

STRIVE Post-Secondary Program

Franklin High School

For Students 18- 22



The Strive Vocational Program is designed to prepare students for a successful transition to adult living and work.

This lifeskills/vocational program provides students, ages 18-22 with IEPs, the skills they need to transition onto the next part of their lives after school.

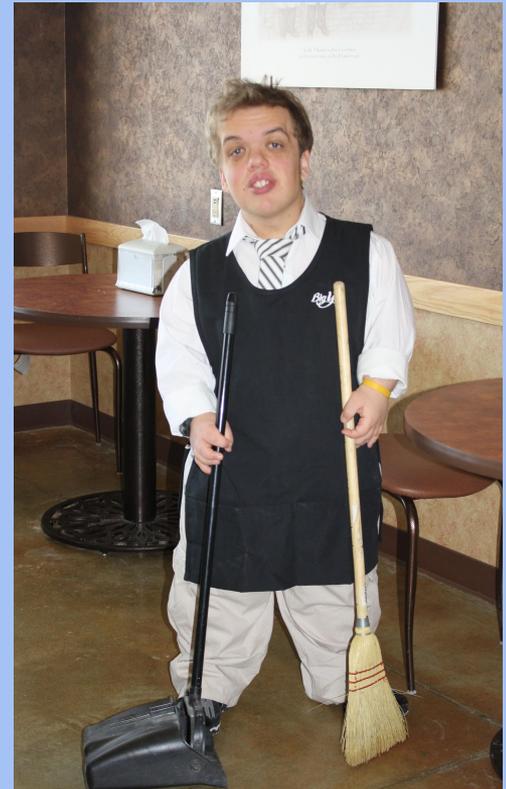
Components of the program:

★ The program works on the goals from the students' Individual Education Program (IEP) and their Transition Plans.

★ Students are taught skills related to functional academics and independent living.

★ Transition Plans are created individually to meet student's individual needs, based on interest inventories, transition, and vocational assessments.

★ The students' needs and accommodations are determined to ensure the right job placement in the community.



Who provides this program?

★ A special education teacher: Amanda Notz

Mrs. Notz provides specialized instruction in functional academics life skills and vocational skills. She collaborates with the families to ensure skills are transferred at home and with state agencies for a smooth transition after the program.

★ A job coach: Carol Merchant

Mrs. Merchant administers transition and vocational assessments and does vocational planning with the students. She makes community connections with stores, restaurants, libraries, and other sites to provide the best placement for the students. At the job sites, Mrs. Merchant coaches the students as they learn the skills for their positions.

Who provides this program?

★ An Educational Support Professional (ESP):

Susan Catterall

Mrs. Catterall supports Mrs. Notz and the students in the classroom. She also goes out into the community and supports students at their job placements.

★ Speech and Language Therapist (SLP):

Kathleen Shipos

Mrs. Shipos does social pragmatic and language work with students to prepare them for interacting in the work place.

State Agency Partners:

Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS)

DDS' mission is to create, in partnership with others, innovative and genuine opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate fully and meaningfully in, and contribute to, their communities as valued members

Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC)

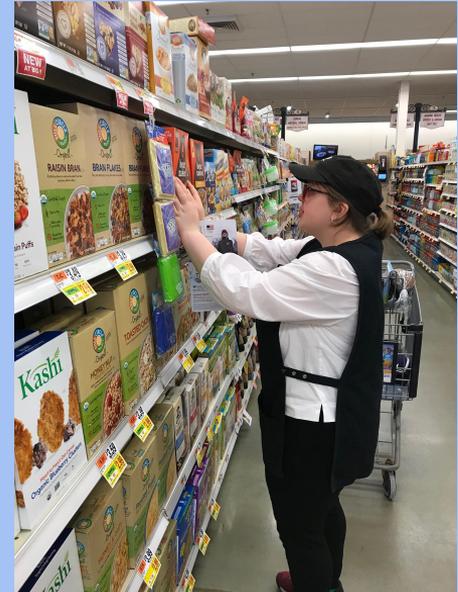
MRC helps individuals with disabilities to live and work independently. MRC is responsible for Vocational Rehabilitation, Community Living and eligibility determination for the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) federal benefits programs.

