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Program Accomplishments - 2021:

Our **Supported Work Program** is the cornerstone of all CAREERS' services through which job placement, job coaching and post-employment support take place. We provided services in Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess Counties. In 2021, the lingering effects of Covid-19 continued to impact the number of programs and services we could deliver to adults and students. In 2021, CAREERS provided job placement services and support to 359 individuals, placed 57 in new jobs and 37 in internships. Our annual retention rate was 77% - very high for the disabled population we provide services to.

- √ Our **High School Transition Program** provides services to high school juniors and seniors with disabilities throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess Counties. In 2021, we received 101 new referrals and provided job training, placement and follow-along services to 143 students and placed 45 students in new jobs or internships.
- √ Our **Ambition In Motion (AIM) Program**, a day habilitation program without walls, bridges the gap from school to life as an adult by teaching independent living and job preparation skills. Created to serve individuals with disabilities not quite ready for supported work, this program is tailored to their interests and abilities. This program encourages community interaction through volunteering and participating in social and recreational activities. In 2021, we provided services to 11 people in two groups consisting of 6 men and 5 women.
- √ Our **Workforce Readiness, Placement and Training Program**, teaches job readiness and financial skills so our clients can obtain and maintain employment, as well as develop fiscal independence. During 2021, we held 130 Workforce Readiness classes, taught 90 participants, set-up and attended 32 job interviews and placed 21 clients in new jobs.
- √ **On Course for College** is a program for 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 receive assistance with admission, health and financial aid forms registration and course selection and personalized access to campus information including tutoring, student rights, accommodations and resources. Our staff provides one-on-one social support and services tailored to the unique and changing needs of each participant, including problem solving, coping skills and stress management.
- √ Our newest program is **Jobs for Seniors** for people age 55 and older, with and without disabilities, in Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties. Job search programs are customized to meet the needs of each senior and include skills training, resume preparation, placement and ongoing support, if needed. In 2021, we received 20 new referrals, taught 42 Workforce Readiness classes, provided services to 54 seniors and placed 5 in new jobs.