

JOBS NOW

PARTNERSHIP



Aloha mai!

Jobs Now Partnership is a new project developed to assist parents and their teen with intellectual or developmental disabilities in their second or later year of high school to increase access to competitive integrated employment. Led by Center on Disability Studies at University of Hawaii, Jobs Now Partnership (JNP) is seeking families from the Leeward district to participate in this new five-year project.

You may have received this flyer from your child's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) counselor or Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) case manager because we are working with these agencies to increase success after high school for students like your son or daughter— a good job or the chance to go to college and then get a good job.

WHAT IS OUR MAIN PURPOSE: To increase access to competitive integrated employment for young people with intellectual or developmental disabilities. We seek to find new and effective solutions in service coordination and delivery in support of future employment for your teen.

The new solutions consist of evidence-based best practices:

1. Parent/Family engagement: Trainings and family support/mentoring
2. Exposure of students to work-based learning and other job exploration activities
3. Person-centered thinking in service planning
4. Employer engagement in hiring people with disabilities

WHO WILL THIS PROJECT SERVE: High school students with intellectual or developmental disabilities and their families from the Leeward District of Oahu who are currently receiving DVR and/or DDD services.

HOW LONG OUR PROJECT CAN WORK WITH YOU: June 2018 to May 2020

WHAT THE STUDENT PROJECT CONSISTS OF: (Fall 2018 to Spring 2020):

- ✓ Training workshops
- ✓ Mentoring based on individualized goals and needs
- ✓ Work-based learning and or other job exploration activities based on individualized goals and needs

WHAT THE PARENT PROJECT CONSISTS OF: (Summer 2018 to Spring 2020):

- ✓ Training workshops: Parents and family members will be invited to a series of 2-hour workshops on a bi-monthly basis. Topics include, but not limited to:
 - Customized Employment - discovering what your child likes to do and recognizing how that can lead to a job;

- Understanding and Requesting Transition Services in IEPs;
 - Charting the Life Course - a set of planning tools that helps map out employment vision for your child and supports and steps needed to reach the goals;
 - Financial Literacy;
 - Benefits Planning (Social Security benefits, health insurance, other benefits programs);
 - Navigating supports among agencies and other non-profit organizations;
 - Transportation;
 - Workplace Accommodations;
 - and others as requested by families.
- ✓ Individual goal-setting sessions with families and students;
 - ✓ Family support in the form of face to face meetings, phone calls, and emails to support skills learned from trainings;
 - ✓ Meet with other parents quarterly to share experiences and strengthen the impact of the project.

HOW THE PROJECT COMPENSATION WORKS:

For your time and effort in participating in this research project, you can receive up to \$200 in gift certificates for grocery stores. You will receive the first \$100 after you complete the baseline data collection, participate in the first quarterly group meeting, and attend the first half of the training workshops. You will receive another \$100 after you attend the rest of the training workshops and complete the post-pilot data collection.

MORE INFORMATION TO REVIEW:

We include a YouTube link for a video about the project: <https://youtu.be/6-pptGR4RV8>

HOW TO REQUEST MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP:

Please contact us if you are interested in participation. If you have any question about the project, our contact information is:

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