What happens in the classroom:

- ★ **Functional Academics- Reading/Writing/Math**
- ★ **Vocational Skills, Social and Leisure Skills**
- ★ **Cooking, Gardening, Cleaning, and Laundry**
- ★ **Vocational Assessments, Interest Inventories**

What happens at the job sites?

- ★ **Applying their vocational and social skills**
- ★ **Learning job specific skills**
- ★ **Coaching, reteaching and redirecting**



Community Partners:



Franklin
MASSACHUSETTS

Hockomock YMCA

Walgreens

Judy's Village Flowers

Marshall's

Bath and Body Works

Chili's Restaurant

Hampton Inn

Kohl's

Big Y

Bellingham Library

Summit Medical

Pure Hockey

Milford Hospital

Froyo

Vet Med

Meals On Wheels

Elizabeth's Bagels

East Central Car Wash

Stony Brook Wildlife Sanctuary

"3" Restaurant

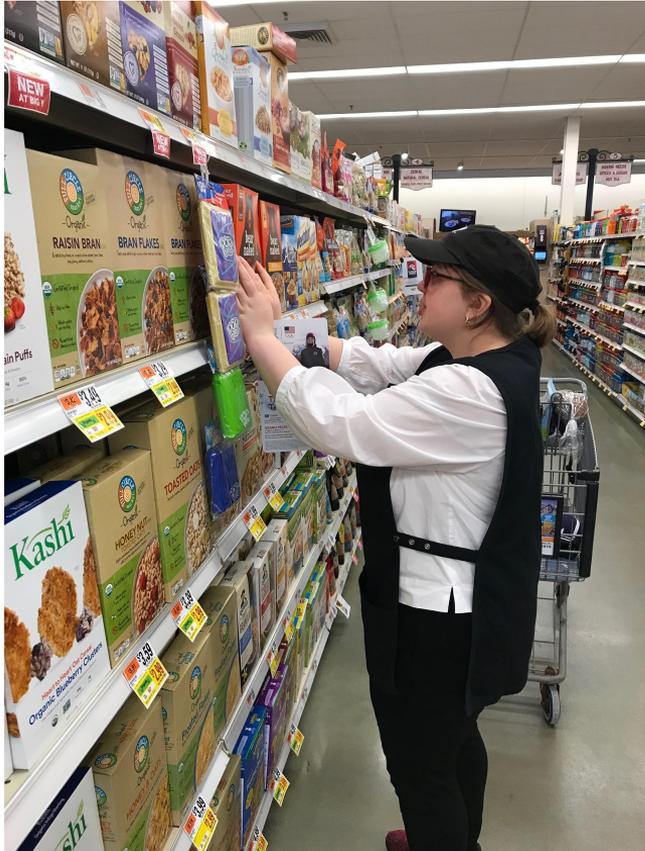
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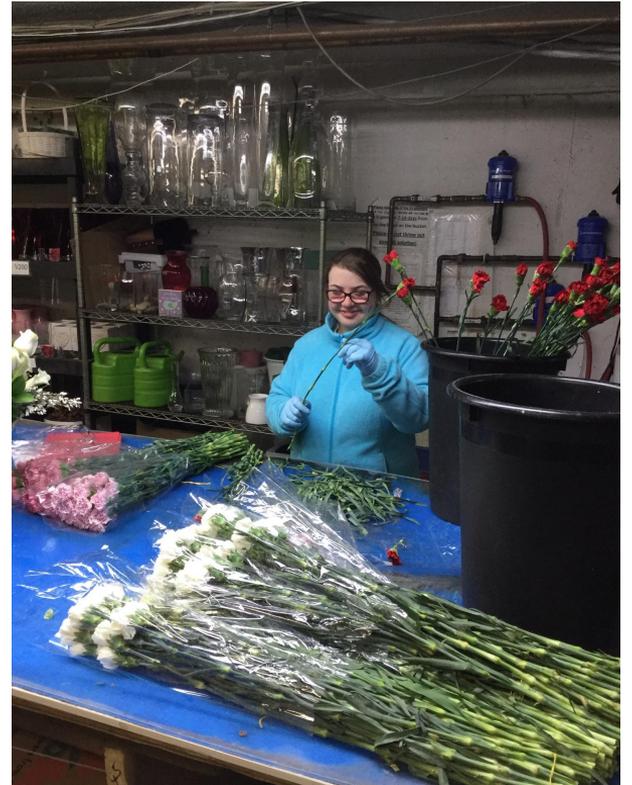
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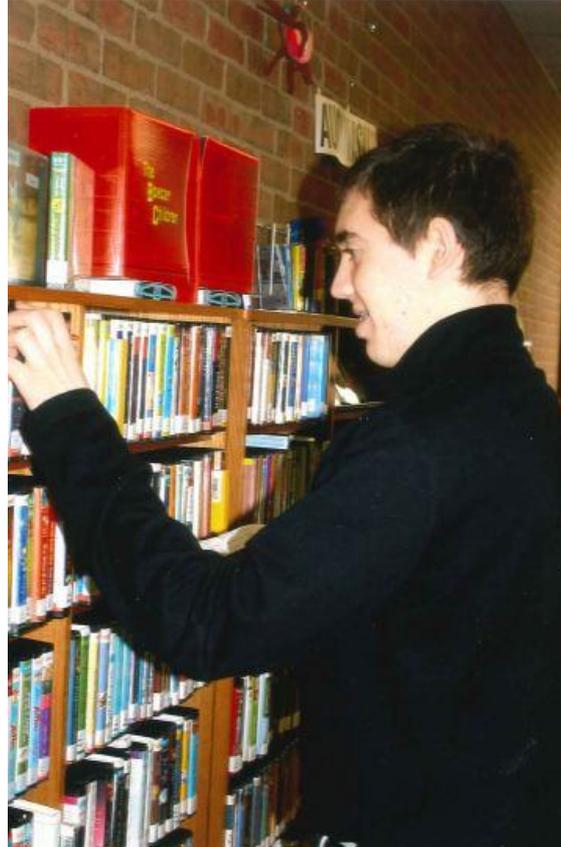
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Bellingham Library



