Putnam County's 4th Disability Mentoring Day October 21, 2015

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

On October 21st, Putnam County residents with disabilities have the opportunity to be matched with workplace mentors. Participants will explore careers through hands-on experience and on-site job shadowing to learn about jobs that interest them and how to prepare for the workforce. Participants will be matched on a first-come, first served basis.

The goals of Disability Mentoring Day are:

- To enhance internship and employment opportunities for people with disabilities.
- To dispel employers' fears about hiring people with disabilities.
- To promote disability as a central component of diversity recruitment for a more inclusive workforce.
- To increase confidence among students and job seekers with disabilities.

Putnam County's Disability Mentoring Day is endorsed by Putnam County Executive Mary Ellen Odell and supported by the County departments who will offer mentoring opportunities. We also hope to match participant's interests to jobs within the community.

Participants can enjoy mentoring opportunities for up to 4 hours, depending on each individuals schedule and transportation. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch, drinks and snack. We will once again start at 9 am at the Cornerstone Park and end there by 1 pm.

If you would like to participate in Putnam County's Disability Mentoring Day as a mentor, please send in the attached information to:

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