

LINKING EMPLOYMENT, ABILITIES & POTENTIAL (LEAP)

CENTER FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

Dining Assistant Program

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An employment skills training and placement program for persons with disabilities interested in working as certified Dining Assistants. Job matches are made based on the trainee's interests, strengths, and abilities.

PROGRAM GOAL: To train and place persons with disabilities into jobs within nursing facilities as certified Dining Assistants.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: A one-week, 30 hour, community based course designed to provide skills training for individual interested in working as Dining Assistants within nursing facilities. The course may also be used to enhance existing skills in order to increase marketability. The five-day course meets Monday through Friday, from 9:00-3:00. The class is located in various area nursing facilities utilizing classroom settings and clinical experiences to build skills.

PROGRAM ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Potential participants must:

- * Be able to work in one-on-one situations
- * Be safe to self and others
- * Be 18 years of age or older
- * Be able to read simple dietary cards and match name on card to resident's ID.
- * Physical ability to administer abdominal thrusts (Heimlich Maneuver)
- * Meet Ohio criminal background standards for nursing facilities
- * Provide proof of negative Mantoux skin test, or chest x-ray indicating no active disease process within the past 6 months.
- * Be able to follow directions
- * Be reliable
- * Be able to measure and document intake

TRAINING OUTLINE: The classroom portion includes classroom training and practical experience in:

- * Universal precautions
- * Infection Control
- * Communication and interpersonal skills
- * Resident's rights
- * Identifying issues impacting employment
- * Basic interviewing skills
- * Application of skills in a clinical setting
- * Abdominal thrust
- * Feeding techniques
- * Safety and emergency procedures
- * Nutrition and fluid needs
- * Problem-solving
- * Documentation

PLACEMENT SERVICES: Staff work closely with trainees to identify strengths, abilities, preferences and accommodations needed. Placement options include working full or part-time in facility-based employment settings under the direction of a Registered Nurse.

2008 CLASS START DATES: check www.leapinfo.org for information

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