



Resources for Jobseekers with Disabilities

My Next Move

An online tool that provides job seekers with information on occupations, local job openings, and training opportunities. Users can search for jobs with a “bright outlook” in growing industries, jobs that are part of the “green” economy, and jobs with Registered Apprenticeship programs.

www.mynextmove.org/

“My Skills My Future”

This resource helps job seekers match their current skills to new careers and find out what training is needed to transition from one job to another. This resource includes information about occupational skills that can be transferred from one job to another, a side-by-side comparison chart of likely skill gaps from one occupation to another, and links to training programs that could help address skills needs. Job listings will also be available from the site.

www.myskillsmyfuture.org/

Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

Working toward practical solutions that benefit both employer and employee, JAN helps people with disabilities enhance their employability, and shows employers how to capitalize on the value and talent that people with disabilities add to the workplace. <http://askjan.org/index.html>

GettingHired.com

Careers & Community for Talented People with Disabilities is designed to help people prepare for the work place and build their careers. It offers individuals a platform to connect with each other and career mentors. Our portal identifies and highlights individual skills, talents, and backgrounds, and matches individual qualifications to specific job requirements, facilitating employment success.

www.gettinghired.com/Default.aspx

Hire Disability Solutions

This project works to protect and enhance employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

www.hireds.com/

Employment Network (EN) Report Cards

A resource available for jobseekers looking for an Employment Network (EN) to help them reach work goals. This website contains info about how to choose an employment network. www.chooseworkttw.net/findhelp/

Social Security’s Ticket to Work

A program that offers people with disabilities an opportunity to achieve greater independence by providing choices in employment services and access to meaningful work. The Ticket is a free voluntary program. Jobseekers can assign their Ticket to an approved service provider known as an Employment Network (EN) by signing an Individual Work Plan (IWP) to plan support services or use their ticket with Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) by signing an Individual Plan of Employment (IPE) with a VR counselor. www.chooseworkttw.net

JobTIPS

This free resource is designed for persons with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other disabilities and presents text, audio, and video information that is related to seeking and applying for jobs, managing work responsibilities, and interacting with coworkers. JobTIPS facilitates the exploration of career interests and addresses the social and behavioral differences that can prove challenging for people with ASD. www.do2learn.com/JobTIPS/index.html

Seeking Ways to Fill the Cracks: Employment and Adults with Asperger Syndrome

A short article about the challenges that people with ASD face as they are searching for employment. Related links are available on the left. www.autism.com/advocacy_lesco

Social Thinking at Work, Why Should I Care?

This resource is appropriate for people entering the job market and those who are experienced. A great resource for explaining Social Thinking® concepts to adults.

www.socialthinking.com/



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Disability Rights Tennessee is an agency advocating for the rights of Tennesseans with disabilities to ensure they have an equal opportunity to be productive and respected members of society. If you have difficulty getting hired or help because of your disability, they can help.

www.disabilityrightstn.org/

Think Beyond the Label is a national private-public partnership that aids job seekers with disabilities and has launched an online portal that connects job seekers with disabilities to employers actively looking to hire them.

www.thinkbeyondthelabel.com/Job-Board/GetAJob.aspx

Empower Tennessee assists persons with disabilities in becoming self-advocates, and making their own decisions regarding living arrangements, means of transportation, employment, social and recreational activities, as well as other aspects of everyday life.

<http://empowertn.org>

Local American Job Centers

An agency that works with individuals to explore career options, decide on a direction, target a career or industry, then strategize and market oneself for the job search.

www.tn.gov/workforce/topic/find-local-help

Tennessee Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

A federal and state-funded program providing services to help individuals with disabilities enter or return to employment.

<http://tennessee.gov/humanservices/topic/vocational-rehabilitation>

The Arc Tennessee advocates for the rights and full participation of all people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. (800) 835-7077,

www.thearctn.org.

Vanderbilt Resources

Vanderbilt Kennedy Center (VKC)

The VKC works with and for people with disabilities and their family members, service providers and advocates, researchers and policy makers. It is among only a few centers nationwide to be a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, a *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center, and a Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities Training Program.

vkc.vumc.org

Tennessee Disability Pathfinder

Pathfinder is a free statewide phone, web, and print referral service in English and Spanish. It connects the Tennessee disability community with service providers and resources. Its website database has over 3,000 agencies searchable by Tennessee county and service. Pathfinder is a project of the VKC, TN Council on Developmental Disabilities, TN Department of Health, and the TN Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. (615) 322-8529, toll-free (800) 640-4636 www.familypathfinder.org

Employment of Persons with Disabilities

The VKC is committed to working in the area of employment of persons with disabilities. Activities promote meaningful work for youth and adults with disabilities through model service programs and technical assistance, training, research, and information sharing.

www.tennesseeworks.org

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