



Community Options, Inc.

Supporting People with Disabilities since 1989

Criteria for Participation in S.T.E.P.

1. Available for individuals ages 17-24 years
 - Individuals eligible for STEP are approaching their last year (s) of high school and/or have recently graduated high school
2. Individuals must be enrolled in a special education program (while in school) and/or be eligible for a Individualized Education Plan (IEP) for ages 3-21 or Individualized Habilitation Plan (IHP) for 21 years of age +
3. Release a copy of the IEP and/or IHP to Director of Transition Services
4. Individuals should have independent toileting and feeding skills (those provided assistance with minimal verbal and physical prompting)
5. Individuals must have the willingness to correct inappropriate behavior with an ability to take direction and adjust their behavior accordingly, when necessary
 - *Will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
6. Individuals taking prescribed medications must provide the following information:
 - medication name, prescribing doctors name, increases/decreases in dosage, times during the day that medication is taken, any changes in medication type or dose
7. Individual's work attire should be appropriate, as designated at each work site
8. Individuals should exhibit the desire to attain appropriate social skills with peers, STEP staff and work site personnel
9. Individuals should have the ability to communicate their basic needs (see below):
 - American Sign Language
 - Interpreter Assistance
 - Alternative Communication Device (s)

10. Individuals should express the desire to explore transportation options and be willing to travel independently, in the future (see below)

-New Jersey Transit (public transportation) www.njtransit.com

-Access Link (public transportation for individuals with disabilities)
http://www.njtransit.com/tm/tm_servlet.srv?hdnPageAction=AccessLinkTo

-New Jersey Find-A-Ride <http://www.njfindaride.org>

11. Individuals must be able to clear any and all background checks, and possess all immunization records, along with participating in Tuberculosis testing (for those on site at the hospital) (see below)

-Immunization records must include history of the Mumps, Measles, and Rubella testing

-Tuberculosis tests can be given on site (by a licensed physician and/or nurse) with parental consent and/or if the individual is 18 years of age or older

12. Individuals possess the interest in future employment and/or enrollment in post secondary education and show they will benefit both professionally and socially in their respective work environment(s)