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OVR Mission

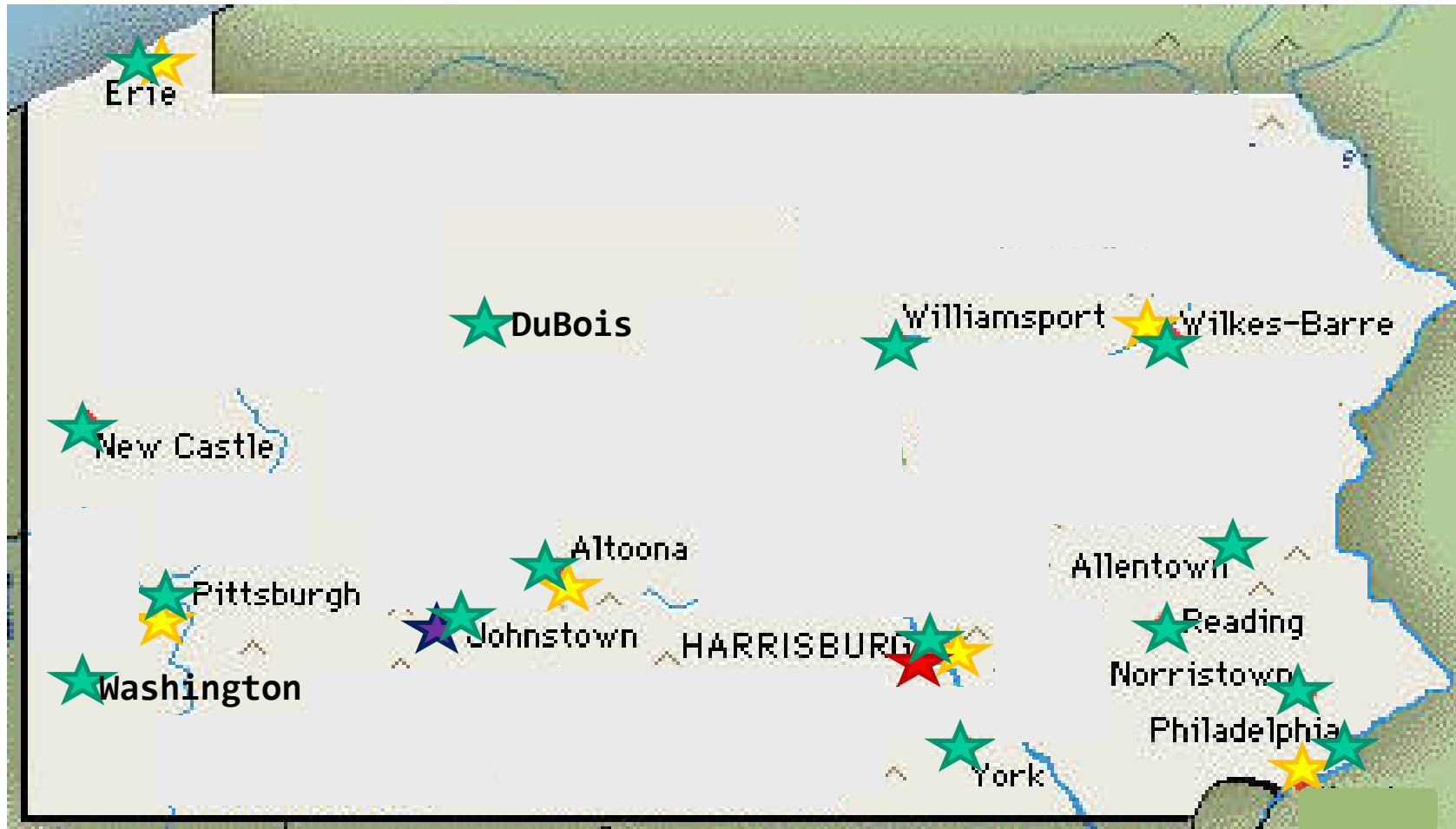


**TO ASSIST PENNSYLVANIANS WITH
DISABILITIES TO SECURE AND MAINTAIN
EMPLOYMENT AND INDEPENDENCE.**

Examples of Disabilities

- ☐ Addiction
- ☐ Amputation
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Epilepsy
- ☐ TBI
- ☐ Mental Illness
- ☐ Muscular Disease
- ☐ Skeletal & Joint Disease
- ☐ Speech Impairment
- ☐ Visual Impairments
- ☐ Learning Disabilities
- ☐ Hearing Impairments
- ☐ Intellectual Disabilities
- ☐ Developmental Disabilities
- ☐ Neurological Disorders
- ☐ Respiratory Disease
- ☐ Spinal Cord Injuries
- ☐ Autism Spectrum Disorders

