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CAREERS Support Solutions Expands Programs and Services

Carmel, New York, February 1, 2019 – Dutchess County residents with disabilities now have a new resource to help them find a job suited to their skills and interests, as CAREERS Support Solutions (CAREERS) now assists individuals in lower Dutchess County. CAREERS has been providing employment training and placement services to people with disabilities throughout Westchester and Putnam Counties since 1987.

On Course for College is a new program CAREERS is making available to students 18 years or older who have a documented disability, are referred by ACCES-VR and meet the admission requirements of a college for a degree or certificate program. Students who participate will receive assistance with admission, health and financial aid forms registration and course selection as well as personalized access to campus information including tutoring, student rights, accommodations and resources. Staff is available for one-on-one social support and will provide services tailored to the unique and changing needs of each participant, including problem solving, coping skills and stress management.

CAREERS Ambition In Motion (AIM) program for individuals not ready for a traditional supported work program is expanding to Westchester County. Participants learn life and job skills while volunteering in, and exploring, their community. Additional groups will be added in Putnam County due to the success of groups there for men and women.

If you know someone interested in **On Course for College** or AIM, please call Rebecca Appleyard, (845) 225-8007 for Dutchess, Putnam and upper Westchester or Jennifer Retacco, (914) 741-8500 in mid to lower Westchester. For information on any of CAREERS programs for people with disabilities, visit www.CAREERSSupportSolutions.org or e-mail careersforpeople@aol.com.

About CAREERS: Over the past 32 years, CAREERS Support Solutions has made over 2,700 job placements and provided support services to over 6,000 people. CAREERS mission is to empower people with disabilities by teaching workforce readiness skills and providing job placement, on-the-job training, and ongoing support to assure long-term success – at no cost to the individual or employer.

Photo Caption

CAREERS Employment Specialists work one-on-one with our **On Course for College** participants to make sure each student has the skills and resources they need for a successful college career. Staff will continue to work with students during and after graduation to help them find the right job.

