

Policy # 4.09

Project SEARCH

1. Scope of Service

Project Search is a one-year school-to-work transition-training program for VR eligible youth, with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities that meet the VR criteria for most significantly disabled (MSD). These youth are in their final year of high school, with the goal of entering competitive employment following graduation.

- a) Populations Served: Students from the Jefferson City Public School District and deemed eligible for services by Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation. The district includes Cole County and southern Callaway County. Students referred have the goal of obtaining competitive employment as denoted on the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) and VR individual Plan of Employment (IPE).
- b) Settings: Lincoln University hosts Project Search and services occur on the Lincoln University campus.
- c) Hours of Services: Business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and run concurrently with the Jefferson City Public Schools calendar school year.
- d) Days of Service: Project Search operates weekly, Monday through Friday, during the Jefferson City Public Schools calendar year, observing holidays and "out" days (i.e., parent teacher conferences/teacher workshops), as scheduled. However, under special circumstances and with school approval, services may extend beyond regular days of service based on the student's individual needs.
- e) Frequency of Services: In accordance with the student's IEP and IEP, scheduled services occur each week, Monday through Friday, during the calendar school year.
- f) Referral Sources: The Jefferson City Public School District and Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation refer eligible students.
- g) Fees: As approved by Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation, the following universal, statewide for specific outcomes apply:
 1. Job Readiness Training - Rotation 1 \$1,200 payable
 2. Job Readiness Training - Rotation 2 \$1,200 payable
 3. Job Readiness Training - Rotation 3 \$1,200 payable
 4. Job Search Assistance - Placement \$1,300 payable
 5. On-the-job Supports – 30-day retention ..\$1,800 payable
 6. On-the-job Supports – 90-day retention ..\$2,500 payable
- h) Payer Sources: A third party payer, Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation pays the above fees.
- i) Specific Services Provided: Include but are not necessarily limited to:
 1. Career exploration
 2. Employability skills training
 3. Interest and skills evaluation
 4. Employment skills training
 5. Working interviews
 6. Resume development
 7. Local labor market analysis

8. Assistance in completing applications
9. Provision of job leads
10. Employer contacts
11. Vocational counseling
12. Problem solving
14. Community referral
15. Placement
16. Retention and follow-up services

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