseline data on the form and then rate the individual on a monthly/quarterly basis. Tracking progress will help to identify training needs and will assist in better preparing youth for positive work experiences with the goal of participating in paid employment and eventually obtaining economic self-sufficiency. Additionally, the development of these skills will enhance the youth's social life, community participation and the option to attend and successfully complete post-secondary training and education opportunities as an adult. To start, you are encouraged to identify and work on a small number of skills, record date(s) completed and move to developing additional skills as ready and appropriate. An early start in childhood will help promote a more successful transition into adulthood.

WORKPLACE	COMMUNITY			HOME
FOLLOWS DIRECTIONS	FOL	LOWS DIRECTIONS WHILE IN THE COMMUNITY	FOLLO	OWS DIRECTIONS WHILE AT HOME INDOORS AND OUTDOORS
☐ Follows verbal directions from supervisor and assigned co-workers: ☐1 step ☐2 steps ☐3 steps ☐4 steps ☐5 steps +	Date:	□ Follows verbal directions from law enforcement, educators, community workers, activity staff and support staff: □1 step (Very simple) □2 steps □3 steps □4 steps □5 steps + (More complex instructions)	Date:	☐ Follows verbal directions from parent, sibling, relative and support staff: ☐ 1 step (Very simple) ☐ 2 steps ☐ 3 steps ☐ 4 steps ☐ 5 steps + (More complex instruction)
☐Written (standard job duty list)	Date:	Follows expectations of person, team or group membership	Date:	☐Follows and completes written chore list ☐Uses and follows written daily schedule
□Uses a visual schedule □word □picture □word + picture	Date:	☐ Uses a visual schedule ☐ word ☐ picture ☐ word + picture ☐ Observes all traffic signals and signs	Date:	□Uses a visual schedule □word □ picture □word + picture
☐ Follows all work site rules ☐ Follows expected behaviors in assigned department, as specified by manager/ supervisor	Date:	☐ Follows rules while in community-based integrated work training location ☐ Follows rules in all community settings ☐ retail ☐ recreation ☐ religious settings ☐ entertainment ☐ restaurants ☐ fast food restaurants	Date:	□Follows household rules □Responds appropriately when a house rule is broken: □When questioned about rule violation, responds appropriately to situation □Completes assigned disciplinary action Work with school staff and community service provider staff to develop work related goals and objectives on the IEP, IPP and IPE.

WORKPLACE	COMMUNITY		HOME	
	C	t is essential to provide many and varied community and work-based learning experiences for youth, starting as young as possible.		
Follows all workplace emergency safety protocols	Date: C	Follows directions from community workers in case of emergency including: □law enforcement □firefighters □agency staff □support staff All youth need to learn about the roles and esponsibilities of community workers and how to seek out help if needed.	Date:	□ Aware of and prepared to respond to potential emergency situations: □ fire □ earthquake □ intruder □ electrical outage □ storm □ appliances/gas leak
DRESS/HYGIENE		DRESS/HYGIENE		DRESS/HYGIENE
□Dresses appropriately to workplace setting: □uniform □professional dress		☐ Dresses appropriately to learning site expectations ☐ Dresses appropriately for planned community- passed activity: ☐ age appropriate ☐ stylish ☐ correct size ☐ considering weather factors	Date:	☐ Selects appropriate clothing based on planned activity: ☐ age appropriate ☐ stylish ☐ correct size ☐ considering weather factors

WORKPLACE	COMMUNITY		HOME
□ Appropriate hygiene: □ clean and styled hair □ clean teeth □ no body odor □ make-up as needed	Date: Appropriate hygiene Clean and styled hair Clean teeth no body odor make-up as needed & appropr Hygiene should be a focus starting at	nn early age.	□Showers at least once per day without prompt □Maintains appropriate hygiene □clean and styled hair □clean teeth □no body odor □make-up, as needed □Takes care of own clothes including work clothes □does own laundry □folds and hangs clothes Hygiene habits begin at home!
TIME MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYER EXPECTATIONS	TIME MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYER EX	PECTATIONS	TIME MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYER EXPECTATIONS
Arrives to work on time	Date: ☐Tells time using a digital or analog of phone ☐Arrives to scheduled community-bastime		□ Tells time using a digital or analog clock/watch/cell phone □ Learns to set an alarm □ Ready to leave house for school/community-based activity at scheduled time □ Has a routine for keeping cell phone charged and ready to go in the morning? Getting to school on time is a good way to establish a life-long pattern of being on time.
Follows work schedule including taking breaks and lunch for an appropriate amount of time	Date:		□ Follows schedule and expectations on: □ school days □ weekends □ holidays □ Learns to manage daily schedule □ Flexible with schedule changes □ Uses apps/alarm to assist with home schedule

