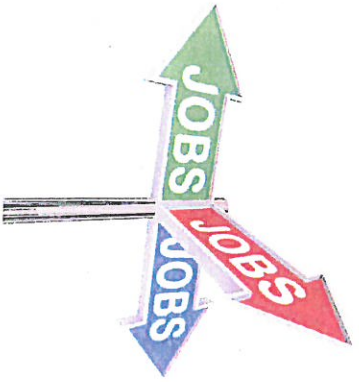


## What is the School 2 Work program?

A program to help students with developmental disabilities leave school with a job and to get connected with adult support services.



## What are the benefits of being a part of School 2 Work?

- ⇒ Students who leave school with a job will be more successful in maintaining work throughout their adult life
- ⇒ Student works with employment specialist to find a good job- match before they leave school
- ⇒ Students get training, Social Security Benefit Planning, resources coordination for students and their families
- ⇒ Practice community-based transportation options before leaving school

## Who is eligible for School 2 Work?

- Students must be eligible for Developmental Disability Administration (DDA) services.
- Students must be willing to apply for, and follow through on, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) services if they qualify.
- Students must be of transition age (20-21) and still in school.
- Students must be committed to integrated community employment, earning at least minimum wage, through an Individual Supported Employment type program.

## Guiding Principles: Employment...

- \* Is inclusive and integrated in the community
- \* Promotes membership and contribution to society
- \* Is for everyone regardless of type of disability
- \* Promotes independence and financial stability

## How do I apply? What is the process?

1. Complete a School 2 Work application and submit it to Spokane County Developmental Disabilities Division, 312 West 8th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204
2. Follow the instructions in your acceptance letter, if you are accepted.
3. Choose an employment agency from the Spokane County Participant Guide.
4. Notify your school and the School 2 Work program which employment agency you choose.
5. Begin working with the employment agency to find a job.

School 2 Work is a partnership with Spokane County school districts, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), and Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department Developmental Disabilities Division.



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School 2 Work is a collaboration between the Developmental Disabilities Division of Spokane County, your school, and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to help students with developmental disabilities, in their last year of school, find jobs before they graduate; because students who have jobs when they graduate are more prepared for adult life than those who don't.

*Everyone can work!*



To print an application for School 2 Work go to  
<http://www.spokanecounty.org/CommunitySVCS/DDP>

Contact us by email @

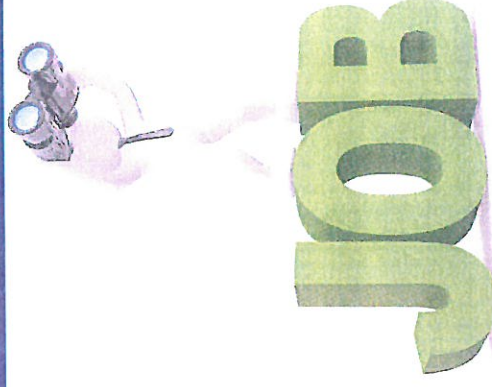
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