# Employment Training Program (ETP) Guide for Supported Employment Providers and Staff

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE ETP GUIDE

# Welcome to OPWDD's Employment Training Program (ETP) Guide for Supported Employment (SEMP) Agencies

#### What is the purpose of this guide?

The purpose of this guide is to provide an overview of OPWDD's Employment Training Program (ETP). This guide gives a step-by-step process to follow for providing ETP services.

#### Who is the audience for this guide?

This guide is specifically designed for Supported Employment (SEMP) agency directors, managers, job developers, job coaches, SEMP staff and cross-trained staff from other vocational and day services that may provide ETP services. SEMP provider agencies shall be referred to as "agency" in this resource guide.

#### How should this guide be used?

This guide is a resource as well as a tool to be used by SEMP agencies to gain a better understanding of:

What ETP is and the ETP process step by step.

How to determine who is a good candidate for ETP and how to apply for ETP.

The Discovery process, Job Development planning for an intern site, and Intern site development. What's involved with an ETP internship.

How an intern transitions to an employee and supports and services provided for job retention.

#### Each section offers:

- Purpose
- Instructions
- Management/Staff Roles
- ETP Approval
- Required Documentation

#### Where can I find more information about this topic?

More information on ETP can be found at:

OPWDD website: www.opwdd.ny.gov

Eleversity website: www.eleversity.org

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## Introduction to the Employment Training Program (ETP)

## What is the Employment Training Program (ETP)?

- The Employment Training Program (ETP) offers paid internships for individuals seeking employment in the community.
- ETP prepares individuals for employment and assesses the individual's skills, preferences and abilities through job readiness training, Discovery, and a job development plan prior to seeking internships with local businesses.
- Once Discovery and the job development plan are completed, job coaches/developers seek a targeted internship that matches the individual's Discovery findings.
- When an internship is obtained, OPWDD (ETP) initially pays the wages while an individual is learning the job. Interns earn minimum wage as a New York State (NYS) temporary hourly paid employee.
- OPWDD Supported Employment (SEMP) agencies provide intensive job coaching until the individual
  is hired directly by the business. After the individual meets job performance expectations, job coaching
  supports are provided as needed for the individual to maintain employment.
- ETP job coaching services are funded through OPWDD Supported Employment (SEMP).
- The ETP Supervisor provides guidance, submits ETP payroll, approves SEMP funding, and partners with the business, intern, and SEMP agency to assure a successful internship outcome.



## What is the Employment Training Program History?

- The Employment Training Program (ETP) began because there was a lack of employment opportunities in the community for people with developmental disabilities.
- ETP began providing paid internships to individuals who needed opportunities to gain work experience and skills. These internships gave individuals a chance to show employers their capabilities to be hired.
- The program expanded in 2004 when the Self-Advocacy Association of New York State advocated that there were not enough employment opportunities in the community for people with developmental disabilities.
- New York State then began investing in individuals to provide them with paid internship opportunities which would lead to competitive employment.
- ETP continues to evolve since its inception to incorporate best practices in Supported Employment (SEMP).
- Today, OPWDD's ETP continues to offer paid internships, in communities throughout New York State.
   In 2019, ETP had grown to serve over 1,000 individuals per year.

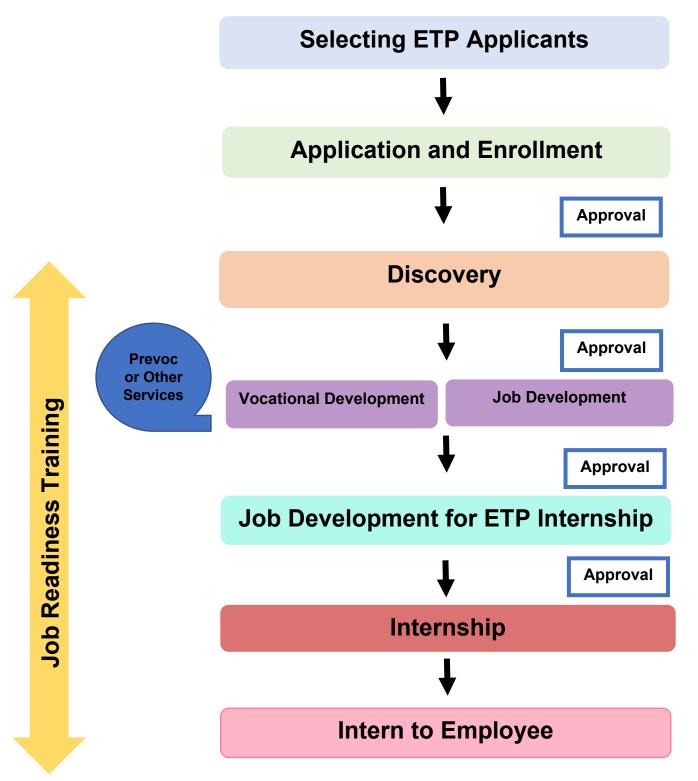
## How Does ETP Partner with a SEMP Agency?

- ETP Supervisors provide Supported Employment (SEMP) agencies with continued technical
  assistance, training, funding approvals, monitor quarterly outcomes and oversight of services to
  enable them to offer quality job supports for the people they serve.
- The ETP Supervisor communicates regularly with the intern, job coach and worksite supervisor to assure successful employment.
- The ETP Supervisor processes ETP applications, coordinates NYS wages, approves funding, provides monthly job readiness training classes, monitors program implementation, and periodically visits worksites to monitor progress and evaluate the interns' job performance.
- The ETP Supervisor also works with the intern, work site supervisor and SEMP agency to assure a successful transition when the intern is hired by the business and ETP has concluded.
- The employee will continue to receive on the job supports as needed to assure long-term employment success.

# What are the Benefits of Participating in the Employment <u>Training Program (ETP)?</u>

- Interns work with a job coach to complete a Discovery to gather information relevant to employment, implement career planning, gain brief hands-on work experiences, and to make recommendations regarding job match and job development next steps.
- Interns work with a job developer to gain an internship in the community to build the skills needed to become successfully employed.
- Interns learn real work skills including job specific tasks, technology, employment standards and work culture at local businesses.
- Interns develop relationships and experiences that give them a competitive edge in the workforce.
- Interns build relationships with supervisors, coworkers, and customers in their communities.
- Interns work with a job coach to learn work skills and perform to the employer's standards to be hired by the employer at the conclusion of the internship.
- During the initial training period, interns are paid minimum wage by NYS as a temporary hourly employee and covered by Workers' Compensation and General Liability Insurance through NYS.
- Interns attend classes that enhance work skills such as time management, customer service, dependability, conflict resolution, flexibility, and communication.
- Interns typically work between 4 and 12 hours per week while they learn the job. Once hired by the business, individuals can work as many hours as needed by the employer.
- ETP Internships vary in duration depending upon the intern and the business' needs.

# **ETP Process**



## **Selecting ETP Applicants**

<u>Purpose</u>: It is important to briefly review the individual's records and meet with the individual, Care Manager and support team to determine if the individual has the experiences, resources, and desire to participate in the Employment Training Program (ETP).

<u>Instructions</u>: Review the following to determine if ETP is right for the person.

- Does the person have some positive work and/or community experiences and some time alone in the community?
- 2 Has the individual previously participated in either ETP or ACCES-VR?
- Is the individual OPWDD eligible and enrolled in the OPWDD Waiver?
- Would the individual benefit from Discovery, targeted job development, and temporary paid wages?
- Does the individual have a state-issued ID, transportation options, and supports to be successful at a job?

## Questions to Ask Prior to Submitting an ETP Application

Prior to submitting an application, please consider this information to make an appropriate recommendation to ETP:

- o Does the person have previous work and/or volunteer experience?
- o Has the person previously been served by ACCES-VR for Supported Employment?
- How independent is the person in the community? What is their level of alone time in the community?
- o Would this person have any challenges in a community work environment?
- o Does the person currently receive day services? What services do they receive?
- O What are the persons' goals for employment?
- o Is the person motivated to work?
- Does the person have reliable transportation? Safety skills/awareness? If not, can they achieve them?
- Review the Tools in our Toolbox Diagram below to assure that the person would be best served by ETP at this time.

## Review: Is ETP the Right Service for the Person?

OPWDD provides a variety of vocational and employment services. Choosing a service or combination of services is based on the individual's experiences, skills, interests, and support needs.

## Review: ETP or ACCES-VR?

- Medicaid is the payor of last resort.
- However, there is a signed agreement letter ACCES-VR and OPWDD that individuals may participate in ETP instead of ACCES-VR based on review of the program needs of individuals who meet the following criteria.
  - Individuals who have expressed an interest in employment who are limited to working for short periods of time.
  - Individuals who, due to their support needs, will require a highly intensive set of programs, behavioral, transportation and/or other supports.
  - Individual participants will require a longer period of program, behavioral, and/or other supports to develop their work capacity before it can be determined that the individuals are able to achieve employment.
- Review the criteria listed in the agreement letter and determine if the individual meets the criteria to apply for ETP.
- The OPWDD and ACCES-VR Agreement Letter is available at <a href="www.eleversity.org">www.eleversity.org</a> under OPWDD Innovations Resources. A copy should be kept in each individual's file with a brief note as to why the individual qualifies for ETP versus ACCES-VR.



## **Tools in the Employment Toolbox**

Community Prevocational Services	Pathway to Employment	Employment Training Program	Supported Employment
Prepares people for paid employment or meaningful activities (2 years or more)	Creates a Vocational Plan and prepares people for paid work (1 year)	Provides time-limited paid work experience after Discovery and targeted job development (1 year or less)	Provides Job Coaching, Job Development (re- placement) and Supports on a Job (On-Going, As Needed)
Discovery, community vocational & volunteer experiences, work-related skills development and career planning	Discovery, community work experiences and develop a vocational goal	Discovery, job development, job coaching at a paid internship at a community business that agrees to hire the person	Community-based, competitive, integrated employment
Most activities are unpaid community vocational experiences or volunteer work. If work activities are paid, must be subminimum wage according to DOL requirements	Most activities are unpaid community vocational experiences or volunteer work. If work activities are paid, must be paid at least minimum wage	Services are funded by Supported Employment (SEMP). Wages paid by OPWDD at minimum wage until the business hires	Paid by business at minimum wage or higher

#### **Staff/Management Role:**

- A copy of the OPWDD's ACCESS-VR Letter of Agreement should be kept on file when a person is accepted into ETP.
- Review candidate requirements to determine if ETP is the best service for the person.
- Request application from the ETP Supervisor and coordinate with Care Manager and support team to acquire required documents.

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## **ETP Application & SEMP Enrollment**

<u>Purpose</u>: The ETP application consists of two components: one is the application for the program and the second is the New York State hiring application for ETP wages.

<u>Approval</u>: The ETP Supervisor reviews the program application for completeness and specific criteria related to employment success. If the ETP Supervisor approves the program application, they will notify the SEMP agency that they can begin Discovery services. The employment application for ETP Wages will then be reviewed by Human Resources for final approval.

**Instructions**: Review the following to complete the ETP application process.

- After discussion and planning with the person and their support team, the SEMP agency requests an application for ETP.
- The ETP Supervisor discusses with the SEMP agency whether to put the individual on the payroll before or after Discovery. If the person has a lack of experience or work challenges, the ETP Supervisor will recommend Discovery First.
- The application is completed in collaboration with the applicant, SEMP agency, and Care Manager and then submitted to the ETP Supervisor.
- The ETP Supervisor will review the application to assure all required documents/information are included and review for approval. (See ETP Transmittal forms on following pages)
- If approved, the ETP Supervisor will send an Acceptance Letter or notify the applicant and SEMP agency if they are not accepted.
- The SEMP agency will work with the Care Manager to enroll the Individual into SEMP if approved.

Form: Appendix A-DISCOVERY FIRST TRANSMITTAL APPROVAL FORM

Form: Appendix B-ETP INTERN APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM

## **Enrolling an Accepted ETP Intern in SEMP**

<u>Purpose</u>: Funding is provided for ETP services through OPWDD Intensive Supported Employment (SEMP) billing. Once an individual is accepted in ETP and IF the person is not already enrolled in SEMP, the SEMP agency needs to work closely with the Care Manager and the DDRO to enroll the individual in SEMP in a timely manner.

