

STUDENTS



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ATTENTION DEPARTMENT MANAGERS:

JOIN THE FUN !!!!

Contact Keeley McCray at (509) 452-0561 or E-mail keelemccray@ymvh.org

To have your department selected to participate in the Project SEARCH Program during the 2010-2011 school year.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO:

AMBER POZEKANY
WHO COMPLETED THE PROJECT SEARCH PROGRAM IN 2007-2008. SHE HAS OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT AT MACY'S DEPARTMENT STORE.

MICHAEL MURR
WHO COMPLETED THE PROJECT SEARCH PROGRAM IN 2008-2009. HE HAS OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT AT YAKIMA CITY

Heather Rew attended East Valley High School and participated in the Project SEARCH Program during the 2008/2009 school year. She was hired as a Memorial Hospital Employee upon completion of the program in June 2009. She is currently working on the recycling team. Heather will be transferring to 16th Avenue Station on 01-25-10.

PROJECT SEARCH AT YAKIMA VALLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The third year of Project SEARCH began at YVMH on August 26, 2009. We have 11 student interns, and 11 internship sites this year.

Internship opportunities this year are:

General Services, Laundry

Recycling (1 Positions)

Ohana' Office assistant

Materials Management, Store room & Print Shop

Impatient Services located on the 2nd, 3rd & 5th floors

16th Avenue Station, Therapy Aide and Medical Records



Garden Village, Activities Assistant
Home Health/Office Assistant
Early Learning Center/Annex
Kitchen Aide

Through a combination of classroom lessons and applying what they learn in

class at their internships, our students will learn valuable vocational skills like:

- Communication
 - Stress Management
 - Anger Management
 - Time Management
 - Work Ethics
 - Following Directions
 - Interviewing Skills
 - Setting Goals
 - Building a Resume
 - Accepting Feedback
- Social / Interpersonal Skills

Project SEARCH Success Stories: Heather Rew and Michael Hamilton



Michael Hamilton is currently attending Eisenhower High School. He completed his first rotation at The Early Learning Center. The staff were so pleased with him and his work that Michael was asked to stay and become part of the ELC team. He was hired as a Memorial Hospital Employee on January 11, 2010.



A Review of the Project SEARCH Program

By Justin Jones

(2009-2010)



Project SEARCH is an extraordinary program to help disabled people (People who need special attention) to find and keep a job that we students are good at and like. But what exactly is Project SEARCH some may ask? Well to tell you the truth Project SEARCH is based on many things. It can be about morals, achievements, self discipline and the well being of others. In other words this program can be a big help. No matter what other people think about us or if they think why do we want to help the disabled we would be better off letting smarter people have the jobs. They might just think we are retarded and can't do everyday things.

For one we don't like the word **retarded** or to hear that disabled people can't do anything. Second of all, things people think can be cruel sometimes, or you might get picked on or told things are your fault and this can make you think the whole world hates you. That's not true in my perspective. I've learned that we are special in many ways, kind of like the mutants in the X-men series. I hope someday we would not disgrace ourselves and be proud of who we are. We are just ordinary people but only different.

This program has taught me not to be afraid of who I am, that I can just be myself and have fun. Project SEARCH is also a good program because you have 3 rotations, I had 4 in which to find and gain experience in jobs that I am interested in. In order for the students to maintain no mischief and to do things correctly we have special teachers, our job coaches. This is also a place that you can make friends really quickly and that makes you feel that you're at home. We get to know each other which makes you feel like you never want to leave.

Did I mention that Project SEARCH also lets us practice interviewing and how to dress for the job we are working at. We work with a lot of strangers that we don't know. At my first rotation it was really hard and sometimes scary to be around people, but as I continue my rotation I slowly but surely got used to being around lots of people. I am now proud to say that I am getting comfortable.

If I had the choice to do this program again, I would have no doubts and have to say "heck yea". I'm coming next year, so you better be expecting me. Last but not least I give the Project SEARCH program a rating of 4 ½ stars out of 5.

Sincerely,

Justin Jones – Currently a student at Project SEARCH