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ACHIEVA
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www.achieva.info/vocational-supports
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ACHIEVA provides an array of vocational services and supports through its adult training facilities, pre-vocational programs, transitional employment, and community-based supported employment services. ACHIEVA is also involved in the Giant Eagle's Career Transition Liaison Project (see below).

AHEDD
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www.ahedd.org
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AHEDD is a private, non-profit organization with a mission to serve the community as a catalyst in the employment and development of persons with disabilities. AHEDD achieves this goal through supported, customized, competitive employment through job coaching, job development, and work incentive counseling for SSI/SSDI beneficiaries. AHEDD is also a Ticket to Work Employment Network.

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh
1800 West Street, Homestead, PA 15120
www.pghvis.org
Representative: Jeremy Gilchrist, Coordinator, Employment Opportunities Project, jgilchrist@pghvis.org, 412-368-4400 x 2242
Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh (BVRS) provides job coaching, placement assistance, and pre-employment transition services for youth who are blind or vision impaired, or who have other disabilities, through the Employment Opportunities Project. BVRS also provides employment supports and job coaching to adults with disabilities through OVR and OID, and is involved in the Giant Eagle's Career Transition Liaison Project (see below).

Giant Eagle's Career Transition Liaison Project
Various retail stores, distribution centers and the corporate office
www.gianteagle.com
Representatives: Barbara Graham, Career Transition Liaison, Barbara.Graham@gianteagle.com, 412-968-5134; Melissa Hall, Career Transition Liaison, Melissa.Hall@gianteagle.com, 412-657-8345
The Career Transition Liaison (CTL) project is a new initiative of Giant Eagle, in partnership with United Way's 21 and Able, to further the Company's impact in the area of employing individuals with disabilities. The CTL guides applicants with disabilities through every step of the process, from partnering with locals schools and community groups to find interested applicants to serving as the point of contact for parents and caregivers. The CTL also assists candidates with all pre-employment tasks as well as works with the Company's managers to ensure the new Team Members will be successful in their departments. Currently, Giant Eagle has two CTLs; Barbara Graham from Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh focuses on high school students in Allegheny County and

Melissa Hall from ACHIEVA focuses on adults in Allegheny County and people of all ages in surrounding counties. Most placements to date are in the retail stores but the Company hopes to expand to the corporate office and distribution centers.

Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania
118 52nd Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
www.goodwillswpa.org
Representatives: Leanne Trdinich, Vocational Support Program Administrator, Leanne.trdinich@goodwillswpa.org, 412-632-1799; Donna Whitehead, Vocational Services Specialist, donna.whitehead@goodwillswpa.org, 412-632-1916.
Goodwill of Southwestern Pennsylvania provides a broad array of employment-related education and workforce development services for people with special needs (as well as other individuals) including community and facility-based assessments, case management, job training, community-based supported employment, transition services, assistive technology resources, job readiness training, job search assistance and job coaching.

Howard Levin Clubhouse (Jewish Residential Services)
2621 Murray Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217
www.jrspgh.org/hlc
Representatives: Jill R. Pawlowski, Director, jpawlowski@jrspgh.org, 412-422-1850; Sarah Hughes, Supervisor, shughes@jrspgh.org, 412-422-1850
The Howard Levin Clubhouse, a program of Jewish Residential Services, is a licensed psychiatric and social rehabilitation program that offers a warm, welcoming community where adults whose lives have been disrupted by mental illness can come together to discover and develop their strengths and abilities, build self-confidence, and gain valuable social and vocational skills.

Jewish Family & Children's Service "EmployAble" Program
5743 Bartlett St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217
www.jfcspgh.org
Representative: Aprilynn Artz, MS, NCC, LPC, aartz@jfcspgh.org, 412-904-5942
EmployAble offers career counseling, specialized workshops, career liaisons, and post-employment support groups to help individuals find and retain meaningful employment.

Milestone
510 Seco Road, Monroeville, PA 15146
www.MilestonePA.org
Representatives: Michelle Altdorfer, Director of Supported Employment, maltdorfer@MilestonePA.org, 412-374-9052 x610; Bill Michalko, Job coach, 412-374-9052 x 660; Manny Gutierrez, mgutierrez@MilestonePA.org, 412-780-4223
Milestone has been improving lives for 45 years. Our intellectual and development services include vocational services, employment services, adult day services, older adult day services, habilitation services, life sharing, and residential services. Our behavioral health services include employment

services, clinical services, day treatment services, deaf services, service coordination, Consumer Drop-in Center, and children's services.

NHS Schools
425 Main Street, P.O. Box 276, Youngstown, PA 15696
www.nhsonline.org
Representative: Halee Krisfalusi, NHS School Director, hkrisfalusi@nhsonline.org, 814-414-2585
The NHS Transition Program prepares students for future vocational placement. Students learn the employment process and soft employability skills. Transition services embrace practical learning and provide experiential teaching and simulated opportunities for young adults in order to enhance their self-esteem, personal growth, and self-discovery process.