**Instructions**: Review the following to complete the SEMP enrollment process for ETP.

- ETP intern, SEMP agency and Care Manager receive notification from the ETP Supervisor that the person is accepted into ETP.
- Service Amendment Request Tool (SART) for SEMP has been submitted by Care Manager to region specific DDRO for approval.
- SEMP agency has received SEMP Service Authorization Letter (NOD.09) from DDRO and submits a DDP1 and supplement in CHOICES. SEMP agency informs Care Manager and ETP Supervisor of the SEMP enrollment date.
- The ETP Supervisor will send an ETP Approval Letter and/or confirmation of approval for the intern, Care Manager, and SEMP agency. The SEMP Manager begins tracking staff service hours in the ETP SEMP Intensive Spreadsheet for ETP Participants. ETP Supervisor will request hours as needed by reviewing this.
- The Care Manager updates the Life Plan. The SEMP agency creates a Staff Action Plan and SEMP service record to document billable SEMP/ETP services.

Appendix C- SERVICE AMENDMENT REQUEST TOOL
Appendix D- DDPI Supplement

## Sample Request to Bill Intensive SEMP Services for ETP Participant

This form is completed by the ETP Supervisor and sent to the SEMP Director. All hours provided must be tracked and subtracted from the number hours approved in order to request additional hours, as needed.

New York STATE OF Developmental Disabilities  Request to Bill OPWDD Intensive SEMP Services for ETP Participants
A. Individual
Last Name of Individual: Smith First Name of Individual: John
SEMP Enrollment Date: 07/01/2015 TABS#: 231092
*Hours expire the day before SEMP enrollment date each year.
If in Process, Projected SEMP Enrollment Date:
Is the individual funded by State SEMP (Non-HCBS Waiver): Yes No
Are SEMP Services Self-Directed? Yes No If ETP Discovery First participant
If Self-Directed SEMP Services are Self-Hire, what is the annual SEM has been approved for Discovery
What date does the annual SEMP Self-Directed, Self-Hire budget beg
B. SEMP Agency or Fiscal Intermediary (Self-Hired, Self-Dire
SEMP Agency Name: ETP Rocks
SEMP Program Code: 12348678 DDRO: Sell le
SEMP Director Name: John Doe SEMP Director Name: Johndoe@opwdd.org
C. Request Information (email to etp.requests@opwdd.ny.gov):
Request Billing Start Date: 7/1/2022 Number of hours requested: 75 HOURS Other:
Services Requested (Check all the apply):
Interim Services Application Discovery Job Development
Job Development Plan ✓ Job Coaching Best Interest of the Person Other
Return Processed Request to (Name): Jane Zoe E-mail: Jane.zoe@opwdd.org
Submitted By (ETP Supervisor Name): ETPS Date: 11.1.2022
OPWDD Central Office Determination (Completed by OPWDD Central Office):
Approved (check one):   ✓ Yes No Number of Hours Approved: 75 HOUR   ✓
Services Approved (Check all the apply):
Interim Services Application Discovery Job Development
Job Development Plan ✓ Job Coaching Best Interest of the Person Other
Approved Billing Start Date: Last Date to Bill Approved Hours:
OPWDD Signature: Date Processed: Approval Number: ABC123

#### Instructions for SEMP/ETP Provider Agencies:

- Provider agencies must keep this approved Request to Bill Intensive SEMP Services for ETP Participants on file to bill SEMP for ETP services.
- By Letter of Agreement, ETP participants do not require ACCES-VR closure or documentation that no funding is available. The agency has determined and documented that based on the person's higher level of support needs and/or limited job experience, participated in ETP and the OPWDD ACCES-VR Letter of Agreement is on file.
- ALLOWABLE STAFF ACTIVITIES: SEMP Regulations 635-10.4(j)(1)(xx) effective July 1, 2015, provides "other
  activities previously approved by OPWDD" in addition to all other allowable staff activities listed in the regulation.
  For ETP purposes, "other activities previously approved by OPWDD" allows for the provision of Discovery,
  assessment activities and observations of individuals participating in other services during the Discovery
  phase
- SEMP Intensive billing codes: SEMP Intensive Individual (4790) and Group (4791), SEMP Intensive Self-Directed Agency Supported – Individual (4759) and Group (4760), SEMP Intensive Self-Directed Self-Hire – Individual (4769) and Group (4770).

## Sample ETP SEMP Intensive Spreadsheet for ETP Participants

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#### **MONTHLY RECORDING:**

- 1. Collect the SEMP hours billing data for each ETP Intern and enter the number of hours provided in the correct cell for the month being recorded.
- 2. The spreadsheet will automatically populate to show *Total Service Hours Provided* and *Service Hours Remaining*. The "Service Hours Remaining Hours" cell will be highlighted in yellow if it falls below 50 hours remaining. This is a cue to the provider as well as the ETP Supervisor to discuss completion of another Request for Intensive SEMP Hours (ETP).
- 3. Individuals <u>with July 1 SEMP enrollment anniversary dates</u> (actual SEMP enrollment date is prior to 7/1/15 or actual SEMP enrollment date is 7/1) will only use THE FIRST LINE and will NOT have any hours to record in column FOR JULY 1 Interns LEAVE THE 2<sup>nd</sup> LINE BLANK.
- 4. Individuals with SEMP enrollment anniversary dates OTHER THAN JULY 1 will need to use TWO LINES.
  - THE FIRST LINE reflects hours provided after 7/1
  - THE SECOND LINE reflects hours beginning with the SEMP enrollment anniversary date going forward.
- 5. <u>For people who have SEMP enrollment anniversary dates that are NOT the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, both lines may be used only for that specific month.</u>

#### Staff/Management Role:

- Review the candidate with the ETP Supervisor to determine if the applicant will go on payroll before or after Discovery, if accepted into ETP.
- Submit the appropriate application, fully completed. *Applications that are not complete will be returned to the SEMP Director.*
- Maintain ETP Acceptance Letter in file.
- Assure that the Care Manager submits the SARF to the DDRO.
- Check with the DDRO to make sure SEMP enrollment was processed.
- Maintain received Approved Request to Bill OPWDD SEMP Intensive Services in ETP Participant's file.
- Input hours from Approved Requests into the ETP Intensive Hours Provided Spreadsheet. A copy of
  this spreadsheet and directions will be provided to you by the local ETP Supervisor.
- Use the ETP Intensive Hours Provided Spreadsheet to monitor hours monthly. SEMP manager sends the ETP Supervisor a copy by the 10th of every month. The ETP Supervisor will request hours on your agency's behalf as needed, per anniversary date and service hours remaining.

## **ETP Job Readiness Training**

<u>Purpose</u>: ETP requires that interns on the ETP payroll attend and are paid for monthly Job Readiness Training classes as offered by the ETP Supervisor. The ETP Job Readiness Classes may also be offered to individuals with no payment if the individual is in Discovery First. The Job Readiness Training classes are typically offered monthly. The training topics expose interns to real life work-related skills, work culture expectations and interpersonal skills required to be successful in employment. Job coaches attend the classes to reinforce the learning at internships and community experiences.

**Instructions**: Review the following Job Readiness Training Class procedures.

- The ETP Supervisor will contact the SEMP agency and interns with the monthly Job Readiness Training class schedule.
- The SEMP agency coordinates transportation and provides support for interns attending the classes.
- Interns are expected to participate to the best of their ability. Interns share their experiences and learn from the instructor and each other.
- The ETP Supervisor will request job coach support for one or more interns at Job Readiness Training as needed. Job coaches will share the topics and learning with co-workers so they can reinforce the learning at internships.

## ETP Job Readiness Training

## Sample topics may include:

Personal hygiene	≻	Coping with stress
➤ Interviewing skills	➤	Health and wellness
Dressing for success	≻	Self-confidence at work
➤ Positive communication	➤	Professional behavior
Listening skills	≻	Overcoming challenges at
≻ Teamwork		work
➤ Conflict in the	>	Safety at the workplace
workplace	➤	Setting goals
➤ Helping coworkers	>	Asking for help

#### Staff Role:

• Reinforce concepts learned in Job Readiness training in community activities. Share information for what was covered with other job coaches at your agency to aid in reinforcement of training.

#### Management Role:

• Ensure staff are scheduled to assist with Job Readiness Training participation.

## **ETP Discovery**

<u>Purpose</u>: ETP requires that individuals participate in Discovery to assess individual's skills/abilities/interests, prepare for employment, and to gain information for the SEMP agency to develop a good job match and to provide customized, quality job training supports to the employee.

**ETP Approval**: The ETP Supervisor will review the completed ETP Discovery Report and determine if job development is the next step or if the person needs to build more skills and experiences. The ETP Supervisor will request either a Job Development or Vocational Plan. If it is agreed that the person is prepared for employment, a Job Development Plan needs to be completed. If the individual needs to build additional work skills, interpersonal skills, safety skills, or has medical needs, a Vocational Plan will be developed. Based on the Vocational Plan, the person will be referred to services to implement the plan.

<u>Instructions</u>: Each section of the Discovery Report offers specific instructions to complete, for implementation and documentation. The recommended total Discovery hours are 75-90 with an average of 20 hours a month provided by the job coach. If a formal Discovery was completed previously, the ETP Supervisor will review the formal report and determine next steps.

The ETP Discovery packet and worksheets can be found at: https://eleversity.org/resources/opwdd-innovations-resources/

Review of records (4-6 Hours)

PURPOSE: To obtain, review, and summarize documented information from the services the individual is currently receiving or has previously received. Records contain valuable information about an individual's background, progress, skills, abilities, preferences, experiences, and support needs. Researching this information will help determine the individual's ability to obtain and/or maintain employment.

Interview individual, support staff, family and friends (6-8 hours)

PURPOSE: To obtain various perspectives on the individual's background, progress, skills, abilities, preferences, experiences, and support needs through discussion of these subjects with the individual and their stakeholders. Each perspective will provide information relevant to the individual's ability to obtain and/or maintain employment.

Two Observations (6-8 Hours)

PURPOSE: To obtain information about the individual's interests, motivators, interpersonal/soft skills, independence, behavior, physical ability, self-care skills, safety awareness, and support needs through direct observation. Observation will reveal information about how an individual reacts to various social and physical environments. This information can be related to how they might react to similar environments and the expectations found in employment.

# Community Based Experiences/ Situational Assessments Minimum of 12 hours each (24-40 Hours)

PURPOSE OF DEVELOPMENT: To utilize information learned through observations and interviews and to develop two different community based situational assessments based on the person's interests and skills.

PURPOSE OF SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENTS: To collect information about an individual's practical work performance by simulating a work environment at a location in the community that exposes them to realistic expectations in career areas they may enjoy. Supporting, observing, and assessing an individual participating in work activities in the community will allow individualized and objective evaluation of their interests, skills, and abilities. This will identify an individual's motivators, learning style, and areas of support needs. Overall work performance depends on proficiency in multiple areas including, but not limited to; physical ability/stamina, academic ability, interpersonal/social skills, communication skills, problem solving, stress management, safety skills, and response to supervision, instruction, and support. The information collected can be directly related to the support the individual will benefit from to succeed in employment.

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#### **Discovery Report Findings (1-2 Hours)**

PURPOSE: To summarize the findings relevant to employment that were gathered during Discovery. This will consolidate information about the individual's strengths and support needs in a variety of vocational areas. Environmental preferences, transportation, work availability, supervision needs, and career options will also be identified in this section.



## Career research (4-6 Hours)

PURPOSE: To compare the individual's skills and abilities with the duties and requirements of specific job titles. This will help determine if these job titles are a realistic match for the individual.

#### **HOW TO USE O\*NET ONLINE:**

Open your internet browser and enter "<u>onetonline.org</u>" into the address bar.

Enter the career in the "Occupation Quick Search:" field in the upper right corner of the O\*NETOnlineHome Page and hit Enter or click on the arrow.

Select and click on the most appropriate O\*NET Career from the search results.

Expand all categories on the Summary tab of the O\*NET Career page by clicking on the "+" under each category heading. There are 13 categories that can be expanded. If a category is showing all possible results, the "+" will be light grey and unclickable. *(Optional)* Print out the page with all categories expanded for reference.

## HOW TO USE O\*NET ONLINE INFORMATION TO FILL IN CHARTS:

Enter one Identified Career Option in each chart and select if it is an expressed preference of the individual or was derived from the Discovery Report Findings

Enter one job title from the "Sample of reported job titles:" area of the O\*NET Career page.

Enter the O\*NET Code. Example: "15-1199.11" for Video Game Designers.

Select 4-6 of the most important functions or requirements of the O\*NET Career and enter them under the "Job Duties / Requirements" column.

Fill in the information under the "How does the job duty match the individual's skills and abilities?" corresponding to each function in the "Job Duties / Requirements" column.

