

Facts and Figures from the 2021-2022 Competitive Integrated Employment Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education awarded fifteen (15) Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) grants to local education agencies to establish or expand competitive integrated employment programming for youth with disabilities. Below are the results of their efforts.

Total number of students engaged in grant activities	385	
Number of students who participated in Competitive Integrated Employment	84	21.8%
Total number of students who participated in any type of employment activities during the grant period	352	91.4%
Number of students who now have open OVR cases	109	38.2%
Amount of students working with agencies other than OVR	148	38.4%
Number of students planning to pursue or maintain competitive employment	148	38.4%

Quotes from Grant Coordinators

“The grant gave the district the opportunity to promote independence and presume competence of ALL our students. Many thanks for opportunity to make a difference in a student's future!”

“We have established multiple initiatives with help of the grant including Independent Living Center, Job Coaching, Workforce Experience, Coffee Shop, PAES Lab, One-der Curriculum, and the list goes on. It has truly enhanced our Transition Program.”

Preparing students for successful employment requires multiple components such as assessment, experiences, exploration, and opportunities. Below are the activities the students engaged in...

• Employment Assessments	326	84.7%
• Job Shadows	91	23.6%
• Job Exploration Counseling	192	49.9%
• Mentorships	39	10.1%
• Mock Interviews	124	32.2%
• Resume Writing	197	51.2%
• Self-advocacy Instruction	257	66.8%
• Work-based Learning Experiences	159	41.3%

Participating LEAs include:

Ambridge Area School District
 Carlynton School District
 Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center
 Fairfield Area School District
 Mastery Charter School Gratz Campus
 Montgomery County Intermediate Unit #23
 Morrisville School District
 Newport School District
 Peters Township School District
 School District of Cheltenham Township
 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29
 Slippery Rock School District
 Springfield School District
 Warrior Run School District
 Westmoreland Intermediate Unit #7

To learn more about the CIE grants, go to the PaTTAN website:

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