TWS-VRS – Transition Services FAQ

1. What does TWS-VRS Transition Services do?

We assist students with disabilities obtain integrative competitive employment upon graduating from High School.

1. What is integrative competitive employment?

It is employment that has people with and without disabilities working together, for at least minimum wage, in comparable position typically found in the community.

1. What services do you have to offer?

Below is a list of services we provide to students:

• Counseling and Guidance

• Vocational Evaluations

• Birkman Assessment

• Short-term individual counseling

• Short-term Autism psychoeducational group counseling

• Short-term Applied Behavioral Analysis

• Short-term ASD supports

• Vocational Adjustment Training

• Personal Social Adjustment Training

• Work adjustment Training

• Work experience coaching

• On the job training

• Summer camps

• Work-readiness training, activities and internships

• Employment services

(i.e. job search assistance and job coaching)

1. Why do you need financial documents?

Any services beyond necessary evaluations, employment services and guidance by the counselor have to take into account whether the family is in financial need. This is assessed during the application for services.

1. Why do you need my child’s social security card?

The student needs to be a U.S. citizen to receive services provided through the government. The student will also need this for employment.

1. Do you help with college?

Yes and No.

We do not prepare students for college, we do not help with the application process for college and we do not provide/facilitate accommodations in college.

We help determine whether college is an appropriate pathway to employment, we provide limited funding, for a limited timeframe, to students who are determined as appropriate for college, we provide devices that are not accessible through the college and we provide guidance to help the student progressively reach their employment goal.

1. What age do you start working with students?

We start working with students as young as 14.

1. Is there a waitlist?

No but there is an application process that can take from 4 – 6 months.

1. Are the services life-long?

No. The services are short-term. The mission to get students that can work, competitively, to work by lessening barriers to employment.

Services that go beyond 4 years are considered too long.

 10. Why are the same services not provided to all who apply?

Services have to be deemed necessary for each particular individual. Some individuals need more services than others. Some individuals have greater barriers than others.

 11. Does my child have to attend every meeting?

Yes. The services are for the student. The student will need to develop a working relationship with their counselor. The counselor will need to grow in her understanding of who the student is and what their needs will be.