

What is Project SEARCH?

Project SEARCH is a one-year, school transition program that provides training and education through internships while fully immersed in a large host business. Collaboratively, the program prepares young adults with disabilities to enter the workforce with marketable and transferable skills. Certified special education teachers and skills trainers work with both the students and the business staff.

Established in July 1996 at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Project SEARCH is a collaborative effort between schools, local businesses, community mental health partners and state vocational rehabilitation agencies. There are over 660 Project SEARCH sites across 10 countries and 48 US states!



Julian Ravi Borst, former Project SEARCH intern and current Bronson Employee, accompanied by Beth Washington, Bronson Vice President, BHG. Julian is the proud recipient of the "Kalamazoo Key to the Community" as awarded by Mayor Bobby Hopewell.

Upon successful program completion, the ultimate goal is **competitive integrated employment in diverse businesses.**

Project SEARCH Sites

Spectrum Health - Grand Rapids
 Spectrum Health Lakeland - St. Joseph
 Fifth Third Bank - Grand Rapids
 Consumers Energy - Jackson
 Beaumont Hospital - Dearborn
 ProMedica Bixby & Herrick Hospital - Adrian
 Duncan Aviation - Battle Creek
 Michigan State University - East Lansing
 Beaumont Hospital - Troy

My Michigan Sault Hospital - Sault Ste. Marie
 Henry Ford Hospital - West Bloomfield Hills
 Bronson Methodist Hospital - Kalamazoo
 ProMedica Monroe Hospital - Monroe
 DTE Energy – Detroit (hiatus)
 State of Michigan – Lansing (hiatus)
 Dow Chemical Co. – Midland (hiatus)

Why Project SEARCH?

- Three 10-week rotations with a focus on transferable skills (specific job skill development, work responsibility, problem solving, critical thinking, communication, safety, etc.)
- A business environment that embraces diversity and demonstrates a strong commitment to employment and growth opportunities.
- Opportunities to develop travel skills through public transportation training and other protocols.
- **74% employment rate based on national data!**

"As an anchor institution in S.W. Michigan, we know we have a responsibility to advance the health of our communities. We think about new mindsets, policies and interventions that allow all people to lead healthy lives. Project SEARCH is a shining example of how we can advance health and equity in our community."

Beth Washington, Vice President, Community Health, Equity & Inclusion: Chief Diversity Officer

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