

# INSPIRED BY ABILITY

Competitive employment is our goal!



Inspired by Ability is a 30-week job training program for individuals with disabilities between the ages of 18 to 24. This program will select 8 participants who have exited the school system that are unemployed and encounter barriers to employment.



Participants will be provided services through Parents Alliance Employment Project (PAEP). PAEP is a supportive employment agency who will provide education and training.



Participants will be provided classroom instructions for 2 hours a week where they will learn job readiness and employability skills.



Participants will also participate in unpaid work experiences within the community which allows them to explore different career paths.



Participants will work closely with PAEP staff to be mentored and guided into competitive employment.



**The primary goal of the program is to secure and retain competitive employment!**

## Benefits of Participants

- Independence
- Increases confidence
- Allows participants the opportunity to career explore in a safe environment
- Learn the core concepts when it comes to work
- Portfolio Builder
- Acquire transferable skills to be applied in another capacity
- Given support by Supported Employment Agency (PAEP)
- Gives students the opportunity to network with managers and co-workers
- Participation in a variety of skill-building internships within the community

## What are the requirements to be participants?

- Must be 18-24
- Must have accepted their high school diploma
- Individuals residing in DuPage County
- Must have proof of disability
- Must have a desire to work competitively and develop strong work ethics
- Ability to pass a drug screen and background check
- Participants are expected to play an active role in ALL job related activities
- Have independent hygiene and grooming skills
- Be able to access public transportation (travel training provided by program)

For more information please contact Parents Alliance Employment Project [parents-alliance.org/](http://parents-alliance.org/)

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