#### **Recommendation, Review and Approval (1-2 Hours)**

PURPOSE: To provide a recommendation for the next steps.

- The recommendation is to begin job development (complete Job Development Plan)
- OR the person is not ready for job development (complete Vocational Development

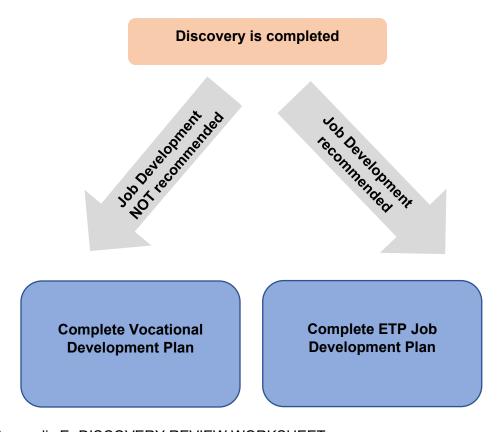
The SEMP Supervisor reviews and approves the Discovery report and submits to the ETP Supervisor. A Discovery Review Tool is available for SEMP Supervisors. ETP Supervisor approves next steps or requests additional information.



#### **Monthly Progress Updates**

PURPOSE: To assure that staff are following the Discovery process and providing consistent services. The reports also provide ETP Supervisors with individual progress updates.

#### What happens after ETP Discovery?



🗎 FORM: Appendix E- DISCOVERY REVIEW WORKSHEET



FORM: Appendix F- ETP DISCOVERY MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Review ETP Discovery requirements and complete each section as outlined.
- Submit ETP Discovery Monthly Status Update to ETP Supervisor. ETP Supervisor may request additional information if the Discovery is not completed within 90 days.
- Register for ETP 101 and Discovery trainings through Eleversity if you have not already.
- Use plain language to clearly describe the Discovery process. Avoid technical or process descriptions such as, "we need to complete 6-8 hours of Observations."
- Connect the dots! Each section of Discovery serves an important purpose that should inform
  the greater goal of identifying the best possible job match or avenue for vocational
  development.
- Discovery is not job development. Let the person and any stakeholders know that before
  considering job development they will participate in some career exploration and planning to
  determine next steps. You may need to reiterate this.
- Interview Worksheets are provided in a separate document to be used as a guide. Ask open ended questions that generate conversation. Practice active listening and ask follow up questions.
- Observations may be done while the person participates in a different service. Take note of their interpersonal skills, level of interest and how they respond to the environment.
- Report any concerns such as lack of commitment, recurring travel issues or behavioral challenges to the SEMP manager, ETP Supervisor, person and their support team.
- Explore potential solutions to barriers.
- Develop community based vocational (situational) assessments that replicate typical work experiences. Gather all the information you need to make a good job match or to develop a clear plan for further skill development.
- If recommending job development, make sure that the identified careers are supported by the information in the Discovery Report.
- See Discovery Review Tool in appendix.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- The Discovery Report and recommendation must be completed and then reviewed and approved by the Supported Employment Services management before submitting it to the ETP Supervisor.
- Provide ongoing guidance and assistance to staff during Discovery.
- Review that staffing is consistent, that Discovery process is being followed and that the
  individual is making progress. Discovery should be completed within 90 days. Please discuss
  with the ETP Supervisor if additional time is needed.

## **Vocational Development Plan**

<u>Note</u>: The Vocational Development Plan is **only completed when Discovery does not result in a recommendation for Job Development**. If Job Development is recommended, skip this section and see Job Development Plan.

<u>Purpose</u>: The Vocational Development Plan is completed after Discovery, only if it is not feasible to move to job development as the next step. The ETP Supervisor will let you know if this form is required. The purpose of the process is to consolidate information gathered during Discovery and create a plan for the next steps to assist the individual to build independence and develop employment skills. The plan is meant to be shared with the individual's support team in order to implement the Vocational Development Plan. This information should highlight the positive attributes and describe specific vocational challenges identified during Discovery.

**ETP Approval**: The ETP Supervisor will review the completed Vocational Development Plan and require that the SEMP agency share the plan with the individual, Care Manager and support team to develop a follow up plan. After this step, the intern will be terminated from ETP. No future Intensive SEMP hours will be approved until the person has addressed the challenges listed in the Vocational Development Plan.

**Instructions:** Review the following prior to completing the Vocational Development Plan.

- Review the Discovery Report and record the targeted challenges to employment as listed in the Discovery Report.
- Set up a meeting with the person, Care Manager and support team to discuss the challenges and develop strategies to address the challenges.
- Set up a process for the individual to pursue employment in the future once they have increased their work experience, employment skills, addressed interpersonal challenges or addressed medical needs, as identified.



Form: Appendix G- VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Fill out each section of the Vocational Development Plan and submit it to the ETP Supervisor for review.
- Upon approval, SEMP staff will arrange a meeting to discuss the plan and next steps with the individual and their support team. The ETP Supervisor may attend the meeting.
- Information in the Vocational Development plan should be clearly stated and based on evidence so that the person, family, Care Manager, and support staff are able to monitor progress as they work to improve in the noted challenge areas.
- It is recommended that the planning summary include a plan of action with specific activities listed for the person and support team members to implement and monitor progress. Note **specific** activities and services that will help the person address identified challenge areas.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Ensure that the Vocational Plan meeting is scheduled, and a plan of action has been developed. The Vocational Plan is submitted to the Care Manager and other services management for Implementation so the person can be return to employment services in the future.
- Review and ensure that the Vocational Development Plan is fully completed, recommendations are clear, and there is a plan of action that is shared with the Care Manager.
- Assist with the planning meeting, when necessary.
- This plan is to be discussed and a summary is provided to the support team after the Vocational Development planning meeting.
- Let the person know this is not the end of the road. They now have a clear plan for next steps in their employment journey and will be able to reconsider job readiness after demonstrating progress.

## **ETP Job Development Plan**

<u>Purpose</u>: To consolidate the pertinent information related to an individual's employment related needs and qualifications before approaching businesses to develop an internship. By having this information, the job developer will be able to provide targeted job development at businesses who have positions that meet the individual's skills, abilities, preferences, experiences, schedule, transportation, environmental, cultural, and support needs.

**ETP Approval**: The ETP Supervisor will review the completed Job Development Plan to determine whether job development for an ETP internship is the next step. The ETP Supervisor will approve additional Intensive SEMP hours if needed.

**Instructions**: Review the following to complete the ETP Job Development Plan.

- Review entire Discovery report prior to completing the Job Development Plan.
- Complete the Job Development Plan, synthesizing the information learned to make specific job development and job matching recommendations.
- Review the Job Development Plan results with the individual and their support team and share tasks when possible.
- Submit the Job Development Plan to the ETP Supervisor for approval. If Job Development is not recommended, please complete Vocational Development Plan.
- Complete the NYS OPWDD Application for ETP wages as requested by the ETP supervisor
  - FORM: Appendix H- ETP JOB DEVELOPMENT PLAN

## NYS OPWDD Application Process for ETP Wages

If the person is found to be best served by ETP and is recommended for Job Development, ETP Supervisor will set up an interview and coordinate with the completion of the NYS application to receive ETP wages.

#### Documents to be completed:

- NYS Application Part 1
- Vocational Recommendation
- Care Manager/Broker Recommendation (if requested)
- Intern Benefits Statement
- OPWDD Photo Consent Form (optional)

# If offered ETP wages, person will be required to complete the following documents and undergo a background check including fingerprinting:

- NYS Application Part 2A
- I-9 Form (Must provide NYS ID and Birth Certificate or Social Security Card)
- State and Federal Tax Forms
- Payroll Authorization for Criminal History
- All other documents as required by OPWDD Human Resources.

#### Once person has been fully added to the NYS OPWDD payroll:

- ETP Supervisor will send an ETP intern approval letter for confirmation
- SEMP provider will seek an internship which meets the requirements for a successful ETP internship.
- Intern will receive NYS OPWDD paid wages until fully trained.
- Intern will record time on bi-weekly timesheet for submission.
- SEMP staff will provide training and coaching supports to successfully move the intern to the employer's payroll.

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Complete thoroughly ensuring to highlight both the persons strengths and support needs.
- Review the plan with the individual, the job developer, the SEMP Manager, and the support team
- Target businesses that relate to careers identified in the Discovery Report and listed in the Job Development Plan.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Oversee and review Job Development Plan. Ensure that the Job Development Plan matches the two career areas identified in the Discovery Report.
- Provide oversight and guidance throughout job development.

## Job Development for ETP Internship

<u>Purpose</u>: Job development is implemented using a clear and focused Job Development Plan. The plan should identify businesses that offer positions which match the individuals' skills, ability, preference, experience, schedule, transportation, environmental needs, work culture, and support needs. Strategies outlined in this plan, should provide the job developer with effective job match information for job development.

<u>Instructions</u>: To move forward with job development, the ETP Supervisor must first approve the Discovery Report and Job Development Plan. Only the two career areas that have been identified in the report, are to be targeted for intern site development. Contact the ETP Supervisor to discuss any changes to the plan and job development strategies. Review the following to complete job development.

## **ETP Intern Site/Job Development**

- Review Job Development Plan based on Discovery outcomes to begin job development
  - Review the Job Development Plan for guidance on the job development process:
    - What skills and interests does the person possess?
    - O What work environment best fits the person?
    - O What are the person's limitations and challenges?
    - What accommodations and natural supports might they need?
    - o What hours and geographical locations are best for the person?
  - Involve the individual and their support team throughout the process.
  - Research Targeted Businesses
    - Start with businesses identified in the Job Development Plan, to conduct online research.
    - Visit the business's website. Identify the business's mission, vision, and values.
    - Identify possible unmet business needs in person: Is there enough staff? Is the
      environment organized and clean? Are there tasks that could be customized? Do
      customers look confused? Are customers waiting a long time to be helped?

#### **Approach and Engage Businesses**

- Begin by finding who to approach from online research. Identify who the Owner/Manager is, Head of Human Resources, Operations and who has the authority to hire new employees.
- Have your introduction prepared prior to making your first contact, via phone or in person. If approaching them in person have a business card/brochure available to leave with them.
- Let them know you have a partnership with OPWDD/ETP. Explain that the agency provides job coaching to ensure the person learns the job after the business orientation. Discuss possible incentives such as the Work Opportunity Tax Credit.
- Request a job description for the position. Complete a job/discrepancy analysis to determine if this a good job match. This will enable you to look at the tasks involved so you can customize a position for an internship.
- Review what aspects of this job that may not be a good fit with the intern's skills and abilities. This will enable you to carve a position as needed.
- Follow up to determine if the business has an internship opportunity that will lead to a paid position after the internship is completed, should the intern meet the job performance requirements.



#### **Complete Job Development Monthly Progress Update**

Once you have gathered specific information about the job and have determined that the job is a good match; you would approach the employer to talk about the intern you have in mind.

Gather information from the employer to complete the Intern Placement Approval Form below. Attach a complete job description of specific tasks for the internship. Submit to ETP Supervisor for final approval.



### Identify positions that match the Job Development Plan

- Review selected businesses for intern site development.
- Identify best positions at those businesses with intern's input.
- Discuss the following expectations with the intern: physical characteristics of the business, pace, culture, and job description.
- Review any other observations that are important and relevant to the intern.
- If after reviewing selected positions with the intern and it has been determined that this will be a good match, set up meeting with employer, intern and ETP Supervisor.



Form: Appendix I- ETP JOB DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE



# Prior to intern placement, set up a meeting for the intern to meet with the employer.

<u>Instructions:</u> Please be sure to complete all sections in full on the form. Ensure job duties are described in detail in the job duties section. Submit completed form for ETP Supervisor for approval.

- Attach a formal job description from the employer or one you created with the employer's input for a carved position.
- Verify with the employer that this position will lead to competitive employment when the intern has been trained to the employer's expectations.
- Verify all portions of this form with the employer prior to submission to ETP Supervisor for approval.
- Please note that the intern may not start in this internship until the ETP Supervisor approves the placement and a Worksite Placement meeting has been held at the work site



# Complete the ETP Placement Approval Form and submit to ETP Supervisor for approval.

Once the ETP Supervisor has approved of the Intern Placement Approval Form, the next steps for setting up the placement meeting for the internship would be to:

- Discuss final details for the internship with the worksite supervisor, such as:
   set up a work schedule and arrival time, required work attire and a date for intern and job coach to begin.
- Select a job coach best suited to meet interns needs. Review information for internship with the job coach. Create an action plan that includes coaching strategies to begin internship. Make transportation arrangements for intern, to and from the worksite. Ensure that the job coach has availability for designated work schedule for the full work shift. The intern requires 100% job coaching supports until the employer expectations are met.



