

New Dimensions

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS



A Description of Services for Attendees and their Families, Guardians and Caseworkers

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Vocational Training and Work Experience

YOU CAN DO IT!

At New Dimensions, we believe that everyone can work in the community and no one who wants to work will be excluded from our program. In fact, we know that the more interested you are in working the greater chance you will have for success

WE CAN START NOW!

We will begin working together immediately to identify the type of work you want and quickly begin searching for potential jobs that match your interests.

WE WILL WORK AS A TEAM!

You will work closely with an Employment Specialist who will help coordinate your support team. Your team may consist of the people who already help you on a daily basis—like members of your family, your Case Manager, and staff members at New Dimensions like Job Coaches or trainers. We will meet regularly to make sure we are meeting your employment goals.



OUR FOCUS IS ON YOU!

Our relationships with local employers is very important to us but we know everyone receives the most benefit when we pay attention to what you are saying. You will determine the level of support we provide and we will be there when you need us.

WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

Our facility is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 4:00 and Friday 7:30 to 2:45. Most of our programs take place between 8:00 and 2:30. We are closed for the following holidays: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and the Friday following Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We may also close for hazardous weather and will announce that closure on Channel 5.

Keys Parts of Our Training Program:

- **Career Exploration** – You can take part in tours of local businesses where you may want to work and participate in job shadows to learn more about a specific job or employer.
- **Career Training** – New Dimensions has a wide-variety of job-related curriculums that are designed to help you gain the skills necessary to obtain the job of your choice. Our list of curriculums is always expanding and includes computer courses as well as training directly related to employment as a receptionist, office clerk, cashier, janitor, or other job-specific training program.
- **Career Development** – You may also be able to work at paid jobs here in our Production Department, be part of our lawn care crew, answer our phones and perform basic clerical duties, or gain paid, on-the-job experience at businesses like Tim Horton's, Arby's, Dressed To A Tea, the YMCA, the Red Cross or other local businesses where we have developed a relationship.. Each of these activities provides you with an income while you are training in a setting that helps develop good work habits and addresses any barriers you may have to successful employment.

A Chance to Be Involved

The staff at New Dimensions and many of our program trainees enjoy volunteering at other non-profit organizations in our community. When you're not scheduled to work, you may want to gain valuable work experience by volunteering with us at places like The Salvation Army, the Women's Center, St. James, Bangor Central Elementary, Bethel Lutheran, and local nursing homes. While volunteering is a good way to get involved in your community, it is not a requirement at New Dimensions.

Available Services

<p>SKILL BUILDING Skill Building services are authorized by Case Managers and include pre-employment activities and training to help individuals prepare for competitive employment.</p>	<p>SAMPLE ACTIVITIES Train in our Curriculum Room or work in a supervised setting, like our Production Department or at one of our Skill Building sites to develop basic skills and good habits. Sites include Messiah Lutheran, the Red Cross, Tim Horton's, and The Salvation Army Thrift Shop.</p>
<p>SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT Case Managers and Michigan Rehabilitation Services may refer individuals to our Supported Employment Program.</p>	<p>SAMPLE SERVICES Services include those activities necessary to support the individual as they identify, apply, get hired and maintain a job. Employment Specialists and Job Coaches provide Supported Employment Services.</p>
<p>COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT Case Managers and private insurance agencies may refer individuals for competitive employment services.</p>	<p>SAMPLE EMPLOYERS We have successfully placed individuals at many local businesses in the community.</p>