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## Preparing Students with Special Needs to be Successful Employees



**Proper job preparation for students with special needs** is vital in empowering successful employees. Featuring **Tracy Hall**, the **Transition Coordinator at Missouri's Branson High School**, our April **'Webinar Wednesday'** explored numerous techniques that provide students the means and support to develop confidence in performing real-life job responsibilities.

### **Career Simulation**

Lead by Ms. Hall, Branson High School utilizes campus resources to create numerous mock career scenarios, including a copy shop, backpack program, mail room, café, and recycling center. These structures support

an immersive method of learning.

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### Community Involvement

Hotel accommodations, restaurants, retail stores, and an autobody shop are a few of the community job sites provided for student use. Practice in a simulated business allows a safe space for students to build confidence, explore careers, and develop job skills. Hands-on training, a major component of the Project Discovery curriculum, provides support to instructors engaging students.

### Job Olympics

Healthy competition can be a great motivator for students to focus their skills and showcase their abilities. With this in mind, Tracy Hall began an annual Job Olympics competition, open to high school students with disabilities.



This widely popular event highlights students while they compete in various job-based activities. This has developed into such a positive movement that the community became involved in judging and offering job opportunities to the competing students. Tracy Hall explains “**Job Olympics are a pivotal part of transition to a post-secondary lifestyle.**”

In the hands of passionate educators, Project Discovery provides a clear goal and timeline for practice and progress. Students are given the tools they need to succeed using different methods of learning. **Transition programs like Ms. Hall’s develop students’ job skills and social skills**

by partnering them with community businesses for real-life job experiences.

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## COVID Money Well Spent

*Unlock their Future!*

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The 1.9 trillion COVID-19 relief package includes over \$123 billion for K-12 funding.



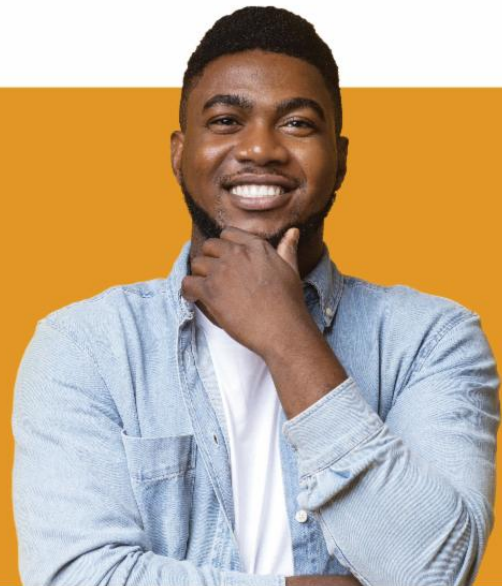
States are required to set aside their funds from their grants for the following purposes: 5% to address learning loss, 1% for evidence-based summer enrichment, and 1% for evidence-based comprehensive after-school programs.

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