

South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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2018-2019 Grant Summaries

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<u>Employment</u>			
<i>HOPE GED Program</i> [3] Project HOPE Foundation	\$36,736.00	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> [3] USC Department of Educational Studies	\$33,602.50	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> [3] School District of Oconee County	\$12,296.25	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> [3] Arc of the Midlands	\$57,700.00	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> [2] Arc of the Midlands	\$31,820.00	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>Everyday Living</i> [3] Arc of South Carolina	\$10,866.67	Midlands region of SC	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.
<i>Go Do Life</i> [3] Babcock Center	\$16,578.50	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> [3] York County Adult Day Care Services, Inc.	\$23,372.50	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> [3] Able-SC	\$14,366.00	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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<i>LIT Project</i> [2] Current Transitions	\$31,114.00	Horry	The program will focus on increasing literacy skills, information gathering skills, and basic technology skills for people with I/DD. Through collaboration with the SC Assistive Technology Program, the LIT Project will use face-to-face trainings to build these essential skills and offer opportunities to use newly acquired skills in the community.
<i>Latinos Making Connections</i> [2] Family Connection of South Carolina	\$51,991.13	Statewide	The program brings together multiple organizations working with people with I/DD and Spanish-speaking populations to target disparities experienced by South Carolina's growing Latino population. Primary activities include establishing an interagency workgroup, identifying barriers to service delivery in Latino communities, and addressing strategies to increase the quality and quantity of services and supports available to Latino individuals with I/DD and their families.
<i>Healthy Living Made Simple</i> [1] Community Options, Inc.	\$40,000.00	Richland, Lexington, Fairfield, and Kershaw	The program offers weekly healthy living classes to individuals with I/DD and their family members. Classes include meeting with a registered dietician to create individualized meal plans based on the person's preferences, and the individuals will receive community-based exercise and fitness instruction.
<i>Holistic Health</i> [1] SOS Health Care Inc.	\$19,087.00	Horry	The project will integrate fitness and nutritional support across all of SOS Health Care's programming. Staff will train leaders to help individuals with I/DD use exercise equipment on site and in their homes and will help provide healthy snack options in the canteen and vending machines.

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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	\$74,938.00	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> [Ongoing] Arc of the Midlands	\$32,181.60	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.