

VIRTUAL SUMMER YOUTH VOCATIONAL PROGRAM (SYVP)

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 SYVP offers Pre- Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS), established through WIOA, and prepares transition-age youth for competitive and integrated employment during a time when distance learning ensures the safety of our consumers.

Program Cost: \$625.00 / week

Session I: June 8, 2020 – July 17, 2020

Session II: July 20, 2020 – August 28, 2020

The six-week Virtual SYVP will offer opportunities to gain knowledge and experience in the following areas: *Vocational Exploration, Self-Determination, Advocacy, Communication Methods, Worksite Orientation & Mobility, Assistive Aids & Devices, and Interviewing & Employment Skills*. Participants will gain **self-awareness** through the process of gathering information about their interests, abilities, and values. They will explore the “**world of work**” through the distribution of information of a variety of career options and associated criteria. As a result of their discoveries through self-awareness and “world of work”, participants will narrow potential career options supported by **informed decision-making**.

Virtual SYVP Outcomes:

- ✓ Learn from competitively employed deaf-blind mentors and peer experiences
- ✓ Develop an understanding of work through virtual worksite tours and informational interviews
- ✓ Increase self-awareness of personal strengths/interests through the SYVP seven focus areas
- ✓ Identify future skill building goals and develop an action plan to meet those goals
- ✓ Prepare for interview-readiness through development of a work portfolio and practice interviews
- ✓ Learn about universal precautions for work safety during COVID-19

Participants will virtually join peers ages 16-22 from around the country for this innovative six- week experience. 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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