



Project SEARCH Wind Creek Bethlehem FACT SHEET

What is Project SEARCH?

- One year transition program which provides training and education leading to competitive employment for individuals with disabilities.
- The program occurs on-site at a business which has the commitment to support people with disabilities in the workplace.
- Assists young adults with disabilities in making a successful transition from school to working and living a productive adult life.

Program Description:

- One-year program
- Up to 12 student interns per school year
- Students, ages 18-21, with a variety of disabilities, who are in their last year of high school
- Rotation through 3 unpaid internships at Wind Creek Bethlehem with continual feedback
- Employment in an integrated environment
- Graduation with a formal ceremony
- Outcome of competitive employment

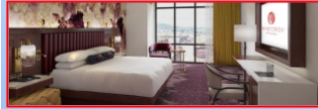
Key Ingredients of Internships:	Sample Project SEARCH Day:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internships are the cornerstone of the Project SEARCH program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30 Arrival, Group instructional time to focus on curriculum and employability skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interns learn competitive, marketable, and transferable employment skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 Report to worksites and participate in internships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interns participate in training approximately 5 hours per day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 Lunch Break
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interns have the opportunity to develop work and social skills in a natural environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:30 Return to departments and continue internships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each internship lasts approximately 10 weeks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:00 Review day's activities, plan for next day/future, and communication among team members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation is ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3:15 Depart Wind Creek Bethlehem

Potential Internships available at Wind Creek Bethlehem in the following departments:

Internships: Cornerstone of Project SEARCH

NON-GAMING DEPARTMENTS ONLY AT WIND CREEK

Housekeeping



Culinary



Hospitality



Spa



Internal Maintenance



Wardrobe



Laundry



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Internships are based upon:

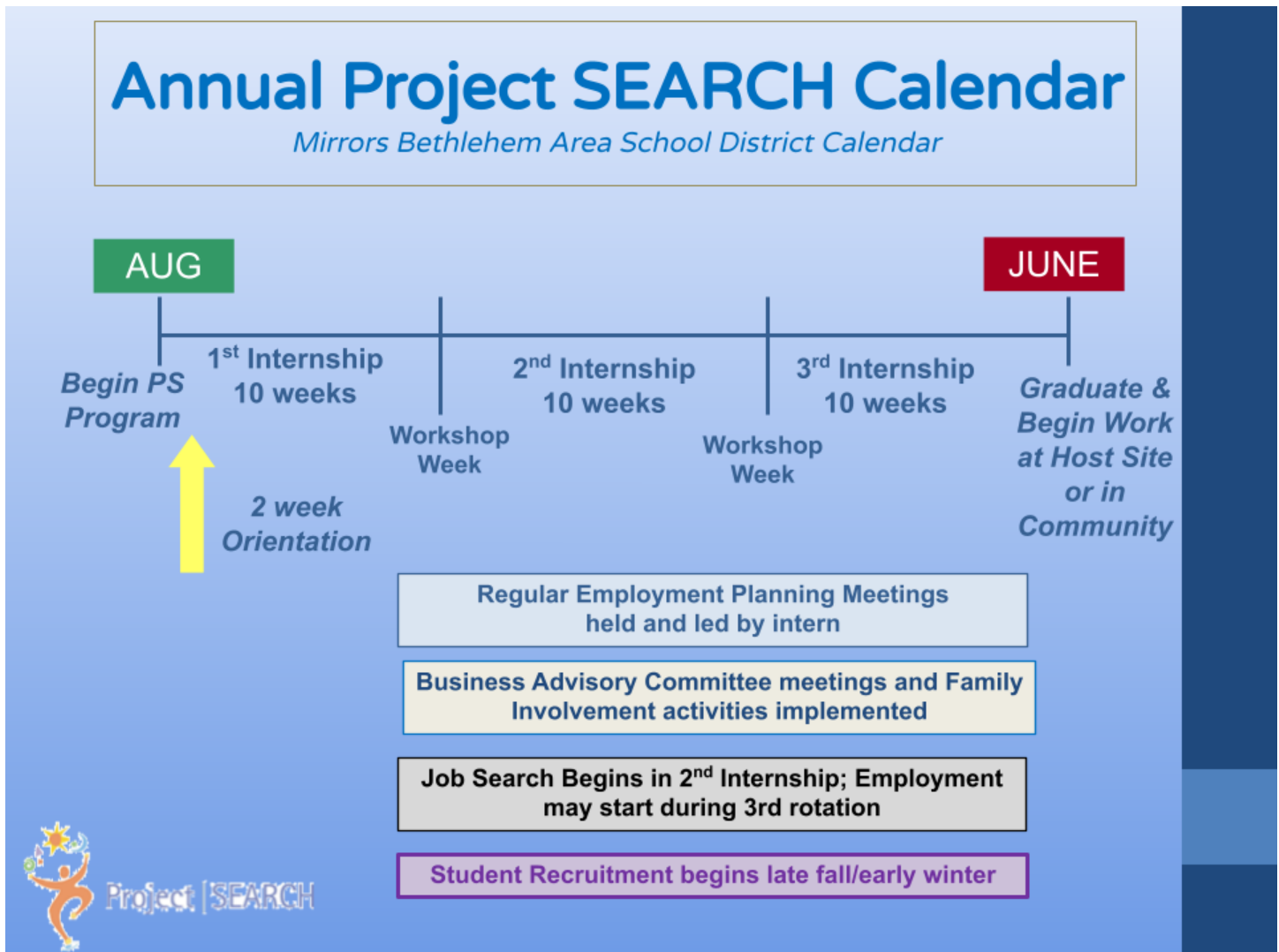
- Intern's interests and skill sets; team input
- Project SEARCH Team understands and will try to accommodate various personalized needs

Eligibility Guidelines and Requirements:

- Applicant must be an 18–21 year old student with a disability enrolled in school-age programming.
- Applicant must be entering his/her last year of high school and/or all high school credits completed.
- Applicant must exhibit appropriate hygiene, social, and communication skills.
- Applicant must have the ability to take direction and change behavior.
- Applicant must have access to reliable transportation and willingness to use independent transportation options.
- Applicant must establish OVR Eligibility.
- Applicant must secure a current PA State ID and possess an original Social Security Card.
- Applicant must pass basic background checks.
- Applicant must enroll with County Mental Health/Developmental Services, if eligible.
- Applicant must have the desire to work and become competitively employed!






Student Application Highlights:

- **March 10, 2023:** Applications are due. Applications received after the due date will also be considered until the Intern Class of 2024 is full.
- **April/May:**
 - Interview team reviews applications
 - Selected applicants are scheduled for in-person interviews
 - Project SEARCH interns are selected and notified of acceptance
 - OVR eligibility is confirmed
- **May/June:** Introductory meeting for new interns & complete program entrance requirements
- **August:** Informational meeting/ orientation for new interns and families
- **Early October:** IEP Meetings held for each intern





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