Form: Appendix J- INTERN WORKSITE PLACEMENT FORM



Form: Appendix K- JOB DESCRIPTION EXAMPLE

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Thoroughly read and review the Discovery Report and Job Development Plan before beginning Intern Site Development.
- Note there are two careers options that are identified for job development. Only these identified career areas on the Discovery Report can be targeted for development.
- Please note that a Job Development Monthly Progress Update is due to the ETP Supervisor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, while the intern is in job development.
   Refer to ETP Discovery Career Research and Job Development Plan for businesses to be
- Refer to ETP Discovery Career Research and Job Development Plan for businesses to be targeted for job development.
- Before approaching a business be prepared in advance to present information on the ETP program and job coaching supports the intern would receive. Have appropriate questions prepared ahead of time that you would ask the business.
- Communicate job development outcomes and review potential job matches with the intern, ETP Supervisor, and support team.
- Contact the ETP Supervisor if there any changes to the Job Development Plan.
- · Assist with setting up intern worksite placement meeting
- Please note: The intern cannot be placed into an internship without the ETP Supervisor's approval.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Ensure that SEMP staff who are developing internship sites have access and have fully reviewed the Discovery Report, including completed worksheets prior to development for an intern site. Ensure that staff targets only the businesses for intern site development that match the two career areas identified on the report.
- A Job Development Monthly Progress Update is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month that an intern is in job development. Please ensure that SEMP staff providing job development are correctly completing this each month and sending it to the ETP Supervisor.
- Provide supervision and oversight to SEMP Staff throughout the intern site development process.
- Meet with the job developers regularly. Review all potential job matches to assure that the job developer is focused on the Discovery outcomes and Job Development plans.
- Review Intern Placement Approval Form. Ensure that that there is a full job description attached. Check that this position is consistent with career areas identified in the Discovery Report.

## Internship

<u>Purpose</u>: The ETP internship is matched to the intern's skills, abilities, and preferences. The SEMP agency provides quality intensive job coaching for the first 3 months and begins to fade supports as appropriate. ETP will pay the wages until the person becomes competent at the job. The business will begin to hire the individual on the business' payroll within approximately 3-6 months. The ETP Supervisor will monitor the progress to assure that the person will be hired.

**ETP Approval**: After the ETP Supervisor approves the Intern Placement Approval Form, a Work Site Placement meeting will be held with: The intern, the worksite supervisor, the job coach and the ETP Supervisor. The ETP Supervisor will meet every 2-3 months with the intern, SEMP agency and worksite supervisor to ensure the intern is learning the job and the job is still an appropriate match. The ETP Supervisor will continue to approve Intensive SEMP hours as needed. After the intern has demonstrated that they are able to consistently perform the job duties according to the business' expectations; the business is expected to hire the person. The ETP Supervisor will choose a date to conclude the ETP internship. The SEMP agency will continue to support the person through Extended SEMP funding. Should the internship be unsuccessful, or the employer is unable to offer a position; next steps will be discussed, and the internship will be concluded.

<u>Instructions</u>: Review the following expectations to provide ETP (SEMP) services at the internship.

- At the Worksite Placement meeting, agreements and criteria for the intern to be hired by the business will be developed. The information from this form will be used on the Quarterly Progress Reports.
- The job coach provides allowable SEMP services for the individual to be successful in the ETP internship. The SEMP agency will provide intensive, on-site job coaching for at least the first 3 months. Fading will not occur until agreement is reached with the intern, ETP Supervisor and worksite supervisor.
- The SEMP agency will communicate regularly with the ETP Supervisor, Care Manager and support team regarding employment progress, and support needs to be successful in employment. The job coach will assist the intern in submitting ETP timesheets to the ETP Supervisor while receiving ETP wages.
- The SEMP agency will complete all required ETP documentation and SEMP services documentation.
- The intern, job coach, and worksite supervisor will complete the quarterly evaluation forms. The ETP Supervisor will hold quarterly evaluation meetings to review progress and determine what progress is needed for the person to be hired.

## **Worksite Preparation and Process:**

The **Worksite Placement Meeting** is attended by Worksite Supervisor, Intern, Job Coach and ETP Supervisor. This meeting will discuss and review:

- Review job duties, expectations, work schedule, and supervisor contact information.
- Overview of the program, program specifics, and worksite supervisor/employer responsibilities.
- Provide the intern's emergency contact information to be kept at the business to access in the event of an emergency.
- Review the NYS Worker's Compensation and Liability Coverage documentation, reporting forms, and process to be kept at worksite in case of a worksite injury.
- Review the payroll schedule and timesheet. Provide instruction of how to complete and when timesheet is due to ETP Supervisor. Intern will not be paid unless timesheet is properly completed and submitted to ETP Supervisor on time.

## **Quality Indicators for Job Coaching**

The following are the quality indicators and expectations for job coaching at an ETP internship and ongoing employment supports.

- Job coach attends required trainings (through Eleversity) and competently performs
  the job task and interpersonal skill instruction. Job coach utilizes various
  instructional techniques based on the supported employee's learning style and
  targeted job requirements.
- Based on the learning through Discovery, job coach develops training plans, job
  performance criteria, natural supports, projected fading timeframes, and
  accommodations collaboratively with the business' management. Interpersonal
  skill training may be developed both on and off the job by the employment specialist
  or other appropriate services.
- Job coach promotes and facilitates intern/employee independence, natural supports, job accommodations, and responsive communication between the person and their supervisor/coworkers.
- Job coach facilitates strong coworker and supervisor relationships including participation in the formal and informal work culture. Job coach provides interpersonal skill training both on and off the job.
- Job coach regularly evaluates and adjusts training and supports based on worker performance and employer feedback. Job coach works with the person to understand and perform to the supervisor's expectations. Periodic meetings are scheduled with the supervisor to carefully evaluate job coach supports and the person's performance.
- Job Coach works collaboratively with the person and his/her support team to provide outside work supports and to participate in person-centered planning activities.
- FORM: Appendix L-INTERN QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT WORKSITE EVALUATION FORM

## ETP Quarterly Progress Evaluation Process and Forms

- The ETP Supervisor will visit the internship worksite 2 times a quarter (more if needed).
- The Individual will be evaluated quarterly in a Quarterly Progress Meeting held with the worksite supervisor, job coach, intern and ETP Supervisor. The job coach, worksite supervisor and intern will complete an Evaluation Form to be reviewed and discussed to form a Plan of Action to outline the areas needed for improvement by the intern to be hired by the business. The Plan of Action will also outline job coach instruction/consultation fading as the intern meets the businesses' performance standards, and competently performs their duties with minimal support.
- The ETP Supervisor will ask that the business begin paying partial or full wages based off the intern's performance.
- An ETP internship is subject to end if the intern is not progressing, or the employer is unwilling or unable to offer employment. The ETP Supervisor will make this determination and outline next steps for intern.

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Re-confirm with the business that this is a position they will hire for and that the job tasks match the interns career findings, skills, and abilities.
- Arrange Worksite Placement meeting with worksite supervisor, intern, SEMP Staff, and ETP Supervisor.
- Provide on-the-job training per job tasks outlined during the Worksite Placement Meeting.
- Give consistent feedback regarding intern's performance to ETP Supervisor.
- Complete Worksite Evaluation Form by providing honest and constructive input which realistically outlines progress and areas for improvement.
- Collect Worksite Evaluation Forms completed by intern and worksite supervisor.
- Frequently check in with the worksite supervisor to assure intern is progressing.
- Return all completed Worksite Evaluation Forms to ETP Supervisor by designated time on form.
- Be prepared to participate in creating a Plan of Action which may include, a need for the intern to learn additional duties, increase productivity or quality to meet employers' standards.
- Summarize specific coaching actions to help the Intern meet the employer's standards for the tasks needed to be hired.
- Update ETP Supervisor of any schedule changes, job task changes, management changes that may affect hiring, as made aware.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Provide targeted supervision to assure quality SEMP services, review all documentation and review interns progress with the job coach.
- Communicate any employment challenges, staffing challenges, etc. to the ETP Supervisor.
- Track all staff service hours on the ETP SEMP Intensive Spreadsheet and request additional Intensive SEMP hours as needed to the ETP Supervisor.
- Review all SEMP documentation required to bill for SEMP services.
- Ensure that SEMP Staff is prepared to give feedback and their plan to execute coaching techniques that will address the barriers.

### Intern is Hired by Business

<u>Purpose</u>: When the business has agreed to hire the intern and the start date has been established, the ETP Supervisor, intern, job coach and worksite supervisor work together to assist the intern in completing the hiring process and plan for future supports to continue to be successful. All screening and training requirements will be outlined and completed with assistance from the job coach. This is also the time to develop a plan to assist the person in continued success through Extended SEMP services.

**ETP Approval**: The ETP Supervisor will work with the worksite supervisor to determine the last date the intern will be paid with ETP wages and start on the business' payroll. However, ETP involvement may continue for a period after the individual transitions to the business payroll to monitor success and assure that the transition is positive. The ETP Supervisor will choose a date that the Employment Training Program (ETP) will conclude and the agency will continue to provide supports to assure successful employment.

<u>Instructions</u>: Review the following to transition from ETP Internship to Employee at a Business.

- ETP Supervisor and employer have agreed upon date for intern to transition to the business payroll and hired directly.
- Complete all onboarding training and businesses' human resources forms with assistance from the SEMP staff, including orientation, background screening, application, time and attendance documents.
- SEMP staff, worksite supervisor and intern have agreed on work schedule, job coaching schedule, job tasks, and additional training, as needed.
- ETP Supervisor notifies the intern, SEMP agency and Care Manager the date that ETP services ended and the individual continues to receive SEMP services.
- SEMP agency will begin billing Extended SEMP services after ETP internship has concluded. SEMP staff continue to complete all required SEMP services documentation.

#### **SEMP Staff Role:**

- Once the employer can fully hire the individual, the necessary hiring process is completed with assistance from the job coach in order to get the individual on the employer's payroll.
- Job coaching supports will continue through Extended SEMP. The reduced job coaching hours will be discussed with the individual and employer to assist the individual in maintaining employment.
- Once intern becomes an employee, they will no longer attend Job Readiness Training.
- SEMP staff assist in training individual on all the businesses policies and procedures including time and attendance.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Once the individual has fully transitioned to an employee with the business, use remaining Intensive SEMP Billing Hours prior to their expiration date, and then begin billing Extended SEMP.
- Work with the ETP Supervisor for a date to fully remove the individual from the ETP Payroll.

### **Self-Direction**

The Employment Training Program (ETP) is SEMP funded and may be a self-directed service. ETP/SEMP services may be funded through a self-directed budget, either a Direct Provider Purchased or Self-Hired budget.

The ETP Supervisor will work with the person, Support Broker, and circle of support to apply and if accepted implement ETP services.

Self-directed employment staff (job coach/developers) should use this Guide to provide services. ETP services are the same whether they are self-directed or not. The only differences in self-directed ETP are the budget process and, if the services are self-hired, hiring a job coach.

Please find included process and charts for Direct Provider Purchased or Self-Hired ETP services.

