



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q: What is the difference between the HSHS St. Vincent/Bellin Site and the Aurora BayCare Medical Center (ABMC) site?**

**Both programs**

- Are licensed Project SEARCH® programs and utilize the same training curriculum and internship processes.
- Work on industry skills to obtain a job AND soft skills to keep the job!
- Have a goal of competitive integrated community employment.

**HSHS interns are individuals in their last year of High School eligibility (ages 18-21).**

**ABMC interns are adults who have already left high school. They may have worked in the community before or are receiving services from pre-vocational programs like Aspiro.**

**Q: What basic skills are necessary for admittance to the program?**

Appropriate hygiene/appearance, social and communication skills, following verbal, visual, and written directions, and the ability to change behavior/accept feedback as demonstrated through skills assessment. Additionally, a strong desire to work demonstrated through daily attendance, positive attitude, and a commitment to seek employment.

**Q: What if my individual has already tried community employment?**

The goal of Project SEARCH® is to teach hands on work skills AND soft skills. These soft skills include but are not limited to topics such as effective communication, self-advocacy, conflict resolution, time management, independence, and workplace etiquette.

**Q: What about transportation to the program?**

The intern's care team are responsible for coordinating transportation.

**Q: What is the family's involvement?**

Guardians are expected to attend review meetings throughout the program, and actively support the intern while job searching. This support includes working with DVR and long-term care services as applicable.

**Q: What happens after completion of the program?**

Project SEARCH® and Aspiro staff continue to work with the graduate to obtain community employment. Long-term support while on the job is also offered through Aspiro.

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