

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

2016-2017 Grant Summaries

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<u>Employment</u>			
<i>Project Inclusion</i> [3] Able South Carolina	\$18,417	Abbeville, Laurens, & Fairfield	Independent Living Specialists work with high school students, their family members, school personnel, and community professionals to promote transition to adulthood with an emphasis on employment. This includes classroom-based employment skills development, training in self-advocacy during IEP meetings, and raising awareness of employment rights.
<i>Project REAL</i> [3] Arts Access South Carolina	\$20,000	Statewide	The program recruits high school students and young adults with I/DD disabilities to be creative entrepreneurs. The project provides a variety of arts-related apprenticeship and training opportunities for students with I/DD who have a strong desire, ability, and interest to pursue a career in the arts.
<i>Ready, Set, Go to Work</i> [3] Clover School District (York 2)	\$25,000	York, Chester, & Lancaster	The project provides evidence-based training to students and school staff that readies students with disabilities for employment through researched assessments, curriculum, and work experiences. The project works collaboratively with local workforce development agencies to connect students to meaningful work upon completing schooling.
<i>Project SEARCH</i> [3] Arc of the Midlands	\$19,132	Richland & Lexington	The Project SEARCH High School Transition Program serves students with significant disabilities who are 18 to 21 years of age and in their last year of high school. The project engages a wide group of workforce development stakeholders and uses evidence-based customized supported employment practices.

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<i>Expansion of the Transition Alliance of SC</i> [3] USC Center for Disability Resources	\$66,275	Statewide	The goal of the Statewide alliance is to build local communities' capacity to improve employment outcomes for youth and young adults with I/DD. This will be achieved by developing and implementing a system of support to local interagency collaborative transition teams, a statewide conference, and further development of the Transition Alliance website.
<i>The Arc @ Work</i> [2] The Arc of the Midlands	\$24,842	Statewide	Using a national Arc program, the project recruits secondary school students with I/DD to participate in various communication and public speaking training activities. An additional component provides training to federal employers in understanding how to hire and support people with I/DD.
<i>Recipe for Success</i> [2] Charleston Co. Schools	\$15,016	Charleston	The program prepares students with I/DD for small-business ownership or entering the workforce through a school-based bakery. Students develop employability skills, learn about the world of work, increase independent living skills, and improve social skills.
<i>R.I.S.E.: Rallying for Inclusive, Successful Employment</i> [2] Able-SC	\$50,201	Statewide	The program supports the efforts of the SC Disability Employment Coalition—a broad-based, collaborative task force working to identify and address barriers to employment for people with disabilities. Employment Specialists work directly with individuals with disabilities to raise awareness of job accommodations, enhance employment skills, and empower self-advocacy skills at work.

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<i>District Five Transition Svcs. Assessment</i> [2] Lexington-Richland School District Five	\$12,795	Lexington and Richland	The program provides for technical assistance and professional development in transition services provided to students with I/DD. The program includes implementing evidence-based curriculum that enhances workforce readiness for students with I/DD, outreach to families, and professional conferences.
<i>HOPE GED Program</i> [1] Project HOPE Foundation	\$53,354	Spartanburg & Greenville	The program investigates the viability of a specialized GED program tailored to help individuals with Autism obtain a GED. Program participants would otherwise graduate with a certificate or not complete school. Additionally, the program simultaneously builds “soft-skills” that employers require, so program participants are ready to enter the workforce.
<i>Project Connect</i> [1] USC Department of Educational Studies	\$50,380	Richland	The program provides for the development and implementation of a collaborative service model for students exiting post-secondary college experience programs for individuals with I/DD. A primary focus of the program is exit-planning and career services for CarolinaLIFE students in close coordination with local agencies relevant to workforce development.
<i>Transition Student Employment Program</i> [1] Oconee County School District	\$18,717.50	Oconee	The program provides certificate track students in Oconee County employment training over five weeks during the summer. Local agency and business partners plan to use evidence-based practices to provide paid work experiences at Hamilton Career Center that teach employment skills, increase self-confidence, and provide opportunities for social interaction, among others.