OVR Locations



Two Parts to OVR



- **Pre-Employment Transition Services (PETS) under WIOA**
 - Group Services
 - Grades 9+
 - Parental Consent Form
 - Individual Services
 - Last Two Years of High School
 - Completed OVR Application
 - www.pacareerlink.pa.gov
- **Adult Services**
 - Individual
 - Open OVR Case

Early Reach Initiative:

PETS Group Presentations (Grades 9-10+)



- OVR 101
- Disability Awareness
- Self-Advocacy
- Career Exploration
- Soft Skills
- Job Search
- Job Applications
- Interviewing
- Personal Finance
- High School Vs. College
- Résumés and Cover Letters



In 2016, Early Reach Services were provided to **over 31,000** students, parents, and professionals.

[Early Reach Commercial](#)

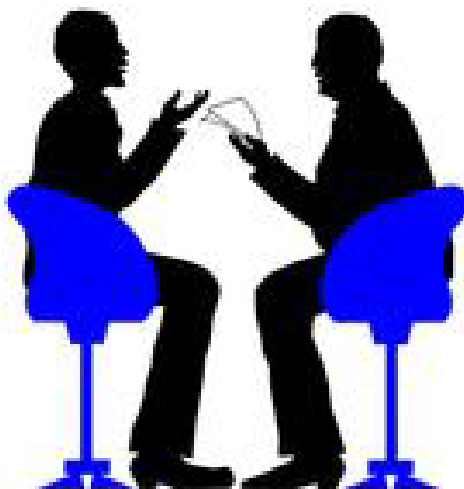
ERC's can be invited to IEP meetings for students prior to last two years.

PETS Group Services: Grades 9-12+



**Employer
Tour**

**Group Travel
Training**



**Employer
Presentation**

**Mock
Interview**



**Group
Shadowing**

OVR - Business Services or PETS Community Rehabilitation Provider Agency

PETS Individual Services: Last Two Years Prior to Accepting Diploma



Educate:

Counseling
& Guidance

Job
Application
Assistance

Experience:

Job
Shadowing



Earn:

Community
Work
Instruction

Paid Work
Experience

VRC's can be invited to IEP meetings for students during last two years.

MY Work Initiative Summer 2018



200+ Students Employed

June 18th – August 17th

\$10.35 an Hour

37.5 Hours / Week

9 weeks

40 Municipalities/Employers

[Student Interviews](#)



Internship Program:

Final Year of High School



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Project | SEARCH

A one-year internship program for students with disabilities in last year of high school. Must be at age 18+ by program start date. Takes place in healthcare setting in Allegheny County.

Total immersion in the workplace facilitates the teaching and learning process as well as the acquisition of employability and marketable work skills. Students participate in three internships to explore a variety of career paths.

UPMC Mercy & UPMC Passavant - 2019

Experience College:

Grades 9-10



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College Bound is a half-day event for students with disabilities in grades 9 and 10 featuring various activities, and presentations on: OVR, Supportive Service, and Career Services.

CCAC Allegheny Campus - March 27, 2019.

CCAC South Campus - April 4, 2019.



Career Bound is a half-day event for students with disabilities in grades 9 and 10 featuring presentations, activities, and live demonstrations of four vocational training programs: Food Service, Environmental Services, Building Maintenance, and Healthcare Professional.

CCAC North Campus - April 5, 2019.

Experience College:

Grades 11-12+



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University for a Day is half-day event for students with disabilities in grades 11 and 12 featuring: Admissions, and Center for Student Success Presentations, Campus Tour, RISE Center Tour and Demonstrations.

Robert Morris University - May 2019

Launch Academy

Launch Academy is a 5 day event (M-F) for students with disabilities aged 16-21. Completed Launch application required. Students participate in various activities focused on career exploration and workplace readiness such as: college tours, workplace tours, presentations & mock interviews.

CCAC Allegheny & South Campuses - June 2019

Experience College: Final Year of High School



**Promoting Academic Success
(PAS)**

A One Credit Course designed specifically for high school seniors with learning differences who desire an opportunity to explore post-secondary options. Students will focus on effective strategies for transitioning from a high school setting to a post-secondary education.

