

January 25, 2010

To Potential Participants of the BSVI/OSSB Summer Work and Learn Program:

The Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI), a bureau of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Vision and Vocational Services (V&VS) and the Ohio State School for the Blind (OSSB) have partnered again to provide a summer residential and educational program for young adults, ages 18-24, who are blind or visually impaired. This six week program which combines independent living and work experience for young adults will operate from June 21, 2010, through July 30, 2010.

The first week of the program will consist of orientation and mobility to and from the worksite and surrounding community, shopping for food, reviewing use of technology, and beginning online career exploration, learning the campus, and other activities related to independent living. This time will also provide BSVI, V&VS, and OSSB staff the opportunity to evaluate participant's ability to proceed to the second phase of the program which will require you to work in the community.

During the final five weeks of the program, participants will work in the community for approximately five hours a day, Monday through Thursday. In the evenings and Fridays, participants will continue technology exploration and training as well as career development. Participants will also be responsible for preparing meals and necessary items for the next work day.

Attached are two documents:

1. Summer 2010 Work and Learn Program Application Form
2. Summer 2010 Work and Learn Program Information Questionnaire

Please complete both documents and send them to your BSVI counselor. If you do not currently have a BSVI counselor, please contact Sharon Schmidt at 1-800-742-0570, or Ann Pilewskie at 614-728-1961.

Sincerely,
Ann Pilewskie, Transition Coordinator
OSSB

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