



CENTER FOR
DEVELOPMENT
& DISABILITY

Partners for Employment

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Interview

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<https://unmhealth.org/services/development-disabilities/programs/other-disability-programs/partners-for-employment/>

Goals and Mission

- Created in 2013 with the goal to increase competitive and integrated employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Mission is to build capacity by providing training, technical assistance and opportunities for networking and collaboration



Image: <https://unmhealth.org/services/development-disabilities/programs/other-disability-programs/partners-for-employment/project-search.html>

Services and Programs

- College of Employment Services- **They work with employment specialists**
- Project SEARCH- **School-to-work program**
- School-to-Work Transition – **12 teams throughout the state**
- Trainings & Technical Assistance – **Provide trainings to adult service agencies, families, mentors, employers**
- Regulate and evaluate trainings.

Eligibility

- Program dependent for individuals
- Any Adult services, family, mentor, support staff or employer can receive free trainings
- No waitlist, but DVR is prioritized

Partners

- UNM Center for Development and Disability
- Department of Health's Development Disabilities Supports Division
- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Other agencies that work with these three agencies. 31 Agencies in total

Funding

- 5 Contracts paid by State General Funds and Grants
 - 3 DOH (DDSD)
 - 2 DVR