

VIRTUAL M~POWER

MY PURSUIT OF WORK, EMPOWERMENT & RESOURCES

In response to COVID-19, HKNC continues to address the access that young adults with combined vision and hearing loss have to services provided under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). HKNC's M~POWER Program offers Pre- Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), established through WIOA, and introduces transition-age youth to aspects of competitive and integrated employment during a time when distance learning ensures the safety of our consumers.

July 27, 2020 – August 7, 2020

Program Cost: \$625.00 / week

The two-week Virtual M~POWER Program offers participants an introduction to the world of work and emphasizes the five areas of Pre-ETS: *Job exploration counseling, work-based learning experiences, counseling on post-secondary educational opportunities, workplace readiness training, and self-advocacy.*

Virtual M~POWER Outcomes:

- ✓ Explore and learn skills in the core areas of Orientation and Mobility, Communication, Independent Living, and Adaptive Technology- essential for successful employment
- ✓ Learn from competitively employed deaf-blind mentors and peer experiences
- ✓ Make informed plans for career or job goals after high school
- ✓ Learn how to apply for a dog guide and the skills needed to maintain the working team
- ✓ Develop self-advocacy and exercise these skills to co-facilitate a peer learning group
- ✓ Learn how to apply to college, identify personalized accommodations, and self-advocate
- ✓ Explore universal precautions for work safety during COVID-19

Participants will virtually join peers ages 16 - 22 from around the country for this innovative two-week program. Prior to the beginning of the program, HKNC staff will assess technology available to the participant to determine the best instruction modality that would insure full access to information and instruction. Instruction may be provided by telephone; iPhone; iPad, e-mail; computer; videophone; FaceTime; Zoom meetings and/or Google Classroom.

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