



# *What is Project SEARCH?*

***An employment training program for students and young adults with disabilities.***

## *How does Project SEARCH work?*

8-12 students spend their final year of high school at a host business site

- Part of the day in classroom with instructor
- Curriculum all focused on job readiness
- Participate in 3-10 week internships
- Goal at the end of school year is competitive community employment—upon completion 16+ hours/week and above minimum wage
- Partners include: host site, educational partners, vocational service provider, vocational rehabilitation agency and long-term service provider

## *Facts about Project SEARCH*

- International program model
- Founded by Nurse J. Erin Riehle, Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 1996
- Grown to over 500 programs across 45 states and 9 countries
- 27 sites in Wisconsin—ODC involved in three
  - Marshfield Medical Center - 8 years
  - Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids - 3 years
  - Aspirus Wausau Hospital - 1st year - 18-19 school year