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<i>Project SEARCH SC Statewide Strategy</i> [1] Arc of the Midlands	\$57,700	Statewide	The program builds upon the success of South Carolina's current Project SEARCH locations by providing resources and support to new Project SEARCH locations across South Carolina. This evidence-based program incorporates a collaborative service model including relevant state agencies, business partners, and non-governmental organizations to provide community-based career experiences for certificate-track high school students with I/DD.
<i>Student Success Jobs Program</i> [1] Arc of the Midlands	\$48,000	Lexington, Richland, Sumter, & Kershaw	The program seeks to engage students in a year-round internship program that develops and executes a school-based enterprise. Using a national evidence-based model supported by the Arc of the United States, certificate-track students will learn how to create, launch, and run a business.

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<u>Community Supports</u>			
<i>Life Lessons</i> [3] Arc of South Carolina	\$20,000	Sumter, Spartanburg, & Aiken	Life Lessons educates parents and professionals how to engage adults with I/DD in conversation about general sexual health and increase the individuals' knowledge about sexual health. The project partners with self-advocacy groups to elicit learning needs while helping to dispel myths and rumors regarding sexuality and people with I/DD.
<i>Kick-It! Karate</i> [3] Arc of the Midlands	\$11,199	Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, Saluda, Kershaw, Sumter, Aiken, Lee, Lancaster, Orangeburg, Calhoun, & Clarendon	Kick-It! offers karate instruction to individuals with disabilities. The classes increase social assertiveness and cooperation, improve balance and coordination, increase eye contact, improve self-confidence, foster respect for others, and result in new friendships.
<i>Mixed Greens</i> [3] Arc of the Midlands	\$10,442	Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, Saluda, Kershaw, Sumter, Aiken, Horry, Lee, Lexington, Orangeburg, & Clarendon	Mixed Greens is a community-based garden and service project. There will be related social and recreational activities, as well as networking with the public, local businesses, staff, and volunteers. Individuals with I/DD and their families receive opportunities for socialization at famers' markets as the project progresses.
<i>Independent Living Skills/Sensory Stimulation Pilot Program</i> [3] AccessAbility* *disAbility Resource Center DBA AccessAbility	\$20,104	Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester, & Williamsburg	The program reinforces skills learned in school essential for activities of daily living and thriving. This includes a sensory development program to improve communication and quality of life in individuals with severe I/DD.

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<i>UCAN: Community</i> [3] Roger C. Peace Rehabilitation Hospital of Greenville Health System	\$20,000	Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, & Spartanburg	UCAN: Community increases social connectedness for persons impacted by head injuries, spinal cord injuries, and stroke. Adaptive recreational activities allow participation in a variety of sports and social activities. The social capital model is used to identify community-based gatekeepers as a way to integrate individuals with disabilities into existing recreational and social opportunities.
<i>Eagle Project</i> [3] Current Transitions	\$7,640	Horry	Self-advocates improve their communication and socialization skills using role playing and video modeling developed by James Stanfield. The skills are practiced in the community. The goal is to prevent social and communication breakdowns when self-advocates are away from their classrooms and empower participants to recognize natural supports.
<i>Free to be Me Transition Awareness</i> [2] Family Connection of SC	\$22,100	Midlands, Coastal, & Upstate regions of SC	The program collaboratively addresses transition services for students with I/DD to assess needs, gather information about resources, develop training materials, and host a workshop in each targeted region of South Carolina. The series will focus on empowering young adults with I/DD to live on their own and achieve their dreams and goals.
<i>South Carolina Medical-Legal Partnership</i> [2] Greenville Health System	\$29,250	Abbeville, Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Greenwood, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg, & Union	The program seeks to adapt a national curriculum that trains clinical providers and collaborative partner participants to recognize social determinants of health, screen patients for non-medical barriers to health, learn about laws and systems that govern these barriers, make referrals to the legal partner, and treat GHS patients with Autism and related neuro-developmental disabilities with effective interventions.

