

PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES FOR STUDENTS





will provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to students who meet the following criteria:

- ❖ The student has a vision impairment.
- ❖ The student is age 14-26.
- ❖ The student is currently enrolled in a secondary, post-secondary or other recognized education program.

Pre-ETS services are available statewide to all students in need of services regardless of whether or not a student has applied for VR services. Pre-ETS services may begin once a student requests or is recommended for one or more service and documentation of a disability is provided. These services can be provided in a group setting or on an individual basis.

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS Services) are provided in collaboration with local educational agencies and community partners. Pre-ETS services are designed to be an early start at job exploration and will assist students with identifying career interests to be further explored through additional VR services.



What BSBP Can Do for You:

5 Pre-employment Transition Service Categories

1) Job Exploration & Counseling: Counseling and guidance to help students explore career options. Examples include:

- ❖ Job clubs
- ❖ Career exploration
- ❖ Job shadowing
- ❖ Workshops and presentations

2) Work-based Learning: An educational approach that uses the workplace or real work to provide students with the knowledge and skills that will help them connect school experiences to real-life work activities and future career opportunities. Examples include:

- ❖ Work experiences
- ❖ Internships
- ❖ Work-site tours
- ❖ Community service and/or volunteering

3) Post-secondary Exploration: Exploration of both post-high school transition programs at institutions of higher education, trade and vocational schools, as well as two and four-year colleges. Examples include:

- ❖ Campus visits
- ❖ College prep/Reading skills
- ❖ Study skills
- ❖ Exploring career and tech options

4) Workplace Readiness Training, Including Social Skills and Independent Living: Designed to develop independent living and social skills necessary for a student to be successful in employment. Workshops/job clubs on social skills, workplace behavior and interaction, multicultural awareness and problem-solving skills. Examples include:

- ❖ Skills of blindness training
- ❖ Adaptive computer skills training
- ❖ Budgeting
- ❖ Soft skills training
- ❖ Travel training

5) Self-Advocacy Instruction: Opportunities to learn about rights, responsibilities and how to request accommodations, services or supports students may need to successfully complete the transition from secondary to post-secondary education and/or employment.

- ❖ Mentoring
- ❖ Youth leadership programs
- ❖ Time management, organization and balanced life planning
- ❖ Disability awareness classes and groups
- ❖ Self-advocacy, peer support, and mentoring groups



Contact Information:

Contact your local BSBP VR Counselor or Blind Rehabilitation Teacher. Call **1-800-292-4200** to get started, or visit **michigan.gov/bsbp**.

Students may be eligible for additional services through BSBP's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program. Information on the VR program can be obtained by contacting your BSBP counselor or local BSBP office.

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