



How Do Students Get Involved?

If a student is interested in attending even though the district is not participating in the event contact the appropriate Intermediate Unit representative for further information.

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- there is NO FEE to participate
- school districts or families are responsible for transportation costs
- event is from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM

CONTACTS:

- Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 – Susan Grant susan.grant@aiu3.net
- Pittsburgh Intermediate Unit 2 – Crystal Evans cevans1@pghboe.net
- Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27 – Diane DuFour-Gaudio ddg@bviu.org

How Do Employers Get Involved?

If you are an employer interested in taking part in Disability Mentoring Day please contact Scott Hammerstrom at Bender Consulting Service, Inc. at your earliest convenience. He will provide information and answer any question you have and provide you with an employer application. Employers throughout Western PA are encouraged to participate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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What is the Benefit?

By providing students the opportunity to visit a business in the community DMD underscores the connection between school and work. This experience encourages students to evaluate personal goals, target career skills that need to be improved, explore career paths and develop lasting mentor relationships. Employers have the opportunity to demonstrate positive leadership in their communities, tap a pool of potential future employees, and learn more about the abilities people bring to the workforce.

Employers STEP UP!

Bender Consulting Services, Inc. • Fed Ex Ground • LANXESS • Bayer Corporation • Achieva
Philips Respironics • PNC • Bank of New York Mellon • Pittsburgh Penguins • Pittsburgh Pirates
Robert Morris University • MSA • Leeds • MEDRAD • UPMC Highmark • Hill House • All State
PRC • City of Pittsburgh • Allegheny Intermediate Unit • Heinz History Center • ACS
Allegheny General Hospital • Citizen's Financial Group • Three Rivers Center for Independent Living

Making an impact in just one young person's life makes a difference that lasts a life time and lays a foundation for years of successful employment!

Allegheny Intermediate Unit
475 East Waterfront Drive
Homestead, PA 15120

DMD Career Awareness

Disability Mentoring Day

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

What is Disability Mentoring Day?

Disability Mentoring Day promotes career development for students and job seekers with disabilities through job shadowing and hands on career exploration. With leadership, coordination, and resource materials from American Association of People with Disabilities, local communities around the country organize their own activities to bring students and employers together for informational sessions about career opportunities and one on one mentoring with volunteers at public and private places of employment. Bender Consulting Services, Inc. is the local coordinator for this area.



Who is Bender Consulting Services, Inc.?

Bender Consulting Services, Inc. is a Pittsburgh based company focusing on aligning talented people with disabilities with career opportunities in information technology, engineering, finance/accounting, human resources and general business areas.

What Happens on Disability Mentoring Day?

This program started in 1999 at the White House as a program to increase the profile of National Disability Employment Awareness Month which is celebrated every October. The program was patterned after school to work activities. Pittsburgh has been participating in DMD since that first event. DMD is officially commemorated on the third Wednesday of every October and is implemented in locations around the world. It is designed to benefit from local employers. Although the core experience is one on one job shadowing, event planners may choose to open with a meeting or presentations and /or close with a reception where students, job-seekers and mentors can share their experience.

How Do Students Get Involved?

Students seeking participation in Disability Mentoring Day sign up for the event through their local school district Transition Coordinator. An application and permission slip will be provided to each student wishing to participate; it must be returned to the transition coordinator to participate in the event. The local district will contact the appropriate Intermediate Unit to complete the registration process.