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Pre-Employment Transition Services for Students with Disabilities Available Free On-Line

The Arc Allegany-Steuben, Greater Southern Tier BOCES, and Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR) have partnered to prepare students with disabilities for employment through a Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) program. The Pre-ETS program provides students with a variety of activities and services to explore work/careers, post-secondary education options, develop employment-related soft skills and provide opportunities to obtain work experience with the appropriate supports to help them be able to set and work toward reaching employment and social goals.

“Pre-ETS is a program designed to introduce youth and young adults to activities that will increase their knowledge of the world of work, work options, and education options,” said Christina Lyon, Director for Vocational Services at The Arc Allegany-Steuben. “The program provides students with opportunities for work/job/career exploration, classroom instruction, assessments, conversations, and participation in employment and post-secondary environments.”

Pre-ETS Services are available for students in Allegany, Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Delaware, Otsego, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, and Tompkins counties who:

- are 14-21 years of age
- have a documented disability
- are not currently eligible to receive services from ACCES-VR
- are attending a recognized secondary or post-secondary program; or a non-traditional or alternative secondary education program, including home schooling (other recognized educational programs, such as those offered through the juvenile justice system, foster care system etc., are also eligible).

If you would like additional information on the Pre-ETS program, please contact Christina Lyon at 585-593-5700 Ext. 227 or christina.lyon@thearcas.org.

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