### COMPARISON OF DIRECT PROVIDER PURCHASED AND SELF-HIRED SEMP

Direct Provider Purchased SEMP Services	Self-Hired SEMP Services
COST- Statewide average of \$90/ hour multiplied by approximately 250 hours a year. (See Waiver rates for exact hourly cost)	COST —Approximately \$18,000 for the first year (inclusive of training, travel time hours, staff hours, benefits, etc.).
STAFFING - Agency offers trained and experienced staff that are supervised by agency. Agency will provide a backup staff if needed to assure the continuum of services.	STAFFING – Individual, family and Circle of Support are responsible for hiring, training and supervising staff. Team should also have a trained back up staff for times when regular employment staff is unavailable.
STAFF TRAINING – Agency is responsible for scheduling mandatory initial 24 hours of training in first year and maintain annual 6 hours of staff training. Agency supervisors provide internal SEMP services training and supports.	STAFF TRAINING – Self-Hired employment staff must meet the initial 24 hours of training and maintain yearly mandatory 6 hours of staff training, including ETP 101. Staff must provide Fiscal Intermediary with training records.
DISCOVERY & JOB DEVELOPMENT – Agency offers established community business connections for assessments, internship placements and jobs. Agency continues to develop new business contacts for individualized experiences too.	<u>DISCOVERY &amp; JOB DEVELOPMENT</u> – Self-Hired employment staff must create new community business connections for assessments, which are required prior to developing internship placements.
JOB COACHING – Agency offers a cadre of trained staff experienced and/or familiar with job coaching techniques, skills assessment, job accommodations, job/task analysis, interpersonal skills training, job readiness training, building natural supports, promoting independence on the job.	JOB COACHING – Self-Hired employment staff is often familiar with the person. Self-Hired employment staff needs to know job coaching techniques, skills assessment, job accommodations, job/task analysis, interpersonal skills training, job readiness training, building natural supports, and promoting independence on the job.
DOCUMENTATION - Agency quality assurance staff review all SEMP documentation for accuracy. Agency submits ETP documentation to ETP Supervisor for monthly review and billable hours tracking. Agency requests Intensive and Additional SEMP billing hours from OPWDD, as needed.  RECORD KEEPING - Agency is responsible for keeping SEMP/ETP records and meeting all SEMP ADM and regulations and other employment-related regulations such as NYS, DOL, Medicaid, Social Security, IRS, etc.  Agency is responsible for all OPWDD required reporting.	DOCUMENTATION – Fiscal Intermediary reviews all SEMP documentation for accuracy. Self-Hired employment staff submits ETP documentation to ETP Supervisor for monthly review and Fiscal Intermediary submits billable hours tracking to ETP. Support Broker or Fiscal Intermediary requests Intensive and Additional SEMP billing hours from OPWDD, as needed.  RECORD KEEPING – Fiscal Intermediary, Support Broker and Self-Hired employment staff are responsible for keeping SEMP/ETP records and meeting all the requirements set in ADM and regulations. In addition, Fiscal Intermediary, Support Broker and Self-Hired employment staff must know, follow and report other employment-related regulations such as: NYS DOL, Medicaid, Social Security, IRS, etc. FI is responsible for all OPWDD required reporting.

# Responsibilities and Roles: Employment Staff (Job Coach/Developer), ETP Supervisor, Fiscal Intermediary, and Support Broker

In order to participate in ETP, you must have dedicated resources in your Self-Direction budget for employment supports and have your application approved by the ETP Coordinating Unit. The Employment Training Program processes include Discovery, Circle of Support planning, job development, on-the-job supports, JRT classes and ongoing documentation. As you begin to hire your employment support staff, you may want to consider the skills and qualifications listed below.

There are primary roles and tasks that employment support staff will implement throughout the ETP process; Discovery, Vocational/Job Development, and On-the-Job Training. The employment support staff person needs to relate to business culture and understand business needs. It is important that job coach/developer blend into the general work environment and have strong communication and negotiation skills. The job coach/developer will accompany the intern to the required monthly Job Readiness Training classes until the completion of the ETP internship. The various job functions differ, so you will need to decide to either hire one person for all roles or hire separately for the specific roles.

### Job Coach/Developer responsibilities in the following steps:

- <u>Discovery Process:</u> job coach/developer will complete the ETP Discovery Report. This is completed by a variety of activities and assessments:
  - Spend one-on-one time with the person in the community and at home
  - Review the person's records, work history and demographics
  - · Complete career and interest assessments
  - Interview family, friends and Circle of Support staff
  - Observe the person in the community, participating in volunteer work, classes and vocational programs
  - Coordinate job-related situational assessments
  - Complete Career Research
  - Complete required documentation (Discovery, SEMP documentation, billing, etc.)

- 2. <u>Job /Vocational Development Planning:</u> the job coach/developer will review the information from the Discovery Report and depending on the Discovery Report Findings, they will complete a Vocational Development Plan or Job Development Plan. If Job Development is the next step; the job coach/developer perform a variety of tasks to develop an internship that is a good job match.
  - Contacting businesses that were outlined in Job Development Plan and continue to explore other businesses in the community for a good job match.
  - Scheduling interviews and meetings with employers to determine their business and hiring needs.
  - Assisting the intern with the development of a resume, references and interview skills.
  - Supporting intern at job interviews and provide information about the ETP internship to businesses.
  - Analyzing internships for an appropriate job match to the intern's interests, abilities, environmental preferences, support needs, transportation options, work hours, supervision, etc.
  - Assuring the business/hiring manager understands that the goal of ETP is paid employment at the business when the intern performs the required work skills to the employer's standards.
  - Coordinating with the ETP Supervisor and Worksite Supervisor to advocate for needed accommodations and internship expectations.
- 3. **On-the-Job Training- Internship:** providing intensive on-the- job supports to aid the intern with mastering job duties/tasks that are required to be hired by the business.
  - Providing worksite skills training and support.
  - Developing workplace accommodations as needed.
  - Monitoring the intern's work performance to meet the employer's quality and productivity standards.
  - Assisting the intern to develop positive relationships with supervisors, coworkers and customers.
  - Instructing the intern in workplace culture and related interpersonal skills.
  - Ensuring that the intern understands both the workplace and ETP policies and procedures.
  - Building independence and fading intensive supports once appropriate and approved by ETP supervisor.
  - Assisting with time sheets, managing breaks and lunch schedules.
  - Communicating progress and concerns regularly with the Worksite Supervisor, ETP supervisor, intern and their circle of support.

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- 4. On-the-Job Training- Hired by the Business: when the person is hired by the business, the job coach/developer continues to provide job coaching supports to meet the intern's (now employee) and business' needs. After the ETP internship has concluded, it is important that the job coach/developer continues to provide the following ongoing supported employment.
  - Advocating and exploring career advancement opportunities at current or new business.
  - Assisting with resolution of problems and concerns with the employee and the business.
  - Facilitating inclusion into the workplace culture, forming appropriate relationships with the supervisor, co-workers and customers.
  - Assisting with adjustment to changes in work tasks, personnel or workplace expectations.
  - Supporting the individual in accessing workplace benefits, activities and ongoing job site trainings.
  - Assisting the individual learn new tasks and improve job performance as needed.
  - Assuring that the individual continues to meet the employer's expectations as an employee of the business.

**ETP Supervisor** is the OPWDD liaison who coordinates the ETP process with the Worksite Supervisor, job coach/developer, and the intern to assure a quality experience and positive outcomes. The ETP Supervisor's goal is to facilitate an ETP experience that will lead to quality, community employment at the conclusion of the internship.

- ETP Supervisor reviews the ETP application and notifies the Support Broker and FI if approved.
- The ETP Supervisor provides the Self-Hired job coach/developer with the Discovery Report to complete.
- The ETP Supervisor reviews the Discovery Report and if employment seems feasible for the individual, approves the self-hired job coach/developer to start internship development.
- The ETP Supervisor collects the ETP Monthly Reports.
- The ETP Supervisor will schedule and facilitate Quarterly Progress Meetings with the business, intern, and job coach/developer to review internship progress. ETP Supervisor will complete Quarterly ETP Progress Reports.
- The ETP Supervisor implements the ETP Job Readiness Training classes.
- ETP Supervisor will request SEMP Intensive Hours while intern is in ETP Program.
   Intern moves into SEMP Extended when ETP Program is completed and after intern is hired by business.
- When an ETP internship is developed, the ETP Supervisor meets with the business to approve the site and describe business' expectations.
- ETP Supervisor processes the intern's time sheets and assures that the intern transitions to the business' payroll when the intern becomes competent in the job position.

**Fiscal Intermediary (FI):** works with the person to complete billing and payment for employment services identified in the budget.

- FI will finalize the hiring process and human resources for self-hired job coach/developer.
- FI requires that job coach/developer attend required Innovations in Employment Supports trainings.
- FI makes sure that job coach/developer understand the required SEMP and ETP documentation.
- FI submits DDP1 to Regional Office for approval and enrollment onto SEMP roster in Choices. FI keeps all required SEMP documentation for services provided by Self-Hired Staff. (documentation requirements outlined in SEMP Regulations and ADM).
- FI collects SEMP/ETP service documentation, reviews documentation for compliance and submits SEMP billing.
- FI collects SEMP Staff Action Plan, monthly summaries, service documentation and ETP documentation to review for compliance and maintain in individual's file.
- FI completes and submits the Quarterly SEMP Report for all individuals enrolled in SEMP and ETP to Central Office, as directed.
- FI will upload any supporting documentation in Choices as needed.
- FI will track SEMP Intensive hours approved by Central Office to determine when additional hours need to be requested to support the SEMP budget.
- FI or Support Broker submits the <u>ETP Intensive SEMP Hours Provided Spreadsheet</u> to the ETP Supervisor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- While the person is in ETP, the ETP Supervisor will request Intensive SEMP hours to cover ETP services. Once the individual has completed ETP, FI will request SEMP hours (Intensive or Extended over 200 hours) at the beginning of each SEMP anniversary.

**Support Broker** assists individuals to develop their Self-Direction budget and Circle of Support to implement their Self-Direction goals.

- Care Manager, Support Broker and the individual complete and submit the ETP application.
- Individual, Support Broker and Circle of Support interview and hire Self-Hired job coach/developer.
- Support Broker ensures budget includes SEMP units needed to provide a quality service.
- Support Broker or FI submit the <u>ETP Intensive SEMP Hours Provided Spreadsheet</u> to the ETP Supervisor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **SEMP Documentation & Regulations**

<u>Purpose</u>: Employment Training Program services are funded through OPWDD Waiver Supported Employment. ETP wages are funded through OPWDD state-funding. In addition to the ETP reporting requirements, staff need to meet all SEMP required documentation. Once ETP has concluded, staff will continue to meet all SEMP documentation and regulatory requirements. This section will briefly review the requirements.

**Instructions**: Review the following instructions to document SEMP services.

- Participate and update individual and support team at Life Plan meetings. Provide feedback to care manager if changes are needed in Life Plan.
- Develop a SEMP Staff Action Plan based on the assigned goals from the Life Plan.
- Complete SEMP Service Documentation every time a service is delivered in response to the Staff Action Plan and allowable SEMP services.
- Complete the SEMP Monthly Summary documenting services provided, vocational progress, and identified challenges.
- Assure that SEMP staff understand all SEMP documentation and regulatory requirements.

#### **SEMP Management Role:**

- Review SEMP documentation and regulatory requirements with staff.
- Review SEMP documentation for compliance.
- Review SEMP documentation for quality of services and employment progress.
- Work with staff to update employment supports and support strategies, as identified.

### **Staff Training**

#### <u>Innovations in Employment Supports – Eleversity:</u>

NYS OPWDD is committed to assisting individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve independence through community and employment experiences. OPWDD recognizes the benefits of partnering with the voluntary agencies and DDROs across NYS to educate DSPs, Employment Support staff and leaders about OPWDD's employment initiatives, services and supports. It is imperative that staff are prepared to plan and deliver person centered services. OPWDD funds Eleversity to provide the Innovations in Employment Supports training series to meet the training requirements as listed in the SEMP ADM. Management and staff may register for training at www.eleversity.org.

#### **SEMP Staff:**

- Please refer to the SEMP ADM for details regarding Staff Training Requirements.
- Staff providing SEMP services must participate in OPWDD's Innovations in Employment Supports Training including managers, supervisors, directors, and any other staff providing and billing for SEMP Services.
- Staff must meet the requirements for initial and annual continuing education trainings.
- The service provider must maintain documentation that the trainings requirements for each staff person are met. To meet this requirement, all Innovations Trainings completed by the individual staff are listed on their official transcript.

#### SEMP Management Role:

- Ensure SEMP Staff are participating and engaged in Innovations Training's
- Assist the SEMP Staff in receiving the above trainings prior to beginning working with ETP Participants, when possible.
- Maintain records of Innovations Training's per Supported Employment ADM(s).

### **ETP Forms**

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### Appendix A

### **ETP DISCOVERY FIRST TRANSMITTAL APPROVAL FORM**

From Care Manager/SEMP/Broker

ETP Discovery First allows an individual to have a Discovery completed to see if Job Development is the next appropriate service. If the outcome of Discovery is a recommendation for job development, the individual will be asked to complete the application process to become eligible for wages paid by OPWDD.