PA Connecting Communities
4401 Butler St., Pittsburgh, Pa 15201
Vocational Center, 564 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106
www.paconnectingcommunities.org
Representative: Seth Ringold, Director of Transition, sringold@paconnectingcommunities.org, 412-512-3750; Brittany Novak, Assessment & Training Supervisor, bnovak@paconnectingcommunities.org, 412-915-1249
PA Connecting Communities provides the following services through OVR at the new vocational center: evaluations and assessments of skills and interests; 1:1 job coaching/supportive employment; community-based work assessments that allow individuals to work under supervision before being placed on a job; personal work adjustment training to help individuals develop skills needed to obtain competitive employment; and extended services beyond the typical 90-day training period. All waivers, contracts and school district funding sources will be considered. Contact Eric Ross at 412-621-6151 ext. 207 or eross@paconnectingcommunities.org.

PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
Pittsburgh District Office: 531 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/vocational_rehabilitation/10356
Representatives: Marci Katona M.Ed., CRC, District Administrator, mkatona@pa.gov, 412-392-4952; Michael Sroka M.A., CRC, Business Services Counselor, msroka@pa.gov, 412-392-4963
PA Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) provides vocational rehabilitation services to help Pennsylvanians with disabilities prepare for, obtain or maintain employment. OVR provides a wide range of resources to job seekers with disabilities based on individual need, financial need and eligibility for services. Services may include diagnostic services, vocational evaluations, vocational counseling and guidance, training, restoration services, placement assistance, assistive technology, and support services.

Partners for Quality – Citizen Care, Inc.
1002 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136
www.pfq.org
Representatives: Todd M. Pontious, Manager, Training and Outsourcing Center, toddpontious@pfq.org, 412-771-1596 ext. 10; Julie Bulgarelli, Director of Learning Employment and Retirement Services, Jbulgarelli@pfq.org, 412-771-1596 ext. 11; Stephanie DiBaggio, Transition Services Coordinator, Sdibaggio@pfq.org, 412-264-5593.
Citizen Care's Training and Outsourcing Center is uniquely designed to meet the needs of today's workforce. A staff of highly trained and educated personnel provides job skill training and support services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. Our work training program serves individuals who are not ready for competitive employment and need to improve their skills to maximize their level of performance. Individuals are exposed to a wide variety of job opportunities and work situations in which to develop and refine their skills and explore work-related interests.

Peoples Oakland
3433 Bates Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
www.peoplesoakland.org
Elise Barr, B.S., CPRP, Employment Specialist, eliseb@peoplesoakland.org**,** 412-925-4307
Peoples Oakland has a new Supported Employment Program open to any adult in Allegheny County with a mental illness diagnosis who desires employment. Two Supported Employment Specialists assist individuals with all phases of employment. Services may include career counseling, resume development, job search and leads, job transition assistance, linkage to Benefits Counseling/AHEDD, application assistance, job coaching and development, follow-up services, and more. Referrals can be downloaded from www.peoplesoakland.org or by contacting Supervisor Ann Harris at 412-683-7140 ext. 249.

Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services
4749 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA
www.pmhs.org
Representative: Jeff Bisdee, Program Supervisor, JBisdee@pmhs.org, 412-344-6481
Pittsburgh Mercy Intellectual Disabilities Services provides a full continuum of day supports for people with intellectual disabilities including adult training facilities, facility-based vocational training, community employment, and support services-school to work.

United Way of Allegheny County's 2-1-1 Line and 21 and Able Initiative
1250 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
www.21andable.org; Pa211sw.org
Representative: Mary Anderson Hartley, Consultant, mhartley@uwac.org, 412-298-4403
PA 2-1-1 Southwest connects people with a wide range of services, including employment and training support, through a free, 24/7 confidential phone service and searchable online database. 21 and Able is an initiative focused on ensuring that youth with disabilities transition out of high school with the supports they need to fully enjoy the benefits of adulthood. 21 and Able is also working on solutions to issues such as housing, supports and information throughout Allegheny County, but one

of the primary goals of the initiative is to improve employment opportunities and outcomes for young adults with disabilities. These are a few of our programs: Giant Eagle's Career Transition Liaison Project (see above); #IWantToWork Campaign; legislation to support young adults so they can work summer, nights and weekends like their peers; and policy initiatives to improve employment opportunities for young adults while they are in school and after they graduate.

UPMC Vocational Training Center and Supported Employment Program
1015 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203
www.upmc.com/Services/behavioral-health/autism/adult/Pages/vocational-training.aspx
Representative: Nick Ladavat, vocational specialist, ladavatn@upmc.edu, 412-235-5465
The Vocational Training Center is a community-based vocational training facility serving adults with intellectual disabilities. The program is available to people who would benefit from a structured, therapeutic setting. In many cases, individuals who have a secondary mental health diagnosis. The Supported Employment Program provides job coaching and help in securing and keeping competitive employment for adults who have developmental disabilities, including individuals on the autism spectrum. The program provides an individualized assessment and staff assist in finding jobs that match the person's interests and abilities. The program also includes job assessment and training for transitional-age, high school students preparing to leave the school system.

Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania
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Volunteers of America of Pennsylvania has two workforce development programs in the Pittsburgh region: Project for Freedom and Working Order. Project for Freedom is a 10-week education-to-work program that facilitates the transition of unemployed people with disabilities to full time competitive employment. The program focuses on technology for the workplace, professional development, and broad based customer service support for employment sustainability. Graduates of PFF continue to receive services through a network of community partners. Working Order is a small business incubator that develops and supports entrepreneurship for individuals with disabilities. Shared office space and equipment, business coaching, feasibility planning as well as sales, marketing and technical skills assistance are available to individuals starting their own businesses or searching for alternatives to traditional employment. Working Order has helped more than 200 entrepreneurs launch or grow their businesses.