

# Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) DBVI

The Choice Group is partnering with The Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired (DBVI) to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to blind, vision impaired and deafblind students. These community based services are available to students year-round.



The goal of the Pre-ETS program is to develop innovative program initiatives which include:

- Job exploration counseling
- Counseling on opportunities for participation in comprehensive transition or postsecondary educational programs
- Soft skills and job readiness skills development
- Identifying real world transferrable skills
- Opportunities for work-based learning experiences with local businesses in the community
- Self-advocacy

The Choice Group's Pre-Employment Transition Services provide the student with highly individualized opportunities to prepare for transition into competitive and integrated employment.



DBVI and The Choice Group are committed to informing students age 14 through 21 who are blind, vision impaired and deafblind about these unique opportunities. Students who have open Vocational Rehabilitation cases as well as those who are potentially eligible for Vocational Rehabilitation services are able to participate. In order to provide information on these services, The Choice Group is able to present at transition fairs or other local school events.

The curriculum will equip the student to be more confident and proactive in transitioning to employment and training is available in the following areas:

1. Career Exploration and assessment of interests
2. Completing job applications
3. Developing cover letters and resumes
4. Soft skills and job seeking skills
5. Positive work behaviors
6. Interpersonal skills
7. Appropriate work dress and personal hygiene
8. Interview preparation and mock interview activities
9. Workplace culture and business etiquette
10. Community based Pre-Employment Transition work opportunities
11. Individualized review of SSI/SSDI, state benefits, and work incentives

The goal of these activities is to prepare students for work experiences in the community that are either unpaid or paid. At the completion of the program, The Choice Group will provide a digital portfolio to each participant in flash drive format containing recommendations and resources.

The Choice Group has provided best practice transition services for over seventeen years, and participates in model transition programs as an award-winning partner. We welcome the opportunity to provide Pre-Employment Transition Services to DBVI clients. For more information, please visit us at [www.thechoicegroup.com](http://www.thechoicegroup.com) or contact us at:

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The Choice Group serves clients across most of Virginia. Our Counselors live in, and are familiar with, the areas they serve. We partner with referral sources to assist individuals who have the potential to succeed. We welcome the opportunity to help people achieve their goals and live up to their abilities.