

Five Engaging Program Elements

Horticultural Skills Training
and internship program in
partnership with Smile Farms.



Independent Living House, a fully accessible SMART home provides an innovative setting for youth to learn daily living skills.

Culinary Skills Training
for hands-on learning and
hospitality career exploration.



Our Youth Transition Services program offers individualized and customized activities to meet the IEP goals of students, ages 14-22, with a variety of disabilities. These cost-effective half and full day services can be provided at The Viscardi Center or District-based. The work-based learning curriculum is accomplished through internships, job site visits, travel training and community service outings.



PAES Lab (Practical Assessment and Exploration System), where a classroom becomes a work development lab, students become employees, and teachers become employers.



Community Work Experiences, help students develop real-world job skills and hands-on knowledge while preparing them for future employment.

Additional Transition Services

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES PROGRAM (Pre-ETS)

- ★ STRIVE/EXPLORE program for students, ages 14 – 22 with and without an open ACCES-VR Case, intended to provide an early start to career exploration and prepare participants for gainful employment and independence following graduation from high-school.

SUMMER PROGRAM – SIX WEEKS

- ★ Comprehensive learning program that prevents substantial regression for students ages 14 – 22. The program features educational/social excursions, travel training and classroom activities.

SATURDAY/SUMMER RECREATION AND RESPITE PROGRAMS

- ★ A free, activity and community-based program offered for Town of North Hempstead residents, ages 8 & up, who are eligible for services by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

CDOS PROGRAM

- ★ Structured to meet all the work-readiness requirements specified by the State of NY, including community service/learning projects, community-based work experience, job shadowing and in-school business enterprises.

BUSINESS TOURS

- ★ Guided visits to local businesses that introduce students to workplace environments and career options while connecting classroom learning to real-world settings.

PROSPER PROGRAM

- ★ One year, half day vocation-focused program to increase attendance and reduce dropout rates of at-risk high school juniors and seniors both classified and unclassified. Students spend time on college campuses, tour local businesses to explore career paths and participate in peer mentoring/shadowing experiences.

AFTER SCHOOL SOCIALIZATION PROGRAM

- ★ Unique learning opportunities addressing social development and keeping students engaged in meaningful activities at the end of the school day. A wide range of activities, including academic enrichment, homework assistance, and recreational programming.

JOB COACHING SERVICES

- ★ Stand-alone job coaching services available.

TRAVEL TRAINING

- ★ Builds skills for safe and independent travel, including street safety, use of public transportation, reading schedules, and route planning.

Post-Secondary Programs

CULINARY SKILLS VOCATIONAL TRAINING

- ★ Skills-based training introducing participants to a wide variety of hospitality career opportunities. This hands-on course covers kitchen essentials, food preparation, workplace/food safety, menu planning, customer service, money handling and more. The program boasts a 100% graduate job placement rate.
**Bureau of Proprietary School Supervision Certificate

DAY HABILITATION WITHOUT WALLS

- ★ Comprehensive support and services for adults of all ages with developmental and physical disabilities seeking a personalized, community-based day habilitation experience to continue learning and independent skill development. Three specialized programs for young adults, adults, and seniors.

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Programs include, functional academics and life skills development.



Students gain real-world experience by running small business projects, building teamwork, developing responsibility, and gaining practical workplace skills.



Travel training, includes use of the bus, railroad, and subway.

Additional Programs at The Viscardi Center

- ★ Inclusive Higher Education
- ★ Employment Training and Placement
- ★ Job Coaching and Supported Employment
- ★ Social Security Disability Benefits Counseling (WIPA)