To:	, ETP Supervisor Date:
From:	Title:
Agency:	
Email:	Phone:
Subject:	is applying for acceptance into the ETP Program.  (Applicant Name):
ETP is	s unable to process applications that do not have <u>all</u> required documents.
Referral is	for (check one):
	scovery First
<u> </u>	llege Intern
Attached a	re the required documents for consideration of ETP DISCOVERY FIRST
☐ ETP Ap Applicant)	plicant Information Sheet (completed by Care Manager, SEMP Agency or Broker AND
Consen	t for Release of Information (signed by Applicant and/or legal guardian)
Psychol	ogical or Psychosocial Assessment (most recent)
Life Plai	n (include attachments such as: Behavior Support Plan, Monitoring Plan, IPOP if applicable)
Include the	e following ONLY if applicable:
	tric or other Medical Evaluations (if the information is pertinent to employment)
 ☐ Self-Dire	ected Plan w/ Budget- (Budget can be amended for SEMP when ETP is approved)
	s funded under a "Both" or "Other than Residential" Plan
	scovery is completed and approved for Job Development, a written notification will the SEMP Manager requesting the application documents for OPWDD payroll.
Return to F	ETP Supervisor(s):



# Appendix B

### **ETP INTERN APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL FORM**

#### From Care Manager/SEMP Agency/Broker

To:	, ETP Supervisor Date:								
From:	Title:								
Agency:									
Email:	Phone:								
Subject:	is applying for acceptance into the ETP Program.								
<b>,</b>	(Applicant Name):								
E1	ETP is unable to process applications that do not have <u>all</u> required documents.								
Referral	s for:								
☐ ETP I	ntern ETP College Intern								
☐ Caree	r Specific Vocational Training (CSVT) Participant								
☐ ETP I	ntern after completing Pathway to Employment or other formal Discovery								
Attached	are the required documents for the application (check all attached):								
	Application Part 1 (signed by Applicant on Page 5 <u>and</u> Page 6)								
_	Applicant Information Sheet (completed by Care Manager, SEMP Agency or Broker AND Applicant)								
_	ent for Release of Information (signed by Applicant and/or legal guardian)								
_ `	ological or Psychosocial Assessment (most recent)								
_	an (include attachments such as: Behavior Support Plan, Monitoring Plan, IPOP if applicable)								
☐ Intern	Benefits Statement (signed by Applicant <u>and</u> Care Manager / Guardian / Advocate)								
☐ Intern	Recommendation – Vocational								
Include t	he following ONLY if applicable:								
_	iatric or other Medical Evaluations (if the information is pertinent to employment)								
	irected Plan w/ Budget- (Budget can be amended for SEMP when ETP is approved)  P is funded under a "Both" or "Other than Residential" Plan								
_	ray to Employment Career Plan and Community-Based Experience Worksheets								
	ously completed formal Discovery Report								
	sucry completed formal biodevery resport								
Return to	ETP Supervisor(s):								

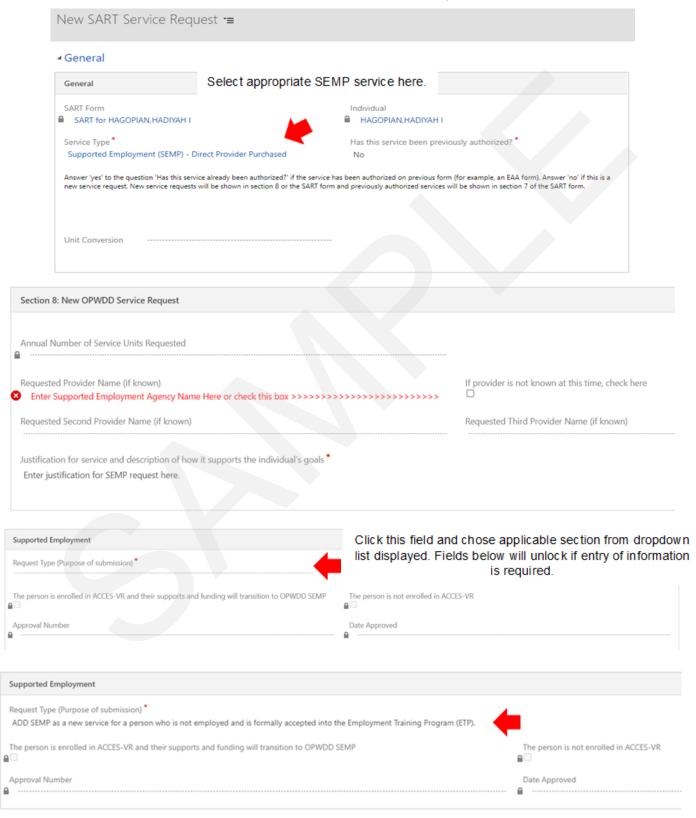
Return to ETP Application & SEMP Enrollment





### Appendix C

### **SERVICE AMENDMENT REQUEST TOOL**







### Appendix D

### **DDP1 SUPPLEMENT**

<u>Instructions:</u> This form must be completed by the Agency/Provider and <u>attached to the DDP1</u> when submitting to enroll an individual in a *new service*. When requesting a change in service amount (units) for an *existing service*, this form should be completed (no DDP1 required) and submitted to the DDRO.

This form must be submitted for any of the following services:

✓ Day Habilitation	$\checkmark$	Hourly Respite
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Community Habilitation ✓ SEMP

✓ Community Pre-Voc
 ✓ Site-Based Pre-Voc
 ✓ Pathway to Employment
 ✓ Free Standing Respite

< PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECTIONS BELOW >											
CHECK the TYPE OF REQUEST											
Requesting enrollment in a <b>NEW SERVICE</b>					Verificatio	n of Med	licaid				
Requesting an INCREASE IN SERVICE AMOUNT for a			for ar	n existing service				te coverage type) and			
Requesting	a <b>DEC</b> F	REASE IN	SERVIC	<b>E AMO</b>	UNT f	or an	existing service		Waiver en	rollment	as of today's date
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NAME											
TABS ID:											
SERVICE AMO	UNTS										
Specific Service Ty	ре	TABS Pro	gram Cod	е		Tota	l Service Amount				
							UNITS/YEAR	* (for fr	action, ½ unit	= .50) se	ee key at bottom of form
FIRST DAY OF	BILLA	BLE SER	VICE IN	ITIATI	ON D	ATE (	projected) AN	D FUN	IDING		
SERVICE		MO	DAY	YF	}						
START DATE:											
FUNDING SOUR	RCE:	Chec	k here if	new ur	nits will	be re	quired to support	this re	quest		
PROVIDER CO	NTAC	T INFOR	MATIO	N							
PROVIDER STAF	F CON	1PLETING	FORM:	(print)	PH	ONE	NUMBER:				
						)	- exter	nsion:			
TITLE or POSITION:  EMAIL ADDRESS:  DATE:				•							
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NOTE: REQUESTS FOR NEW FUNDING ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY THE REGIONAL OFFICE.											
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Service Type							Conversion				
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Supplemental Gro		Habilitatioi	1			1 unit = 4+ hours. 1/2 unit = 2-4 hours 1 unit = 15 minutes					
Community Pre-Vo						1 unit = 15 minutes					
Site-Based Pre-Voc						1 unit = 15 minutes					
Free Standing Resp	oite - IRA	As			1 unit	1 unit = 15 minutes					
Hourly Waiver Res	•						ninutes				
	<u>Ti</u> ,	<u>o</u> : to calculat	te units and	nually, de	termine	numbe.	r of units required per	week and	nultiply times	52 weeks	
* For SEMP and Pathway to Employment, enter "0" as the service amount.											
For Internal/Regional Office Use Only											
Follow-up with SC/provider required Name of DDRO Staff Reviewing:											
Follow-up with SC/provider required   Name of DDRO Staff Reviewing:											
Form Revised 06/2				Form Revised 06/26/2015							



# $\begin{array}{c} Appendix \ E \\ \textbf{DISCOVERY REVIEW WORKSHEET} \end{array}$

Individual Name:	Agency Name:
Date Discovery Reviewed:	Reviewer Name:
Discovery Completed (# months):Select	
If Discovery was not completed within recommended time	e, please explain reason(s):
The purpose of this review tool is to assist managers when rev comprehensiveness, and completion. It also allows the manage assist them in completing quality Discovery Reports.	
You will receive this review worksheet if the ETP Supervisor had Please work with your staff to address the questions and concethis tool internally to review Discoveries before they are sent to	erns and return the updated Discovery. You may also u
REVIEW Of RECORDS: Completed Satisfactorily Not	: Completed Satisfactorily
1. Was each section completed fully and comprehensively? Se	
2. Are all interpersonal, physical, medical, behaviors, and safety	challenges described? Select
3. Is there a comprehensive review of the individual's past or prother programs and school)?Select	esent work or volunteer experiences (including
4. Do school records provide a description and level of support	eceived during participation in school?
Select	
5. Did the staff discuss the potential effects of wages on the indiassist the individual with reporting wages?Select	ividual's benefits and if so, was a person identified to
6. Upon review of all records, do you have a clear understanding style, etc.)?Select	g of the cognitive abilities of the person (i.e.: learning
INTERVIEWS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, SUPPORT STAFF, FAMIL	.Y, AND FRIENDS:
Completed Satisfactorily Not Completed Satisfactor	ily
7. Was there a good representation of interviews with family, fr completed?Select	iends, and support staff from each service they receive
8. Do the interviews describe work preferences of the individua and support staff?Select	I and the perceived work preferences by family/friends
9. Do the interviews have a detailed discussion of how independ regarding safeguards?Select	lent the individual is in the community or any concerns

10. Do the interviews have a clear description of things that would impact the individual's ability to obtain or

maintain employment (behavioral, medical, social, benefits, hygiene, environmental, etc.)? --Select--

OBSERVATIONS: Completed Satisfactorily Not Completed Satisfactorily
11. Was each section completed fully and comprehensively?Select
12. After reading the description of what tasks the individual successfully completed during the observations what was the level of support needed to successfully complete these tasks?Select
13. Is there a detailed description of any observed challenges/concerns regarding physical limitations, dress and hygiene, interactions/communication with others, etcSelect
14. Do the observations describe the individual's level of engagement or what motivated or demotivated the person? Select
15. Do the observations describe behaviors or skills that would be transferrable to employment? Select
COMMUNITY-BASED EXPERIENCES / SITUATIONAL ASSESSMENTS:
Completed Satisfactorily Not Completed Satisfactorily
16. Was the required number of work experiences completed and were they relevant to the individuals' preferences identified in previous sections?Select
17. Did all work experiences in the community include typical work tasks and were clearly described?
Select
18. If there were concerns regarding the individual's hygiene/grooming per site expectations, were they noted in the Discovery?Select
19. Is there a detailed description of the individual's interpersonal, communication skills and challenges and how they would impact employment?Select
20. Is there a detailed description about the individual's response to supervision/coaching/requests from others?
Select
21. Is there a detailed description of whether the individual had any limitations with the required academic skills (reading/math)?Select
22. Is there a detailed description of whether the individual had any stamina, physical or medical concerns related to performing work tasks?Select
23. Is there a detailed description of what environmental factors are most important for the individual's success at each assessment site?Select
DISCOVERY REPORT FINDINGS: Completed Satisfactorily Not Completed Satisfactorily
24. Are the findings consistent with $\overline{\text{ALL}}$ the information gathered throughout the Discovery?
Select
25. Were the strength and support needs connected to the vocational/employment goals for the individual? Select
26. Has all the information in this section been completed with a good description?Select

27. Were transportation options and challenges fully assessed and described? --Select--28. Has there been a discussion regarding the persons availability to work to be realistic and flexible to meet the needs of the business? -- Select--Completed Satisfactorily | Not Completed Satisfactorily CAREER RESEARCH: 29. Do the recommended careers have a corresponding community-based experience and been researched in ONET? --Select--30. Are there descriptions of the job duties/responsibilities from each ONET career researched AND are individual's skills and abilities discussed using information gathered in this Discovery (i.e.: seen in a situational assessment or observation, learned in an interview, etc.)? --Select--Completed Satisfactorily | Not Completed Satisfactorily RECOMMENDATION: 31. Is the recommendation consistent with the Discovery findings? --Select--32. Was the Discovery Report reviewed for content, quality, and accuracy is attested to and signed by the SEMP/Employment Manager? -- Select--33. Did the staff meet and/or confer with the individual and their support team to review the Discovery and discussed whether the person is ready for job development or needs to develop additional vocational skills/experiences?

