

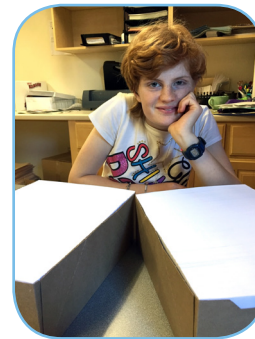
## Summer Work for ME

**Paid work experience in high school is a strong predictor of positive adult employment outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities.**

For the past two summers, CCIDS' Summer Work for ME project has provided a range of paid work experiences at Eastern Maine Community College for Bangor and Orono-areas high school students with developmental disabilities. Over the 6-week project period, students gained insight into their own strengths and interests and cultivated career awareness. Janet May, CCIDS' Coordinator of Transition and Adult initiatives, served as the lead on this partnership.



Student preparing for work with Grounds Crew



Student working in Admissions Office

Summer Work for ME received funding from the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council and leveraged funding from the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to provide job coaching for the students at the work sites through Vocational Rehabilitation program situational assessment dollars. Community Rehabilitation Provider KFI led the development of the work sites at Eastern Maine Community College and the hiring and training of job coaches.



Student working in Flik Dining Services



Two students listening to Grounds Crew Supervisor's instructions

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