



*PARC's Mission  
As a community leader, PARC creates  
and provides lifelong opportunities for  
people with disabilities to  
achieve success.*

**EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICES**  
QUALITY TRANSITIONAL &  
AFTER SCHOOL/WORK  
PROGRAMS FOR HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS  
WITH TBI, DEVELOPMENTAL  
& LEARNING DISABILITIES

Transitional Services,  
After School /Work Program,  
Student Vocational Experiences  
&  
Work Related Skills Training

Learning by  
Doing  
Works!

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## Training Programs

Student participants in the Work Readiness Program (WRP) or the Work Initiative Network (WIN) are involved in on-the-job training, and all are part of an ongoing process to train individuals in a group setting. Many of these skills include technology through "Cyber School," where students are part of a rotation in small group sizes to learn computer, cash register, typing and math skills .

**Socialization issues are the focus of all other trainings, which are also held in small interactive groups, ranging from three to five students at a time. Topics that students discuss include "Becoming job smart," "Positive attitudes in the work place," "Appropriate dress for interviewing," "How to talk with your boss," "Instead of socializing on company time" and many other**

**topics. Trainings can also be specific to job site needs.**

**If you or a student you know could use these programs, please talk with your special education teacher or Committee on Special Education for further information.**

### *Teacher and Student Testimonials:*

"WRP is a fantastic way for our special education students to learn about the real world of work. It also provides a tremendously smooth transition from high school to adult world of work."

———Roger Hofmann, Carmel High School Special Education Teacher

"There's a lot of new skills I've learned that have helped me grow and I've made many new friends here at PARC."

———Steven, WRP Student Participant

## *Student Transition Services*

**Students involved in Special Education in Putnam County school districts are eligible to participate in PARC's Transitional Services programming. Educational Services staff are here to assist students, their families and school districts develop Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) for each student to transition smoothly into adult services and work programs.**

**Educational Services will work closely with the Committee on Special Education (CSE) to develop a plan for adulthood that is right for each child and family.**



**Student finding satisfaction through work.**



### **BRAND NEW FOR 2009-10: "Restaurant Arts Program"**

Developed for IEP students. Learn about the food industry: Service, Cooking, & Entrepreneurship. Practice what you learn in a community job site with job coaching. Call for more details.



## **WORK READINESS PROGRAM**

WRP is available to students who are earning an IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) diploma from their local high school. The program is designed to augment a student's academic experience with practical paid vocational opportunities. The process begins at school through teachers and the CSE.

Individual vocational experiences are geared toward identifying and enhancing the student's strengths and talents. Student trainees can participate in several in-house, work environments and community site placements. Community sites include: Marshall's, Just-A-Buck, Edible Arrangements, PARC Preschool, grocery stores, libraries, and restaurants, among others.

The objective of having various site placements is to help student trainees use work experience to make informed choices in planning for life after high school. Students are evaluated on an individual basis and work side by side with a job coach until they are comfortable at their job tasks and expectations.



**Earn a paycheck and meet new people.**

## **WORK INITIATIVE NETWORK**

WIN is a special program through the Carmel School District to provide students who are earning a Regents Diploma and have accommodations through their IEP (Individualized Educational Plan) to have a paid community vocational experience.

Students are assessed periodically for skill level and are trained with job coach support and on-the-job experience. All students are placed in caring and supportive sites. Each site has worked in conjunction with Educational Services to create the best environment for students with learning disabilities and traumatic brain injuries (TBI).

**Student working as clerical support.**



All WIN students are placed directly into the community with necessary job coaching and training. Students

are also part of on going staff meetings and face-to-face trainings. Not only are job skills improved, but a sincere focus is made on socialization in the work place.

## **PARCENTRAL**

PARCentral is a year-round after school & after work program filled with fun activities focused on social skill building and learning. The program runs from 2:00-6:00 pm Monday through Friday at PARC Center on Route Six, Carmel. Activities include drama, yoga, homework help, cooking, painting, sports, karaoke, computer lab, community outings, creative arts and lots more! Young adults ages 14 to 35 with a developmental disability are welcome. This is a Medicaid Waiver service. Please call for more information.

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