Summer Work for ME

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 area 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. The project received funding from the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council and leveraged funding from the MDOL Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to provide job coaching for the students.

Intertidal Green Crab Census Project

CCIDS, with funding from Maine EPSCoR SEANET, partnered with the Community Environmental Health Laboratory at Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory to train and engage middle/high school students with disabilities from coastal Hancock County school districts in intertidal census work. Enrolled students were offered paid internships, and received training in the identification of invasive species, data collection and data management.

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

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