Must have open OVR case.

Regional CCAC Campuses - Spring 2019

2017-2018 Numbers: Pittsburgh OVR



151 IEP Meetings Attended

423 High School Student Job Referrals to Employers

368 High School Student Part-Time/Summer Jobs

27,506 Students Received PETS Services

Adult OVR Services



**Diagnostic
Evaluations**



**Counseling &
Guidance**



FREE

**Placement
Assistance/
Business Services**



Adult OVR Services

**Post-Secondary
Training**



Cost

Restoration



**Supportive
Services**



**Job
Coaching**



**Based on
Family
Income**

Employment

90

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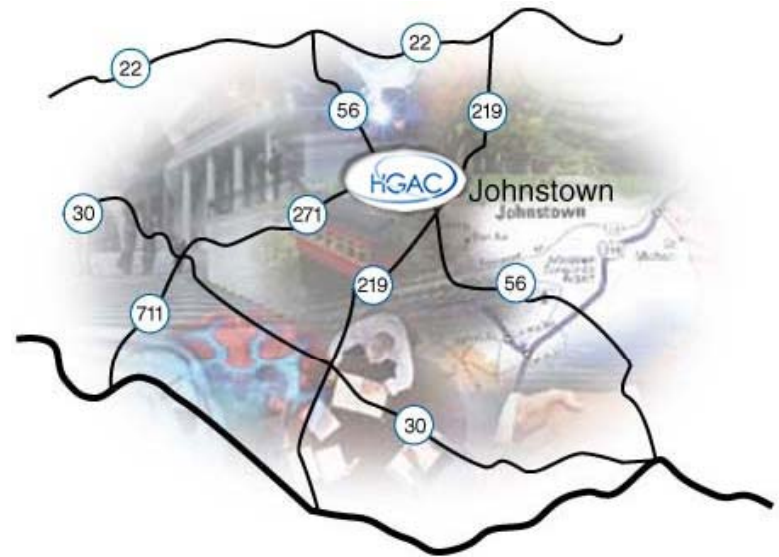


- 12-Acre Campus
- On-Campus Dorms
- Vocational/Rehabilitation Services
 - Vocational Evaluation
 - Deaf Services
 - Autism Support Group
 - Cognitive skills Enhancement Program (CSEP)
 - Center for Assistive & Rehabilitation Technology (CART)
- Commonwealth Technical Institute (CTI)
 - Associate, diploma, & continuing education programs



CTI: Supports

- Center for Occupational Readiness
 - English
 - Math
 - Reading
 - Life Management Skills
- Driver Education
- Academic Success Center
- Financial Aid



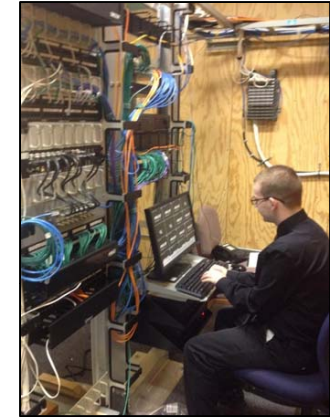
Accredited by: Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)
Licensed by: Pennsylvania State Board of Private Licensed Schools

CTI: Associate & Diploma Programs



- Degree Programs

- ASB Medical Office Assistant
- AST Architectural Drafting
- AST Culinary Arts
- AST Dental Laboratory Technician
- AST Mechanical Drafting
- AST Networking and Telecommunications Technology



- Diploma Programs

- Automotive Technology
- Building Maintenance
- Business Retail Sales
- Culinary Arts – Kitchen Helper
- Materials Management and Distribution
- Nurse Aide
- Office Technology
- Welding Technology



- Certificates of Completion

CTI: Externships, Partnerships, & Career Pathways



- Conemaugh Health System
- University of Pittsburgh
- City of Johnstown
- CVS Pharmacy
- First Commonwealth Bank
- Capri Pizza
- Stackhouse Park



FREE Resource: PA Planning For the Future Checklist App



Keywords: PA Planning For the Future



United Way Checklist



GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL



- Checklist to guide transition conversation & connection to services
- Local Resource Websites/Phone Numbers provided based upon location.
- Note Taking

Questions / Connect With Us



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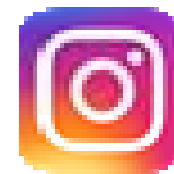
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