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<i>SC Visibility Project</i> [2] Brain Injury Association of SC	\$26,000	Statewide	The program provides information, referral, and assessment services in three areas: hospital discharge, law enforcement, and recreation. Project includes disseminating information about available supports to individuals with disabilities related to brain injury being discharged from Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital in addition to trainings for law enforcement and other assessments.
<i>Piece it Together</i> [2] Medical University of South Carolina	\$39,000	Charleston, Berkeley, & Dorchester	The program promotes healthy lifestyle choices, physical, and mental health through a community and school-based fitness and wellness program serving young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related I/DD.
<i>Fit for Life</i> [2] SOS Healthcare, Inc.	\$7,093	Horry	The program offers young adults with I/DD to participate in an evidence-based health program developed with input from several young adults with disabilities. Activities include weekly fitness classes, exercise DVD's, nutritional consultation, and grocery shopping support.
<i>Enhanced Nursing Education for Patients Living with Developmental Disabilities</i> [2] Francis Marion University	\$12,454.17	Chesterfield, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Horry, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Sumter, & Williamsburg	The program seeks to integrate curriculum components into FMU's undergraduate and graduate nursing programs that address specific needs of individuals with I/DD. The project also seeks to establish a yearly conference about I/DD at FMU and provides for a simulation scenario for undergraduate nursing students focusing on the needs of patients with I/DD.
<i>Everyday Living</i> [1] Arc of South Carolina	\$16,300	Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Fairfield, Saluda, Kershaw, Sumter, Aiken, Lee, Lancaster, Orangeburg, Calhoun, & Clarendon	The program seeks to increase self-efficacy skills, perform activities of daily living, and build confidence in independent living skills. Evidence-based activities will take place in participants' community.

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<i>Go Do Life</i> [1] Babcock Center	\$24,468	Richland and Lexington	The program seeks to improve socialization skills and increase recreational opportunities for adults with I/DD. Components of the program include intensive social skills training and community engagement through volunteering. Program participants will also work together to plan and participate in recreational activities of their choosing.
<i>Prevocational Readiness Project</i> [1] York County Adult Day Care Services, Inc.	\$32,550	York, Lancaster, & Chester	The program will serve adults who are no longer in conventional school and provide foundational vocational training. Participants will learn about appropriate workplace behavior, building confidence, self-advocacy at work, and other topics. At the end of the curriculum, the goal is to connect participants with relevant workforce development agencies and supported employment agencies to secure meaningful work.
<i>South Carolina Supported Decision Making Project</i> [1] Able-SC	\$21,651	Statewide	The program will educate individuals with I/DD and their families about the benefits of Supported Decision Making over more restrictive options such as guardianship. Activities include training sessions for families, presenting at conferences for professionals, and creating & disseminating awareness-raising materials.

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<u>Self-Advocacy</u>			
<i>Youth Leadership Forum</i> [Ongoing] Able-SC	\$50,000	Statewide	The program is an established, evidence-based summer program for youth with disabilities who are still in high school or just graduated. The objectives are to build or strengthen participants' self-advocacy skills, self-confidence, and leadership skills for the purpose of remaining in school, graduating, obtaining post-secondary education and obtaining employment that meets each individual's maximum potential.
<i>IMPACT SC</i> [Ongoing] Center for Disability Resources	\$41,447	Statewide	The IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy group is a self-advocate led statewide advocacy group. Initiatives include selecting training materials, choosing speakers on topics critical to building successful self-advocacy, and attending training or conferences in and out of the state.
<i>Equip: Self-Advocacy & Leadership in Young Adults</i> [Ongoing] Able-SC	\$61,586	Statewide	EQUIP is a Young Adult Leadership program focused on empowering young adults with disabilities ages 14-25 by showing them the skills necessary to build self-confidence, set and accomplish goals and become community activists. EQUIP is unique in its approach because its leaders are also young adults with disabilities who can directly relate to the group.
<i>Let's Talk</i> [2] Arc of the Midlands	\$27,984	Richland, Lexington, Sumter, Newberry, & Fairfield	A self-advocacy program for people with I/DD to focus on self-development, making choices, taking leadership roles, and achieving dreams. Participants will develop community-based projects that allow them to practice expressing themselves in public settings.