



Date: July 10 through August 10

Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM- Monday through Thursday

Coordinator: Phil Buckley-pbuckley@nrcollab.org

Location: Abington Middle-High School and local job sites

Transportation: Provided by the sending school district.

Program Description

North River Collaborative's Summer Work and Learning Program offers a broad range of transitional services for students between the ages of 14-21 with specialized learning needs. Transitional services are integrated with academic and life skills supports through hands on instruction and opportunities for work experiences such as retail, custodial services, customer service, and food service. Students participate daily in a variety of activities offering instruction in life skills for independent living including: **Daily Living Skills, Social Thinking Skills, Job Exploration, Health and Fitness for Life and Academic Tutoring.** Based on student interest and availability, students will report to unpaid job sites to explore career interests, gain vocational skills and apply academic skills to real world settings. Students may make community trips and participate in travel training. Students will attend daily meetings with peers and staff members during which they share successes about solving problems at job sites, brainstorm perplexing job site issues and assess personal progress towards attaining work readiness skills. Employment expectations, compensation, and self-advocacy skills are also reviewed. The program utilizes the Massachusetts Work-Based Learning Plan to assess student progress toward reaching vocational goals.

Staffing consists of a Coordinator, Job Coaches and Teaching Assistants with experience working with students with a variety of specialized learning and behavior needs. There is at least one staff person for every 3 students; additional staff can be added for students who may need increased supervision.

To Make a Referral or for More Information:

Students are referred to the program through the Special Education Director from the student's local school district. If needed, the program can be tailored for any unique student needs. For additional information please contact Phil Buckley (pbuckley@nrcollab.org) or call Nancy Verseckes at 781-878-6056 x107.