**Vocational Transition Services**

The Department of Employment Vocational services at CIDNY focuses on assisting all people – with physical, sensory, medical, mental health, learning, or developmental disabilities – to prepare for, find, and maintain employment; attend school; or pursue their vocational aspirations. Workshops aim to help people get on track to apply for work/school and to be equipped with the necessary tools to succeed.

We teach the soft skills needed for success such as effective communication and pre-employment preparations, as well as teach consumers how to advocate for themselves as they continue to college and/or the working world. We also provide college preparation. We also teach about laws that protect people with disabilities.

**Vocation Transition Program Services**

* Empower and support youth and individuals with disabilities as they make transitions to higher education, employment, and adult life.
* Provide presentations, table community events school, virtually, and in person.
* Help individuals develop goals and action plans for successful outcomes.
* Support individual’s efforts to identify and address barriers to their goals.
* Promote cultivation of community connections that will further higher education and address barriers to education and employment.
* Guide through understanding and advocating during IEP meetings.
* Advocacy education for consumers who are unfamiliar with reasonable accommodations.

**Pre-Employment Workshop**

**Schedule**

Workshops are held weekly on Thursdays from 3p.m.-5pm via Zoom.

* 6/5/25 7/24/25
* 6/12/25 7/31/25
* 6/19/25 8/7/25
* 6/26/25 8/14/25
* 7/3/25 8/21/25
* 7/10/25 8/28/25
* 7/17/25

\*Workshop topics and dates are interchangeable based on the overall interests and the number of registered attendees. Zoom link will be emailed prior to workshop.

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**Empowering Your Career Journey**

2025, we will continue our weekly workshops catered to people with disabilities to find employment and overcome barriers.

Weekly Interactive workshops will include a variety of vocational needs. Current Opportunities: Employment, Educational Programs, Trainings, Job Fairs, Internships, Career Development, Technology in the workplace and more.

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