

Benefits to Community Partners

- Provide opportunities for staff through the mentoring of students
- Strengthen ties to the community
- On-the-job experience for students who will be entering the workforce post graduation
- Provide the opportunity to strengthen six key soft, skill areas, which will provide a competitive advantage for achieving career goals. -
 - communication
 - enthusiasm and attitude
 - teamwork
 - networking
 - problem solving and critical thinking
 - professionalism.

Questions?

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Occupational Course of Study Community Based Work Hours Partnership

Exceptional Children's Division



What is the Occupational Course of Study (OCS)?

- The OCS Pathway is intended for students who function significantly below age and grade level expectations.
- Students on the OCS Pathway may need the following:
 - Direct Instruction
 - Repeated Directions and hands-on instruction
 - Explicit instruction and directions
- Students on the OCS Pathway who meet all requirements do receive a State High School Diploma upon graduation.

How Can You Help?

- Partnering with a local school
- Hosting placements at your establishment
- On-the-job skills training for students

Supports Provided by OCS Staff

- Transportation to and from your business
- Training support for you and your staff
- Direct/in-direct instruction and support to the students
- Collaboration throughout their placement with you and your establishment

Liability

Every student who participates on a community work experience must have parent permission and medical insurance.

Schools and employers who engage in training for youth with disabilities outside of the classroom must adhere to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Our Current Partnerships

*American Dream Cakes
*Antique to Chic *Autozone
*Coffee Haven *Food Lion
*Folkstone Church Food Bank
*Ford ??? Which One?
*The Landings at Swansboro
*Hampton Inn *Lowe's Foods
*Horse & Family *IQuILOIC
*Jacksonville Courthouse
*Possum Woods Acres
*Public Library
*Onslow Feed and Grain
*Richlands Great Outdoors
*Sanders Auto *Sturgeon City
*S&H Feed & Grain
*Salvation Army Food Pantry
St. Regis
Triple C Bakery