

Putnam County's 2nd Annual Disability Mentoring Day October 17, 2013

CAREER EXPLORATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

On October 17th, 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 unanimously supported by the County Legislature. County departments will once again offer mentoring opportunities. This year, we hope to also matching 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 will need 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.

ARE YOU AN EMPLOYER LOOKING TO BE A WORKPLACE MENTOR?

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) enables students and jobseekers with a disability to spend part of a day visiting a business, educational institution, non-profit, or government agency. This is an opportunity to create a "foot on the door" to the workplace; evaluate personal goals; target career skills for improvement; explore possible career path; and develop lasting mentor relationships. Thank you for being a Mentor!

Complete this form and return by **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2013.**

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