Project | SEARCH

HENRY FORD WEST BLOOMFIELD HOSPITAL

Preparing young people with significant disabilities for success in integrated, competitive employment.

What is Project | SEARCH?

- A unique, one year, business-led, school to work transition program serving young adults with disabilities, with a current IEP, ages 18-26. The program location occurs at the business site.
- A seamless combination of classroom curriculum instruction paired with workplace immersion that involves three 10-week unpaid, different internship rotations providing real work life experiences alongside hospital staff, to develop and acquire independent competitive job skills. Skills trainers provide the job coaching for the interns during their rotations.
- Project SEARCH classroom curriculum units are: Team Building, Workplace Safety, Technology, Self-Advocacy, Maintaining Employment, Financial Literacy, Health and Wellness, Preparing for Employment and Social & Communication
- Project | SEARCH is a collaborative effort of these partnering organizations: Henry Ford Health -West Bloomfield Hospital, West Bloomfield School District, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Bureau of Services for the Blind, New Horizons Rehabilitation, Oakland Schools, Oakland Community Health Network/ OCHN, CLS and MORC.

About Project | SEARCH

- Opportunities to grow and develop independent job skills, problem solving skills, as well as transportation skills via learning and using public or private transportation.
- There are over 800 Project |SEARCH sites globally across 48 states in the United States and 9 countries. The state of Michigan has 19 sites. The site at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital was established in 2011.
- Real lives, Real Success. Since 2010, Project SEARCH has served over 50,000 interns. 75% of the graduates achieve employment upon program completion.
- **Acceptance is a process which includes completing the program application requirements, participating in an interview with the selection committee and a skills assessment.**

To learn more visit www.projectsearch.us or contact:
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Applicants should plan to attend one open house and the virtual application meeting.

2026 -2027 in-Person Open House Events for Prospective Families & School Staff

Thursday, November 12, 2026	*9:30 – 10:30 am*	*In-Person*	*Address: 6777 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield 48322 Enter main entrance –Demonstration Kitchen*
Thursday, December 3, 2026	*9:30– 10:30 am*	*In-Person*	*Address: 6777 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield 48322 Enter main entrance –Demonstration Kitchen*
Wednesday, January 27, 2027	*9:30 – 10:30 am*	*In-Person*	*Address: 6777 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield 48322 Enter main entrance –Demonstration Kitchen*
Tuesday, February 23, 2027	*9:30- 10:30 am*	*In-Person*	*Address: 6777 W. Maple Rd. West Bloomfield 48322 Enter main entrance –Demonstration Kitchen*
Thursday, March 11, 2027	*12:30 – 1:30 pm*	*Virtual*	*Application Information Meeting via Microsoft Teams - A link will be sent to email provided on the open house sign in sheet.*

***Business Requirement – Participation in Project SEARCH at Henry Ford Health requires a TB test, Flu Shot & up to date immunizations. Covid Vaccine + at least 1 Booster are highly recommended.**