

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT TEAM

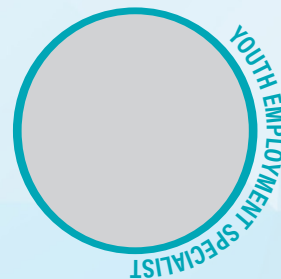
## SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL



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Provides both individual and group career advisory services to local school districts and their students in 14 counties. Provides employment & training services in Lyon & Lincoln Counties.  
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Works to increase the number of individuals with disabilities served through Minnesota's workforce system. Assists individuals to apply for disability benefits. Certified Work Incentives Practitioner who helps individuals understand how work will affect their benefits and what their work incentives are.  
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Equal Opportunity Employer and Program Provider - Upon request the information in this document can be made available in alternative formats for people with disabilities by contacting Leah Hastad at lhastad@swmnpic.org or 507-706-0199

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## WHAT WE DO



## PERSONALIZED SERVICES

**SKILLS & INTEREST ASSESSMENTS** are done to customize the student's individual plan. **COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING** is specific to each participant and includes career and academic counseling. A **WORK EXPERIENCE** is offered and includes summer and year-round employment, pre-apprenticeship, on-the-job training, internships and job shadowing. A student can benefit from **OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS** training that hones in on specific vocational skills that will lead them to proficiency in performing actual tasks and technical functions required of certain occupational fields. A student will develop **LEADERSHIP SKILLS** and given opportunities that encourage responsibilities, confidence, employability, self-determination and other positive social behaviors. **SUPPORT SERVICES** for youth are those that are designed to enable them to participate in activities and may include: linkage to community services; referrals to health care; and cost assistance with: transportation, childcare, housing, uniforms, work attire, work-related tools, protective gear, educational testing, and reasonable accommodations for youth with disabilities.

### CAREER ADVISORY & PLANNING SERVICES

- Career Awareness
- Work-Based Learning Experience
  - Career Exploration
  - Career Preparation
  - Career Placement
- Discuss & Receive information on non- traditional employment options Identify Interests & Career pathway
- Self-Advocacy Discussions & Instruction Wraparound & Support Services based on individual need
- High School Transition Planning
- Career Fairs
- Job Shadows
- Employer Panels
- Business Tours and Speakers
- Mock Interview
- Employability Skills
- Internships
- Apprenticeships
- Career Assessments & Interpretation

**Are you interested in  
our services?  
Get in touch with one  
of us today!**

### DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES

Through grants awarded by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development and the U.S. Department of Labor, the Southwest Minnesota Private Industry Council (PIC) offers a variety of services and supports to adults and youth with disabilities seeking gainful employment. For youth with disabilities, ages 14-24, services include: Individualized needs assessment; Career exploration activities and career planning; Work-based learning experiences with local employers; Job preparedness training; Post-secondary planning and career education; Instruction in self-advocacy; Systems linkages and service coordination through Integrative Resource Teams.

#### TICKET TO WORK

With Work Incentives Practitioners on staff, PIC can assist individuals of all ages receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and/or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits understand how returning to work will affect their Social Security Benefits. Everyone age 18 through 64 who receives SSDI and/or SSI benefits because of his or her disability is eligible to participate in the Ticket to Work program. Individuals with a Ticket can now assign their ticket with the PIC.

Supports available include career counseling, social security work incentives advisement, job search supports, connection to employers, money management resources and long term support on the job.

Additionally, the PIC can assist individuals receiving public assistance with applying for SSI and SSDI benefits. PIC partners with Department of Human Services (DHS) to offer employment services to public assistance recipients and can assist them in completing their Social Security Application if a return to work is not feasible.

Individuals interested in learning more about the many services and supports offered to individuals with disabilities can contact Leah Hastad at 507-706-0199 or [lhastad@swmnpic.org](mailto:lhastad@swmnpic.org).

