

Project SEARCH@YVMH

Developing Job Skills & Obtaining Personal Growth



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Memorial Hospital

The second year of Project SEARCH began at YVMH on August 27th. We have 12 student interns, and have 5 new internship sites this year.

Internship opportunities this year are:

General Services, Laundry

Recycling (2 Positions)

Materials Management,
Store room & Print Shop

Nursing Support on the 3rd &
5th floors

16th Avenue Station,
Therapy Aide

Children's Village,
Therapy Aide

Garden Village,
Activities Assistant

Home Health

Dietary

Early Learning Center

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
- Accepting Feedback
- Interviewing Skills
- Setting Goals
- Building a Resume
- Social Skills
- Following Policies and Procedures
- Workplace Manners

Project SEARCH 101

- THIS YEAR YVMH IS HOSTING 12 INTERNS FROM 4 SCHOOL DISTRICTS.
- PROJECT SEARCH BEGAN IN 1997 AT CINNCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.
- PROJECT SEARCH AT YVMH IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN YVMH, PROVIDENT HORIZON GROUP, YAKIMA COUNTY, DVR, AND FOUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Project SEARCH Spotlight: Wil DeGooyer

Wil attends West Valley High School and was referred to Project SEARCH by his teacher, Lucas Jaeger. I sat down during orientation and asked Wil a few questions about Project SEARCH.

Q: Why do you want to participate in Project SEARCH this year Wil?

A: "To learn how to get a job and how to write a resume."

Q: Which internships do you think you will interview for first?

A: "I would like to go to 16th Avenue Station and the Print Shop first."

Q: What has been the best part of being at YVMH so far?"

A: Learning how to communicate and meeting new co workers."



"The Project SEARCH experience is truly reciprocal. It is an excellent opportunity for youth with disabilities to obtain work experience. In addition, staff can learn a few things from the students, I consider myself to be fortunate to be involved in Project SEARCH."

**-Cathie Pangrazi,
Client Services,
Children's Village**

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Project SEARCH is a national employment and high school transition program for adults with developmental disabilities to receive on the job training and support which helps them be successful in their jobs. The program originated at Cincinnati Children's Hospital over a decade ago. Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital became a partner of Project SEARCH in August of 2007. Through Project SEARCH, the students apply and interview for three 12 week internships during the school year to help them gain valuable work skills and start building their resume.

To find out more about Project SEARCH, contact our office at YVMH by calling 509.452.0561.



Project SEARCH Intern Tiffany Schamanski making copies at North Star Lodge.

Welcome to our 2008-2009 Interns

Project SEARCH and YVMH welcome our 2008-2009 interns: Ariana Lemus, Daniel Long, David Garcia Jr., Dustin Clift, Heather Rew, Josue Silva, Mayra Lozano, Michael Murr, Terri Guerrero-Rivera, Tiffany Schamanski, and Wil DeGooyer. We're glad you're here at Memorial and look forward to being a part of your success this year.

Please Recycle This Newsletter

Project SEARCH and Memorial "Go Green"

Project SEARCH is helping Memorial become "greener" every day by offering a recycling service to YVMH and it's employees.

Project SEARCH began recycling at YVMH in February of 2008.

41 departments on and off of the main campus voluntarily recycle their #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum cans, newspaper, non-confidential paper, magazines, corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard. On average, we recycle 1,000 lbs of paper, 50 lbs of plastic, 30 lbs of aluminum cans and 100 lbs of cardboard each WEEK.

The money from the recycled items goes to purchase more recycling bins, and can liners. As the program grows, our goal is to bring in enough funds each week to make recycling a paid position at YVMH.

In addition to recycling at work, many YVMH employees bring their recycling from home and drop it off at the Project SEARCH House (215 S. 29th Ave.) or ask us to pick it up from their cars.

You help YVMH and Project SEARCH "Go Green" by bringing in your newspapers,

magazines, junk mail, cardboard boxes, cereal and Kleenex boxes, pop cans and plastic bottles, ketchup, shampoo and conditioner bottles, milk cartons and other items to be recycled.

Recycling FACT:

If you recycle just ONE Sunday newspaper a month, you will conserve enough paper to save a tree a year. Imagine the amount of trees we can conserve by all of us working together to make Memorial green.



Project SEARCH Intern Heather Rew changing linens at 16th Avenue Station.