

Supported Employment (SEMP)

This program is designed to provide people with the skills, confidence and support necessary to achieve and maintain meaningful employment. Through personalized job placement services, we help people find positions that align with their skill sets and goals. Once employed they receive on-the-job coaching and support to ensure success.



October is
National Disability
Employment Awareness
Month



Key components of SEMP



Pathway to Employment, Employment Training Program and Community Pre-Voc

Discovery services that build foundational skills needed for future employment and workplace success such as following directions, completing tasks, organizing materials, and using basic tools or technology. Offers real-world opportunities to apply their skills, explore interests and gain confidence.

School to Work

Works with local school districts to help students successfully transition from school to the workforce.

ACCES-VR

Short for Adult Career and Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation. ACCES-VR is overseen by the Federal Government and managed by the NYS Education Department. This non-OPWDD funded service provides a wide array of supports to assist people meet career goals.

Supported Employment

An OPWDD service that provides intensive and extended services that assist people with finding and maintaining a paid competitive job in the community. People typically transition to Supported Employment after ACCES-VR when they require limited job coaching to successfully maintain his/her employment.

Employee Spotlight



Alisha Traulsen

Alisha has been with Coarc for 5 years and she is an Employment Coordinator. She is this year's recipient of the DSP of the Year Award.

Alisha embodies person-centered support in every interaction. She ensures that the people she supports lead the process of identifying their own goals and career paths. She takes time to understand their interests, talents and dreams and then builds plans to help them succeed. Whether role-playing interviews, advocating for accommodations with employers or celebrating a first paycheck, Alisha puts the person's voice and choices at the heart of every step. Her dedication empowers people to not just find work, but to thrive with confidence and independence.

Alisha coordinates School to Work and ACCES-VR programs. She is energetic, positive and very dedicated to helping people be successful in employment.

Alisha is committed to advancing her career and knowledge base. She is currently credentialed as a DSP3 with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP). She also holds the national credential for professionals who assist people in finding and maintaining community based employment and is a Credentialed Employment Support Professional through The Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE).

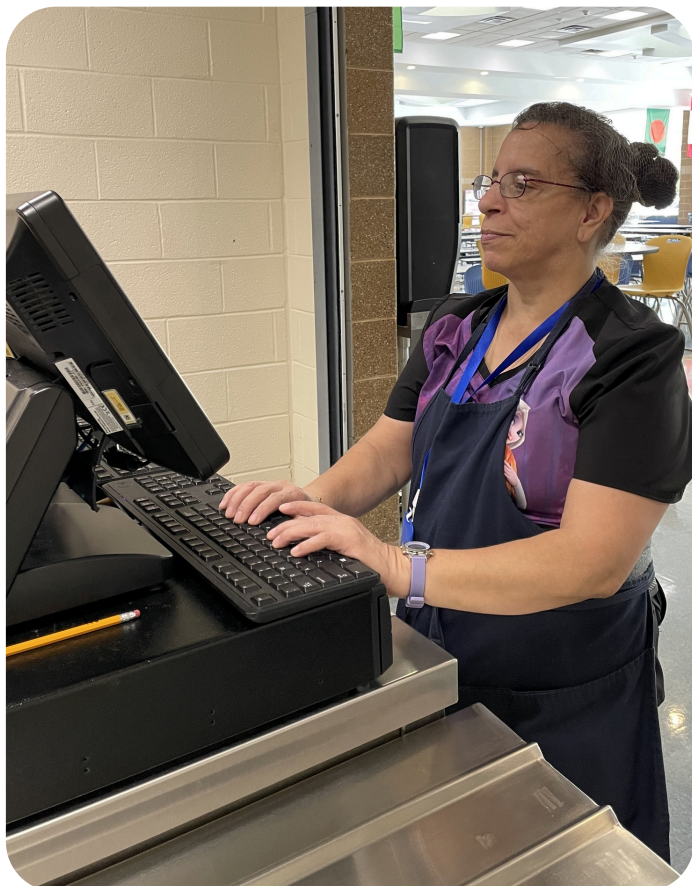


Operated through
SEMP services

People inventory, shop, stock shelves and deliver food and household essentials to both community pantries (funded by bottle donations) and Coarc Cares pantries within Coarc programs (funded by the Board of Directors) .

SEMP supports 93 people
with 15 team members

Achievement Spotlight



Wanda

Wanda graduated from discovery services, successfully completed a paid internship at the Coarc Cafe and is now successfully employed at the Hudson City School district. Wanda is a strong advocate for people with IDD. She continues to share her experiences in hopes of inspiring others to expand their abilities and achieve their personal goals.

Did you know??

SEMP services assist in the running of two of our Coarc businesses, the Coarc Cafe and B Amazing