



HEIDT
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

TRANSITION PROGRAM

Students who are between 18-21 years old

Career & life skills training up to age 21.
Includes internship, job coaching, and
connections with local businesses.



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Approved provider through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

FOUNDATIONAL

Building the Basic (1:4 RATIO)

Interns in the Foundational group are building the essential skills needed for future employment. They focus on following checklists, expressing needs, learning workplace terminology, and developing the basic habits that form the foundation for success in any job setting. The jobs they complete are often done in a small group working closely with staff.

APPLIED

Putting Skills into Action (1:4 RATIO)

Applied interns take the foundational skills they've learned and begin putting them into practice. They work on following multi-step directions, completing more complex tasks, and applying their learning in real-world situations with support as needed. The jobs they complete are ones throughout the school.

PROFESSIONAL

Working Independently (1:4 RATIO)

Professional interns have mastered foundational and applied skills and can demonstrate independence in daily living and employment settings. They focus on strengthening executive functioning skills—such as organization, time management, and problem-solving—to prepare for success in competitive workplaces. They often apply these skills while completing jobs within the community and around the school.





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AMBASSADORS

Leading by Example



Ambassadors are experienced interns who have completed a full year in the transition program and take on higher levels of responsibility. They serve as role models for other classes, including foundational and high school programs, and hold embedded school roles such as lunch line support and peer mentorship. They also frequently participate in community-based jobs, applying their skills in real-world settings.



The transition program helped me become a better adult. I got real work experience at places like *I Am Coffee*, trying different jobs and seeing what fits. The staff helped with the boring but important stuff: job applications and resumes. I've grown a lot—learning to lead, take feedback, and be responsible. The finance lessons were super helpful: insurance, credit scores, borrowing, and budgeting.





The Heidt Center of Excellence is an approved Ohio Autism and Jon Peterson Scholarship provider



COMMUNITY WORKSITES AND PARTNERSHIPS:

Our interns gain valuable work experience through partnerships with organizations, including U.S. Bank, Crayons to Computers, Aspiritech, Taglio's, Brewhaus Dog Bones, Matthew 25 Ministries, I Am Coffee, among many others.

CAMPUS-BASED JOBS AND WORKPLACE READINESS:

Interns engage in various on-site opportunities such as the Culinary Program, the PAES Lab (Practical Assessment Exploration System), the Recycling Program, B.O.A.T. (Building Operations Art and Technology), Monthly Career Speaker and Mock Interview sessions, working at the Got Special Kids Store, as well as job development classes and coaching.

PLEASE CONTACT OUR INTAKE DEPARTMENT TO SCHEDULE A VISIT

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