

# Employment Specialists Jefferson County

## Jefferson Rehabilitation Center

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The community based employment program (Career Connections) prepares adults with disabilities for competitive employment and assists them in finding jobs that match their skills and interests. Occupational Trainers then provide assistance as needed to prospective employers throughout Jefferson County and to the employee to assist both parties in overcoming workplace challenges and in maximizing the employee's job performance. Services are provided for Supported Employment, Mental Health (MH) Programs, School to Work Transition Program, and the Department of Social Services (DSS).

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### No Cost Business Services:

- Pre-employment services - connecting future employees with companies through internships, mentoring and training that is customized to the business need.
- Recruitment and referral of qualified applicants.
- Staff training on disability awareness, the ADA, other employment laws including topics related to workplace accommodations and assistive technology in the workplace.
- Diversity program strategies that support inclusion of people with disabilities as customers and employees.
- Retention programs to support employees who develop or acquire a disability.
- Financial supports including access to tax credits and/or deductions available for hiring or accommodating people with disabilities.