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Employment Project



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Providing Realistic Opportunities to Mentor On-Site Training for Employment Skills

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Partnering Organizations:



Western Michigan University's Department of Psychology
Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD)

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Program Focus

1. Focused on securing and maintaining paid employment for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other disabilities sixteen years and older.
2. Provide behavior-based supports before, during, and after gaining paid employment (vocational and job-related social skills) in a community training center and on-site at employment locations.

Student Employment Outcomes

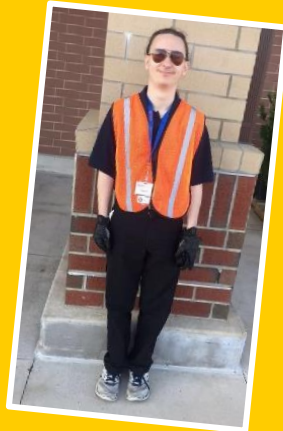
Student Highlight

This year, Trevor Radny was awarded the 2018 Michigan Council for Exceptional Children,

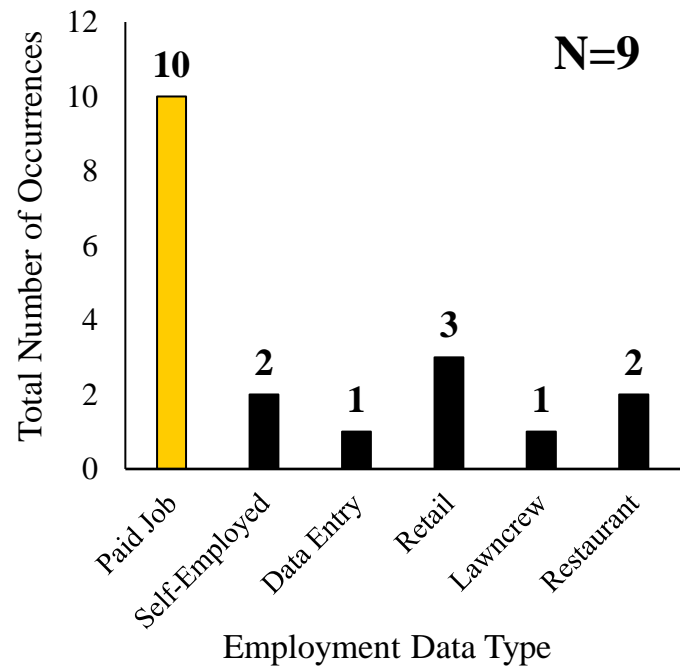
Yes I Can! Award

This award recognizes truly exceptional students who excel and who serve as role models to others.

Trevor has participated in PROMOTES for two years, and has maintained paid employment for eight months at Meijer.



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Dissemination Activities

- Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., Peck, K. M., & Field, S. (2018, February). The effects of first-person point-of-view video modeling as a strategy for teaching job-related social skills. In E. L. Sorenson (Chair), *Let's get to work: ABA approaches to teaching employment skills*. Paper to be presented at the 2018 Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan Conference, Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., & Sorenson, E. L. (2018, February). *Practical tips for establishing and maintaining relationships with employers when providing job-related supports*. Presentation to be delivered at the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan Conference. Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- Sorenson, E. L., Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., & Popp, R. (2018, February). *Reducing disruptive vocalizations of a young adult with ASD in the workplace*. Poster to be presented at the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan Conference. Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., & Sorenson, E. L. (2018, March). *Programming for success: Practical tips and strategies for using behavioral skills training (BST) as an instructional tool*. Presentation to be delivered at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Giddings, M., & Frieder, J. E. (2018, March). *Improving employment outcomes: A summary of the promotes employment project*. Presentation to be delivered at the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children Conference. Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., Peck, K. M., & Field, S. (2018, May). You're hired! Examining the effects of first-person point-of-view video models as an instructional tool for job-related social skills. In E. L. Sorenson (Chair), *Toolbox for success: An evaluation of instructional strategies for employment and daily living skills*. Paper presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Annual Convention. San Diego, California.

Upcoming Presentations

- Jenssen, K. J. & Frieder, J. E. (2018, February). *Let's Get to Work! An Evaluation of Employment Training Strategies Utilized by the PROMOTES Employment Project*. Presentation to be delivered at the 2018 Psychology Department Research Day at Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J. & Frieder, J. E. (2017, November). *Employment supports for young adults with ASD*. Presented at the Building Bridges Therapy Center Professional Development Day. Plymouth, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Frieder, J. E., Giddings, M., Popp, R., & Peebles, R. (2017, November). *Promotes: Improving paid employment outcomes for individuals with autism spectrum disorder*. Presented at the Annual Home and Community Based Waiver Conference. East Lansing, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Giddings, M., Popp, R., Peebles, R., & Frieder, J. E. (2017, November). *Improving paid employment outcomes for individuals with autism spectrum disorder*. Presented at the START Fall Leadership Day. Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J. & Frieder, J. E. (2017, September). *Establishing & maintaining relationships when providing employment supports*. Webinar presented at Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, Michigan.
- Jenssen, K. J., Peck, K. M., & Frieder, J. E. (2017, May). Now hiring: Practical tips for obtaining and maintaining paid employment for individuals with developmental disabilities. In A. T. Seabert (Chair), *Projects from the frontline: Training transitional skills across the lifespan for individuals with developmental disabilities*. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual Association for Behavior Analysis International Convention, Denver, Colorado.
- Jenssen, K. J., Popp, R., Wieszcieski, P., Peck, K., & Frieder, J. E. (2017, February). *Education to employment: A summary of the PROMOTES employment project after year 1*. Poster presented at the Applied Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) 43rd Annual Convention. Denver, Colorado.
- Jenssen, K. J., Bakalyar, K., & Frieder, J. E. (2017, February). *Summer transition program: Preparing students with ASD for a successful transition from high school to college*. Presented at the Behavior Analysis Association of Michigan Conference. Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Recent Presentations