34. If received, is the Job Development Plan or Vocational Plan consistent with the Discovery Report?

--Select--

--Select--



# $Appendix \ F$

### **ETP DISCOVERY MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE**

(Complete and submit to ETP Supervisor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month)

Intern Name:		Date Submitted: Staff Name:			
SEMP Agency:					
Staff Email:		Staff Phone	):		
Discovery Start Date	: Re	eport Month:	Year:		
Select the Discovery Activ	ities where progress wa	s made during the repor	t month:		
Discovery Activity	Recommended Hours	Hours Delivered	Date Completed		
Review of Records	4-6				
Interviews	6-8				
Observations	6-8				
Site Development	2-6				
Assessments	24-40				
<b>Contact ETP Supervisor if</b>	Intern is not yet on OPV	VDD Payroll and Job Dev	velopment is anticipated		
☐ Discovery Findings	1-2				
Career Research	4-6				
Other	15-25				
Review and Approval	1-2				
If fewer than 20 total hours	of Discovery Activities	were provided, explain I	pelow:		
Briefly describe any new v Strengths:	ocational strengths or s	support needs discovere	d during the report month:		
Support Needs:					
Note Locations of Observa  Observation Assessme  Observation Assessme	nt Location:nt Location:				
List any new potential care	er areas discovered du	ring the report month:			
Is the Intern actively participal Did the Intern participate in J	•	☐Yes ☐No ☐Yes ☐No How m	any hours?		
ETPS Review Date:		Date feedback provided	to agency:		





### Appendix G

#### EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

# Vocational Development Plan TABS ID #: 12345

Name: John Doe

### **VOCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**PURPOSE:** To consolidate information gathered during Discovery and create a plan for the next steps to assist the individual to build independence and develop employment skills. The plan is meant to be shared with the individual's current and future supports. This information should highlight the positive attributes and describe specific vocational challenges identified during Discovery.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Fill out each section below and submit the plan to the ETP Supervisor for review. With input from the ETP Supervisor, a meeting may be held to discuss the plan and next steps with the individual and their Circle of Support. Information in the chart on page 3 should be clearly stated so that the individual, their family, their Care Manager, and any support staff working with them are able to monitor their progress as they work to improve in the noted challenge areas.

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# EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM Vocational Development Plan

Name: John Doe		TABS ID #: 12345			
Th. 6-11	. l	1.			
The following services are  ☑ Community Habilitation	e being recommended  G Community Pre-Vo				
☐ Day Habilitation	☐ Recreation	Other (list below):			
Summarize the positive a	ttributes observed du	ring Discovery:			
Showed a steady work p					
When understands a tas		to complete it eems to be list orientated			
Came to work dressed in		sems to be not offentated			
Enjoys routine. Likes the	e same job tasks day	to day and all day			
Polite and friendly					
Summarize the reason(s)	that Job Developmen	nt is not being recommended at this time:			
Job development is not being record so quick/focused on completing/state corrected or informed of something reminded of each of his shifts the "when there is a change to his routing received constructive criticism/ being on his independence to include saft community. John Doe would benefit	mmended at this time due to J urting tasks, he had failed to list. John Does also needed sup rules" of the worksite and if he ne especially when its unexpe ng corrected and when receivi ety skills, kitchen safety skills, it from expanding his vocation	John Doe needing to improve his interpersonal skills. John Doe was sten to directions given and struggled to be "stopped" in order to be port in the area of managing stress/self control. John Doe was e is feeling overwhelmed he can take a break. John Doe struggled octed, or interrupted during a task he was completing, or when he ing repeated instructions for job tasks. John Doe also needs to work, ability to take initiative/ problem solve and gain alone time in the hall skills to increase his safety skills, personal grooming, motivation d interpersonal skills and relationships.			
Check off the challenge a	reas that were identif	ied during Discovery			
☑ General Workplace Indep		☐ Physical / Medical / Mental Health			
✓ Stress Management		✓ Communication			
✓ Social Interactions / Relat	ionships	☑ Focus / Attention to Task			
☑ Productivity / Work Pace		☑ Safety / Environmental Awareness			
☐ Transportation Resources	<b>:</b>	✓ Personal Grooming / Hygiene			
✓ Attendance / Punctuality /	Time Management	☑ Initiative / Motivation to Work			
☐ Other (specify):					



# EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM Vocational Development Plan

V	Vocational Development Plan				
Name: John Doe	TABS ID #: 12345				
<u>Instructions:</u> SEMP Staff / Manager should com Supervisor review.	uplete as much of this chart as possible prior to ETI				
Identified challenge area	Service/Activity Recommended				
Independence and safety skills in the work place	Community Based Prevocational services				
2. Social interaction and building positive and professional relationships	Community Based Prevocational services				
3. Time Management / Stress Management / Self Regulation	Community Based Prevocational services & Community Hab				
4. Independence, personal hygiene and safety skills in the community	Community Hab				
5. Work related communication skills / accepting feedback	Community Based Prevocational services				
ATTACH ADDITIONAL I	NFORMATION IF NEEDED				
Plan completed by:					
Name: SEMP Staff / Manager Title:	:				
Signature: Signed by SEMP staff and/or manageme	nt that will attend meeting				
Agency: ABC Agency	Date: 3/20/21				



# EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM Vocational Development Plan

### **PLANNING MEETING SUMMARY**

To be completed by Circle of Support Meeting facilitator

Date of meeting:	3/25/21	

#### **Attendees:**

Attenuces.	
Name	Relationship to Individual
Sue Smith	Care Manager
John Hancock	SEMP Staff and/or Manager
Barb Doe	Mother
Karen Johnson	ETP Supervisor
John Smith	Broker
Sandra Bullock	Behavior Specialist
Kent Clark	Resident Manager
Brenda Varcaro	Community Hab Staff

#### **Summary of meeting:**

Care Manager will submit a SARF to have John Doe enrolled into Community Based Prevocational Services where John Doe will go into the community to increase his independence and safety skills. John will also work on social interaction and building positive and professional relationships in Community Based Prevocational Services. Behavioral Specialist and Residential Manager will update John Doe's goals in the Behavioral Plan in order to address John's inflexibility in accepting change in routine, establishing community independence and safety skills, and properly communicating. Time management will be consistently worked on in all support services. Community Hab Staff will work on community independence, safety skills, time management, social interaction and relationships. Broker will remove SEMP from the budget at this time to allocated funds for Community Based Prevocational Services. Goals for employment in the Life Plan will continue to be carried out by all support staff, in order to recommend John for employment in the future. SEMP will be reconsidered after goals are met. A copy of this plan will be provided to all support staff in order to ensure that the plan discussed will be carried out to reach John's employment goals.

Signature: Signed by SEMP Staff / Manager after meeting	Title: SEMP Staff/Manager
Date: 3/25/21	

Cc: Individual, Care Manager, Support Staff, Other



### Appendix H

# **Job Development Plan**

Name: XXXX TAI	BS ID #: XXXXX
vame: AAAA TAI	BS ID #: XXXXX

### **JOB DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

<u>PURPOSE</u>: To research and consolidate the pertinent information related to an individual's employment related needs and qualifications **before** approaching businesses to develop a placement. By having this information, the Job Developer will be able to provide targeted job development at businesses who have positions that meet the individual's skill, ability, preference, experience, schedule, transportation, environmental, cultural, and support needs. The Job Developer will be prepared to negotiate any necessary customization to positions so that they meet the individual's needs. With the focus and strategies provided by this plan, the Job Developer is more likely to create effective job matches. The Job Developer should approach businesses the provider currently has relationships with as well as new businesses to build new relationships. Targeted job development is best accomplished by directly contacting businesses to develop placement opportunities. **Do not just focus on completing online applications.** The SEMP Manager should provide oversight and guidance throughout job development.

<u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u> Review Discovery documents and follow up as needed to fill out each section below with detailed, individualized information. Review the plan with the individual, the Job Developer, the SEMP Manager, and any other staff or stakeholders that support the individual for approval, and collect signatures on page 6. This plan should be available to anyone supporting the individual with any part of their job development.



Name: XXXX TABS ID #: XXXXX	
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- 1. List the 2 career areas and possible positions that will be the focus of Job Development:
  - a. Career Area 1: Food Service
    - i. Positions: Dining/table attendant, dietary aid, kitchen helper
  - b. Career Area 2: Retail
    - i. Positions: Stocking clerk, merchandiser
- 2. List the hard skills **demonstrated** in previous employment or volunteer activities by the individual that support success in each career area: (examples: clerical, money handling, mechanical, and/or cleaning skills)
  - a. Career Area 1: Familiarity with kitchen/food service from years working in a dish room. Cecilia enjoys cooking for herself and can perform basic food prep tasks.
  - b. Career Area 2: Cecilia demonstrated a variety of stocking and related retail skills in her assessment at the College Store.
- 3. List the soft skills **demonstrated** in previous employment or volunteer activities by the individual that support success in each career area: (examples: ability to focus, attention to detail, work pace, social skills)
  - a. Career Area 1: Cecilia has demonstrated the ability to be a productive worker in a kitchen environment, handling the temperature and pace of the work.
  - b. Career Area 2: Cecilia has an outgoing personality and could learn to be good at customer service. She was able to read, focus and retain information adequate to do this kind of work.
- 4. List any other factors that explain why these career areas are a good match for the individual: (examples: previous experience, strong interest, personal traits, transferrable skills)
  - a. Career Area 1: Cecilia has years of experience washing dishes so she is used to a food service environment and the attendant pace. She recognizes the need for basic safety protocols in that environment and is familiar with them—i.e. non-slip shoes, basic hygiene. She is still very interested in food service. Her desire for a new job is more about leaving the specific employer she has had, not completely changing fields.
  - b. Career Area 2: Cecilia has a very outgoing personality and likes to be around people. She likes to be busy and is able to read well enough to accurately place like items together. She has the basic computer skills to do most of the necessary data entry that might go with such a job (with sufficient coaching).



Name: XXXX TABS ID #: XXXXX
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- 5. List and describe the factors that create an ideal workplace culture for the individual: (examples: team structure, set routine, clear expectations, flexible supervisor)
  - 1. A set, familiar routine. 2. Clear Expectation. 3. A flexible supervisor. 4. A positive team structure where negative comments and attitudes are shut down quickly.
- 6. List and describe the factors that create an ideal workplace environment for the individual: (examples: lighting, noise level, crowded, inside/outside)

There are not any obvious environments that would be red flags for Cecilia. She worked for a long time in a hot, crowded dishroom and did not have issues with the environment. Between Discovery Assessments and recent Community Based Prevoc programming, she has worked indoors and outdoors, in loud and quiet environments and in both crowded and relatively empty spaces.

7. Fill in the individual's weekly availability:

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
From	9	9	9	9	9		
Until	4	4	4	4	4		

List any times, days, or dates that the individual is NOT available to work and why:

Cecilia currently participates in Community Based Prevoc but this can be adjusted for a job.

- 8. Transportation information:
  - a. Available Mode(s): Public Bus, some ability of staff to transport.
  - b. Travel radius / area: In this County, on bus routes or close by to her residence in City, NY
  - c. Travel restrictions: Anything off the bus route would be a challenge.



Name: XXXX	TABS ID #: XXXXX
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9. List potential employers that meet the criteria for success listed in 1-8 that the SEMP Agency or individual has an established relationship with:

Business	Career Area (1 or 2)	Location
Xxxx School District, food service	1	City, NY
The Corner Brew	1	City, NY
Clark's IGA Supermarket	1	City, NY
Pizza and Bones	1	City, NY
The Bridges of Heights	1	City, NY
Beach Tree	1	City, NY
McDonalds	1	City, NY
Village Taqueria	1	City, NY

10. List potential employers that meet the criteria for success listed in 1-8 that the SEMP Agency can contact to develop new relationships:

Business	Career Area (1 or 2)	Location
College Store	2	City, NY
Pineridge Grocery	2	City, NY
Clark's IGA Supermarket	2	City, NY
Target	2	City, NY
Home Goods Store	2	City, NY
ReUse Center	2	City, NY
Dollar General	2	City, NY
Rite Aid	2	City, NY



Name: XXXX TABS ID #: XXXXX	
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- 11. List and describe vocational gaps in the following areas that could create barriers to success in the chosen careers or with the potential employers:
  - a. Hard Skills: Cecilia would struggle to work a cash register--the idea of making change is intimidating to her. She struggles to count money, more so than she does to deal with numbers themselves.
  - b. Soft Skills: Cecilia has definite social boundary issues. This was a frequently noted barrier in the discovery interviews (including Cecilia's own interview).
  - c. Workplace Culture: Cecilia is very easily influenced by a negative workplace culture and does best with a stable, familiar crew. Given the turnover in these two fields, a good, stable workplace culture could be tougher to locate than a simple vacancy.
  - d. Workplace Environment: Cecilia has at least some experience in both food service and retail environments and has been comfortable in both.
  - e. Schedule / Availability: Cecilia has a very open schedule right now and working is a priority for her.
  - f. Transportation: Cecilia is competent on using the bus to get around the county. Her residential staff can provide some amount of transportation. But lack of adequate transportation will limit the search.
- 12. List any other potential barriers to successful employment:

No other significant barriers so long as there is well considered job development and competent coaching

13. List all supports that will address the gaps and barriers described in 11 & 12 and how each support plans to address them both on and off the job:

List specific Job Coach Supports: register.

