



What is TEAM?

Transitioning to Employment and Advocating for Myself (TEAM) is a collaboration between Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Des Moines Public Schools and Easterseals Iowa. The goal of the program is to better prepare Des Moines Public Schools students for life after high school, focusing on skills to prepare them for their careers, including post-secondary education.

Who can work with TEAM?

Students on an IEP and students who have a 504 plan qualify for a referral to this program.

What does TEAM do?

There are Employment Specialists in each high school that will help students by providing Pre-Employment Transition Services, which could include:

- Job Exploration Counseling: Job shadows, mock interviews, interest inventories, resume writing, etc.
- Work-Based Learning Experiences: Internships, job shadows, etc.
- Counseling on Opportunities: College visits, assistance on college applications, exploring colleges on the internet, etc.
- Workplace Readiness Training: Financial literacy, transportation, housing, social skills
- Self-Advocacy Instruction: Advocating for accommodations or assistive technology, etc.

How can I learn more?

Please contact Renee Bell at 515-309-1783 or rbell@eastersealsia.org if you are interested in this program.