WORKPLACE		COMMUNITY		HOME
Leaves work on time	Date:	□ Identifies when it is time to leave an event or activity	Date:	☐Returns home at identified time
Requests time off using established protocol and with at least two weeks' notice	Date:	□Notifies community group if not participating in an activity as soon as possible	Date:	□Notifies others as soon as possible when unable to attend a planned activity
☐ Maintains excellent attendance/uses limited sick time as needed	Date:	□Keep commitments by attending community-based activities and events consistently, missing only when: □sick (fever/contagious symptoms) □legitimate family reasons Keeping commitments is a good way to develop responsibility and dependability.	Date:	□Establishes excellent attendance patterns □Establishes healthy eating and fitness habits □Attends school and other scheduled events consistently, missing only when: □sick (fever/contagious symptoms) □legitimate family reasons □Reports absences by following the expected procedure The importance of attendance, responsibility and dependability is learned at an early age
WORK TASKS		COMMUNITY-BASED TASKS		HOME-BASED TASKS
□Completes all job duties as identified in job description □Completes tasks with 100% accuracy as defined by employer □Aware of/requests additional work when tasks are completed □Works as part of a team □As problems arise, assists in the solution □Handles conflicts appropriately □Learns about and understands rights and responsibilities of workers	Date:	□ Participates in work experience and paid employment as available □ Completes activities or events even though: □ it may not be fun □ he/she may be tired □ it may be too hot or cold □ he/she may not like the activity □ he/she may be hungry Stamina is important to build. It helps to prepare individuals for work.	Date:	□Completes household chores to specifications of parent □Identifies problems and assists with the solution □Participates as an essential part of the family unit □Plays games that encourage teamwork □Encourages and supports talents, hobbies and special skills □Willing to try new things/takes risks □Promotes independences in all home activities Full participation as a family member helps to prepare individuals for successful adult living.

WORKPLACE	COMMUNITY	HOME
PRODUCTIVITY / QUALITY OF WORK	PRODUCTIVITY/QUALITY OF PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY-BASED ACTIVITIES	PRODUCTIVITY/QUALITY OF HOME-BASED ACTIVITIES
□Completes assigned tasks within time frame expected by employer □Works at appropriate rate □Work completed meets quality standards as defined by employers □Requests appropriate workplace accommodations	Date: □ Prepares ahead of time for participation in community event by: □ talking about the activity □ understanding the expectations □ Gives his/her best effort □ Demonstrates good coping skills with changes in schedule □ Understands disability and is prepared to ask for accommodations when needed and appropriate □ Uses self-monitoring strategies for workplace evaluation purposes Having a good attitude and trying your best is essential. COMMUNICATION AND SOCIALIZATION with	Date: □Completes assigned chores within time frame expected by parent □Completed chores meet quality standards as defined by parent □Demonstrates good coping skills with changes in plans □Understands disability and is prepared to ask for help when needed and appropriate High expectations are essential in all aspects of life. COMMUNICATION AND SOCIALIZATION with Family,
AND SOCIALIZATION with Supervisor and Co-workers	Community Workers and Staff	Friends and Support Staff
□Greets co-workers as appropriate □support staff □co-workers □supervisors □Demonstrates a good attitude, at all times □Speaks respectfully to: □supervisor □co-workers □support staff □customers	Date: ☐Greets others/retail & food service workers/coworkers/ as appropriate ☐support staff ☐retail/food services workers ☐co-workers ☐supervisors ☐Demonstrates a good attitude, at all times ☐Aware of and follows social boundaries ☐Uses technology appropriately ☐cell phone ☐Uses restrooms appropriately	Date: □Greets family, friends, guests and support staff, as appropriate □Practices conversation skills □listens attentively □speaks with appropriate volume □uses manners □works on non-verbal communication (facial expressions, gestures and eye contact) □Demonstrates a good attitude, at all times □Friendly to others