11 a--staff will coach Cecilia in any job she needs to learn, including using the cash register.

11 b--this is an area that Cecilia staff have been addressing with Cecilia for years. She is aware that she struggles with this an is redirectable.

Other Supports:

14. List any employment conditions or environments that are non-negotiable to the individual: Cecilia does not want a job where dish washing is the only responsibility. She wants to develop some new skills. Other than that she is quite open.



# EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM Job Development Plan

Name: XXXX		TABS ID #: XXXXX	
Once the Job Development Plan is compl SEMP Manager and sign below.	ete, review it with	the individual, the Job Developer, an	nd the
I contributed to, reviewed, and ap	prove of this p	lan:	
Individual:			
Print / Type	Sign		Date
Plan Preparer:			
Print / Type	Sign		Date
Business Relationship Manager / Job D	eveloper:		
Print / Type	Sign		Date
SEMP Program Manager:			
Print / Type	Sign		Date
Agency:			
Date Job Development could begin:			
Agency staff are available to provide	hours of j	ob development each month.	
Submit the Job Development Plan	to an ETP Superv	isor for review and final approval.	
ETP Supervisor Approval:			
Print / Type	Sign		Date

## Appendix I

## ETP JOB DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY PROGRESS UPDATE (Complete and submit to ETP Supervisor by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month)

Intern Name:	Date Submitted:				
SEMP Agency:					
	Staff Phone:				
Job Development Start Date:_		Report Mont	:h:	Year:	
List the 2 career areas approved for Jo		ment after Discover	ry		
Complete the chart below based on Jo Do <u>not</u> submit online applications unti	-	•	· ·		
Name of Business/Person Contacted	Career #	<b>Contact Method</b>	Outcome/Re	sponse to contact	
Hours of Job Development services prov	ided during I	report month:	If unde	er 20, explain below:	
Was the Intern offered employment durin	g the report	month? ☐ Yes ☐ N	lo <i>If</i> Yes, con	tact ETP Supervisor	

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Select any other career dev	velopment activities the Intern eng	gaged in during the report month:
☐ No Activities	☐ Interview Practice	Resume Building
☐ Travel Training	☐ Job Research	☐ Job Readiness Training
Other:		
Hours of other career develop	pment activities provided during repo	ort month:
Describe any new vocationa	al gaps or other barriers to emplo	eyment and how they will be addressed:
Describe any progress mad	de toward addressing previously id	dentified gaps and / or barriers:
Is the Intern actively participate	ating in Job Development?	es No
Are the identified Career Area	as still a good fit for the Intern? $\Box$ Ye	es No
If "No" to ANY of the questi	ions above, describe the circumst	tances or situation below:
This section	ion completed by the ETP Supervisor	or after receipt and review
ETPS Review Date:		ETPS Initials:
ETP Supervisor Comments:		
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Date Feedback provided to	agency:	

Send to CU monthly

## Appendix J

### **INTERN WORKSITE PLACEMENT FORM**

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SEMP AGENCY STAFF AND RETURNED TO THE ETP SUPERVISOR FOR REVIEW AT THE ETP WORKSITE PLACEMENT MEETING.

All information will be reviewed and shared with the worksite supervisor, intern, and SEMP agency staff at the ETP Internship Worksite Placement Meeting.

#### **INTERN INFORMATION**

Intern: John Smith	hn Smith Date Starting this Placement: 01/01/2023			
Intern Telephone #: 123-456-7890	Date Starting JD for this Placement: 01/01/2023			
WORKSITE INFORMATION				
Business Name: xxxx Nursing and Rehabilitation Center	Phone: 123-456-7890			
(Name of the Business that will eventually hire the intern) Business Address: xxxx Nursing and Rehabilitation Center				
Worksite Supervisor Name and Title: Sue Smith, Director	of Housekeeping			
Phone: 123-456-7890 Email Address:	email@email.com			
Alternate Worksite Supervisor Name: Bob Smith, Director or	Human Resources Phone: 123-456-7890			
Name and Title of Supervisor Authorized to Hire: Sue Smith	n, Director of Housekeeping			
Phone: 123-456-7890 Email Address:	email@email.com			
SUPPORTED EMPLOYM	MENT AGENCY			
Supported Employment Agency: xxxx	Phone: 123-456-7890			
Job Coach Name: Robert (Rob) Smith				
Phone: 123-456-7890 Email Add	lress: email@email.com			
Supervisor Name: Karen Smith				
Phone: 123-456-7890 Email Add	lress: email@email.com			
POSITION INFOR	RMATION			
Title of Position: Housekeeping Attendant Depart	tment: Housekeeping			
(used by the employer) Work Schedule:				
Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri	Sat Sun Total Hours:			
10-2	10-2 8			
What is the dress code for this position? (Non-skid shoes, non-skid shoes, dark slacks (prefer not jeans), plain shirt	o jeans, uniform, office attire, etc.):			
What is the attendance policy for this business? (Vacation, s This is a business that is open 7 days per week and holidays can l	•			

	INTERN WORKSITE PL	ACEMENT FO	DRM – Page 2		
Job Duties and Required Level of Performance (Attach a complete job description or agreed upon task list)					
Job Duty	Describe Related 1		Describe required performance level (quality/productivity) for this job duty		
Clean Floors	After securing cart with supplies use mop a floor clean . Maintain a dry		Ongoing , repeat through out shift as needed		
Clean entry way carpet	Vacuum entry way and floor 2 floor m	ats in reception	At least once in shift, more often as needed due to snow, ice, de-icer being tracked.		
Sanitized hand rails	Sanitize hand rails that line all walls	in the hallway	Complete one full round and repeat as needed.		
Clean 2 Bathrooms	Assure paper and soap in 2 rest rooms. Cle one during shift. Take out rest room tr		Visit restrooms to assure clean and tidy one to three times during shift.		
Counter & doors	Clean and sanitize glass door handles and p sanitize counters in reception area as wel furniture (wipe to sanitized as	l as reception area	One to 3 times during shift for surfaces that are frequently touched		
Restock	Restock cleaning cart. Check for supplies. As cleaning clothes are clean. Change as need bag and change as need.	ded. Check vaccuum	First duty of the day, stock or restock cleaning cart.		
	nodations needed for the interraccommodations at this time.	n to be success	ul in this position.		
TO BE COMPLETED A	T THE PLACEMENT MEETIN	NG BY THE ET	P SUPERVISOR:		
ETP will pay the interns job duties and acceptab performing to standards supervisor and intern wi	le performance levels listed a	eriod. Interns v bove will be use intern will transi	will be evaluated on a quarterly basis; the ed to prepare evaluations. If the intern is tion to the business' payroll. The worksite		
Intern Signature	 Date Jo	ob-Site Supervis	sor Date		
ETP Supervisor	Date Jo	ob Coach	Date		

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ETP Supervisor Contact Information (Name, Phone, E-Mail, Address):

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# Appendix K Job Description Example

### **Custodian/Maintenance**

XXXX Hall Nursing Home

Full-time and Part-time

No degree mentioned

Health insurance

WDental insurance

Paid time off

### **Job description**

We are looking for a responsible custodian to maintain and protect our facilities. The external and internal appearance of a building reflects on the occupants. It is important for a custodian, or janitor, to be careful and thorough in working, cleaning and tidying the premises, as well as preventing vandalism.

The ideal candidate will be experienced in a custodian role focused on building upkeep. They will have great physical endurance to cover a large space. A keen eye for detail and diligence are imperative in custodial maintenance jobs.

#### Responsibilities

- Ensure spaces are prepared for the next day by taking out trash, tidying furniture and dusting surfaces
- Sweep and mop floors and vacuum carpets
- · Wash and sanitize toilets, sinks and showers and restock disposables (e.g. soap)
- Wipe mirrors and windows Maintain outer premises by watering plants, mowing lawn, cleaning entrances
- Utilize insecticides to prevent infestation by dangerous pests
- Perform maintenance and minor repairs (replacing broken switches, fixing door handles, minor leaks etc.)
- · Report major damages and oversee repairs
- · Secure facilities after operating hours by locking doors, closing windows and setting up the alarm
- Undertake occasional custodial and janitorial tasks (shoveling snow from the sidewalk, lifting heavy items, moving chairs etc.)

#### Skills

- Proven experience as custodian, janitor or in a similar role
- · Knowledge of use and maintenance of industrial cleaning equipment and appliances
- Knowledge of safe disposal of chemical liquids and other hazardous components
- Familiarity with basic landscaping and handyman practices
- Attention to detail and conscientiousness
- Very good physical condition and strength

Job Types: Part-time, Full-time Pay: \$15.00 - \$18.00 per hour Schedule: • 8-hour shift • Monday to Friday • Weekend availability:

Shift availability: • Night Shift (Preferred)

Work Location: In person



## Appendix L

# Intern Quarterly Progress Report Worksite Evaluation Form-Page 1

Please complete this form to prepare for the progress meeting scheduled on:					n: 01/01/2024
Intern Name:	First Name	Last Name			
Evaluation for	the Period:	09/01/2023	То	01/01/2024	
Return comple	eted form to E	TP Supervisor by:	12/21/20	23	

Please review the job duties/tasks and evaluate if the intern performs the specific task at an acceptable level for the standards of the business. The job duties/tasks and performance levels for this period were established at the beginning of the evaluation period.

JOB DUTY	Describe results when the task is being performed at an acceptable level for the position	Performance is at an acceptable level for position	Task needs to improve to be at an acceptable level
Example: Clean the Floors	Ex: The Floors are free of dirt and debris		
Restrooms	Cleans restrooms using prepared checklist		х
Food Court Tables	Cleans tables (and as needed from spills) chairs in food court-a primary job	X	
Entry Doors	Cleans entry/exit main doors (not individual store fronts)	Х	
Garbage Removal	Dispose of trash (rest rooms, food court, etc.)		Х
Sweep	Use dust mop and broom to sweep food court when needed	X	X
Мор	Mop areas needing attention (ie: bathroom, entrances' inside area, spills, leaks from roof)	Х	X

#### Comments:

XXXX performs most tasks very well and can focus on producing a good result with attention to detail. Most of his struggle comes from not knowing when to work on something that's not in his regular routine. This results in some tasks having too much attention while others go undone. He does well at his job and we can depend on him getting certain tasks done every shift. Xxxx works steadily and consistently.

PLEASE COMMEN	II WHEN A	AKEA N	IEED2 II	WIPKOVEIMEN I
		Mar	k an X	
GENERAL PERFORMANCE	Excel- lent	Satis- factory	Needs Improve- ment	Description of Issues
Attendance (on time and regular attendance)	Х			
Meets Productivity Standards/Pace			Х	Could use some improvement in the consistency of the efficiency he works with to cut down time, in general
Attention to Quality Standards		Х		Generally good, when focused, but inconsistent on quality of work - bathrooms  Sometimes brings attention to someone using the
Demonstrates Appropriate Work Behaviors			X	bathroom
Works Well with Co-workers and Supervisor		X		Still struggles to communicate w/ newer workers, but has improved
Responds Well to Constructive Criticism		Х		
Groomed/Dressed for Work Appropriately	X			
Follows Policies and Procedures		X		mom calls in for him if there is an issue for work, bu she has given short notice on a couple occasions.
Self-Initiation/Motivation				
Performs Duties Independently		X		
What are the steps needed to improve per appropriate conversation at work, promoting Comments: xxx has continued to improve in and has consistently good attendance and m	continued on his ability to	communito work v	ication sk	ills with coworkers & supervisor

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RETURN TO THE ETP SUPERVISOR ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED PROGRESS MEETING

Print Name of Person Completing Form:

Signature: Supervisor Signature

**ETP SUPERVISOR CONTACT INFO:** 

Date: 12/15/2023

## **Contacts**

ETP Supervisor name:	
ETP Supervisor phone #:	
Email:	
Address:	
ETP Supervisor name:	
ETP Supervisor phone #:	
Email:	
Address:	
Address:	

For general questions, email:

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