PROJECT SEARCH

Get trained. Learn skills. Gain Employment



OUR LOCATIONS

Banner Estrella Hospital

MON - FRI / 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Banner Estrella Hospital
9201 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ 85037

Renaissance Hotel

MON - FRI / 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale
Hotel & Conference Center
9495 Entertainment Blvd.
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WELCOME TO PROJECT SEARCH

Project SEARCH is an international program model empowering young adults with disabilities to make a successful transition from school to adult life. Participants will learn relevant, marketable professional skills.

This unpaid internship is one school year in length and takes place entirely within the host business. The total workplace immersion facilitates the teaching and learning process through continuous feedback and the acquisition of employability and competitive work skills.

The goal for each intern upon completion of the program is competitive employment within the community.

COMPANIES THAT HAVE HIRED PROJECT SEARCH INTERNS

> dd's Discounts
> Deer Valley Unified
> Crumbl Cookies
> First Watch
> Fry's
> Goodwill
> Harkins Theaters
> Litchfield Elementary
> Luke Air Force Base
> Macy's Warehouse
> McDonald's
> Pebble Creek Restaurant
> Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Conference Center
> SanMar

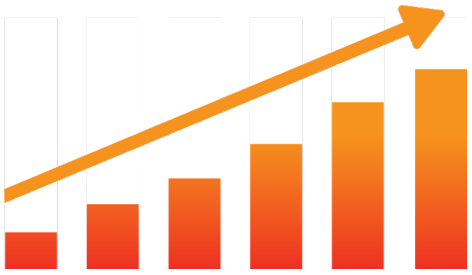
"I learned about Project SEARCH at a job fair and I wanted to work in a hotel so I figured this would be a great starting place for me. I think I do really well in my role and I just love helping out everybody."

- Eric Whipple, Former Project SEARCH intern
Employed at Renaissance Phoenix Glendale Hotel & Conference Center



PROJECT SEARCH
A FASTER WAY FORWARD





Our employment rate averages more than 80% each program year, significantly higher than Arizona's 61% integrated employment rate for individuals with disabilities.

(Annual Disability Statistics Compendium, 2024 State Report for County-Level Data)

YOUR NEXT STEPS

1. Project SEARCH applications are open from Mid-October though end of July annually.*

2. If interested in applying, visit website to learn more: **west-mec.edu/project-search/**

3. To apply immediately go to: **focus.west-mec.edu/focus/apply/**

4. After you apply, interviews will take place and you will be notified if you are selected.

5. If selected you will receive enrollment information.

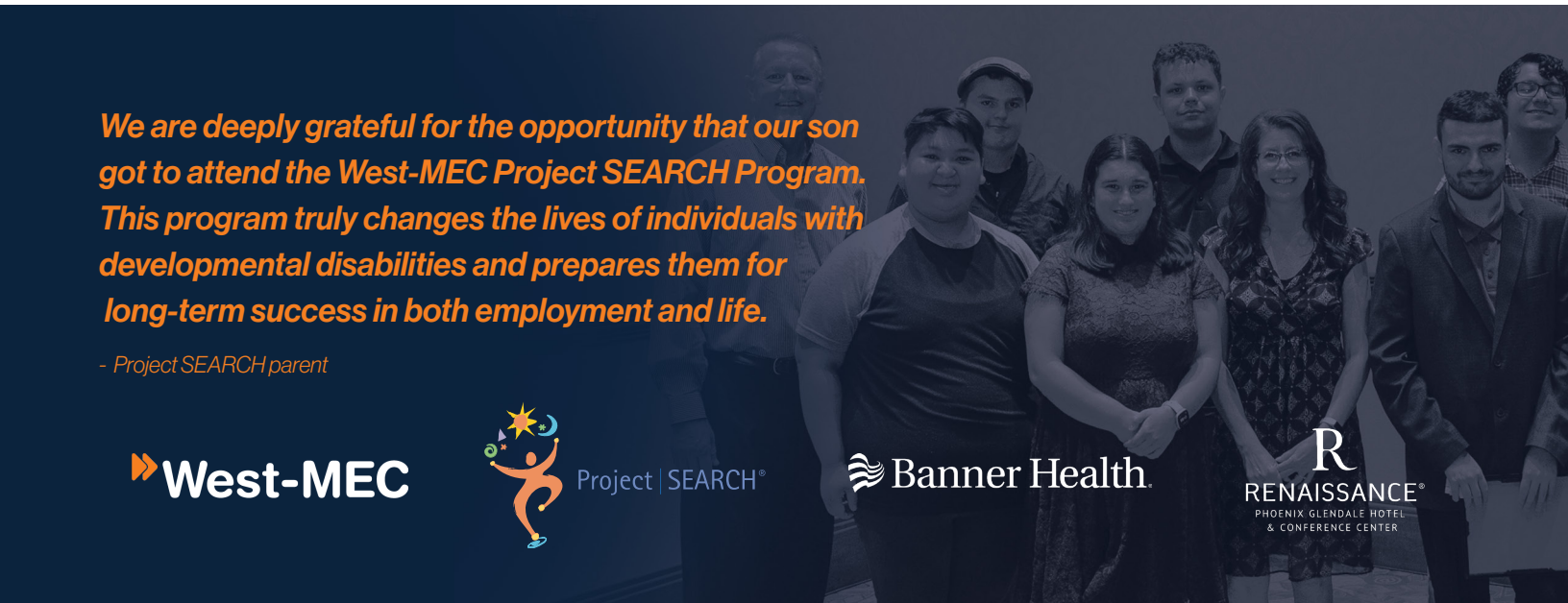
6. Enrollment process will include mandatory meetings to ensure a successful transition into Project SEARCH.

* *Vocational Rehabilitation funding support may be available to qualified individuals. Please note the eligibility process may take several months.*

To apply for Vocational Rehabilitation visit: **des.az.gov/services/employment/rehabilitation-services/vocational-rehabilitation-vr**

We are deeply grateful for the opportunity that our son got to attend the West-MEC Project SEARCH Program. This program truly changes the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and prepares them for long-term success in both employment and life.

- Project SEARCH parent



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