WORKPLACE	HOME	COMMUNITY
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eaks and lunch lows chain of command ows enthusiasm for the job by g initiative and showing	□Uses current events to engage conversation □news □weather □sports □entertainment □Follows established househo □Practices advocacy skills □asks questions □states opinions □identifies concerns □indicates preferences as □Has a strong social network	

WORKPLACE	COMMUNITY	HOME
UTILIZING WORKPLACE NATURAL SUPPORTS AND/OR JOB COACHING	UTILIZING COMMUNITY-BASED NATURAL SUPPORTS	UTILIZING HOME-BASED SUPPORTS
Requests helps from supervisor/co-worker as appropriate Initiates request for help at appropriate time Keeps supervisor informed when job duties are complete or moves on to additional tasks without direction Follows job coach instructions	Date: ☐ Requests help from community agency staff or others as appropriate ☐ Initiates request for help at appropriate time ☐ Responds to and follows instructions from community members in: ☐ fast food restaurants ☐ retail stores ☐ restaurants ☐ recreation/entertainment sites Promoting independence in the community should start early. Practice often and recognize achievement of skills.	Date: Requests help from family members as appropriate Initiates requests for help at appropriate time Keeps family member informed when chores are completed Follows family member instructions School staff and families should share strategies to promote independence in all domains.
MOBILITY/COMMUNITY SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS	MOBILITY/COMMUNITY SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS	MOBILITY/COMMUNITY SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS
☐ Uses public transportation to get to job/work training site (OR) ☐ Uses paratransit to get to job/work training site (OR) ☐ Provides own transportation (drive, walk, bike, ride from family/friend/co-worker)	Date: □Uses public transportation schedules to access a variety of locations in the community □Uses paratransit to get to work training site if needed □Utilizes other transportation options: □drive □walk □bike □ride with family or friend	Date: □Utilizes a variety of transportation options when traveling with family members or friends: □drive □walk □bike □ride with family member/friend □Schedules para-transit ride if needed □Puts on own seat helt

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Follows all safety precautions needed to get to job/work training site	□Follows all safety precautions needed for community travel □Scrossing streets □walking in a parking lot □Avoids strangers/takes safety precautions □Uses a cell phone to report location to a family member or support staff	□Uses a cell phone to communicate with family members and friends (text/call) □Practices all safety precautions at home: □Knows when and how to use 911 □Knows when and how to answer the front door when home alone □Utilizes appliances appropriately

Notes:

- 1) Person Centered/Driven Planning (PCP/PDP) should be used to develop a plan to ensure buy-in and commitment to the process of promoting positive lifestyle outcomes. The student, family, school staff, community agency reps and other invited guests work together to identify student preferences, future expectations, action steps in the areas of education, employment, independent living, transportation, health and fitness, as well as recreation. This planning process can lay the groundwork for effective plan development including: Education's Individual Education Plans (IEPs) & Individual Transition Plans (ITPs), Individual Program Plan (IPP) with the Regional Center and Individual Plan for Employment (IPE) with Department of Rehabilitation (DOR).
- 2) The student, school staff and parents should work together to develop meaningful Individual Education Plans (IEPs), incuding Individual Transition Plans (ITPs) that support participation in work experience and integrated competitive employment.
- 3) Identifying appropriate accommodations for both academic and employment settings is critical to short-and-long term success.
- 4) Learning about Social Security Administration (SSA) Benefits Planning & Management is an essential strategy to support long term, Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE). This includes learning about SSA Work Incentives; i.e.: Student Earned Income Exclusion (SEIE), Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE), Expedited Reinstatement (EXR), etc.
- 5) Ongoing job supports & follow-up services must be identified, monitored, evaluated and consistently applied to ensure long term job retention.
- 6) CIE is essential to providing quality of life for individuals with moderate to severe disabilities.

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