Kohl's Department Store



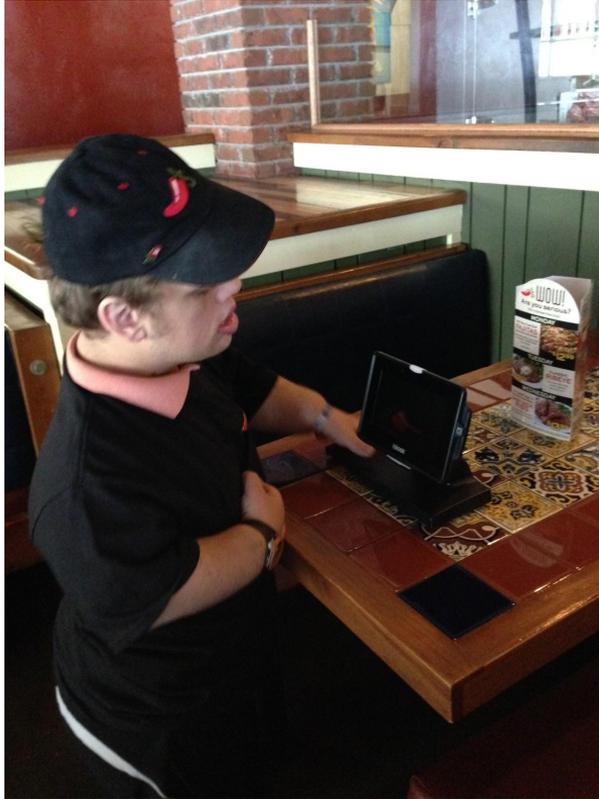
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