

Winter 2024: Pre-ETS Programming

Pittsburgh OVR's Early Reach welcome students with disabilities in grades 9-12+ to attend the following programs:

Will You Be My Apprentice

January 8, 2024 - Steamfitters Local 449

230 Wise Rd, Harmony, PA 16037

9:30 AM-1:00 PM

[Deadline to Register: December 21, 2023](#)

CVS: WITC Tour

January 12, 2024 - Ebenezer Baptist Church

2001 Wylie Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

9:30 AM-1:00 PM

[Deadline to Register: December 21, 2023](#)

CTE for Me

January 18, 2024 - Triangle Tech

1940 Perrysville Ave, Pittsburgh, Pa 15214

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

[Deadline to Register: January 4, 2024](#)

February 21, 2024 - Rosedale Technical College

215 Beecham Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

9:30 AM-12:30 PM

[Deadline to Register: February 7, 2024](#)

To register or to ask any questions please contact your Early Reach Coordinator or e-mail us at: RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov. Virtual invite if applicable to be sent post-registration.

Winter 2024: Program Descriptions

Will You Be My Apprentice

Steamfitters Local 449 - A Steamfitters apprenticeship is 5 years in length. Local 449 features two career paths in the Building Trades or HVAC-R Services. 10 or 18 week accelerated pre-apprenticeship courses offered as well!

For information visit: <https://ua449.com/>

CVS: WITC

This interactive one-day event will feature a facility tour and hands-on breakout sessions exploring the Center and Ebenezer Outreach workforce training programs further. Lunch will be provided. Breakout sessions include: Mock CVS Store, Mock Pharmacy, and Basic Needs Support Warehouse.

CTE for Me

Rosedale Technical College has 8 programs for students interested in entering a more hands-on career in the trades! Programs include: Automotive, Diesel, HVAC, Collision Repair, Industrial Electricity, Construction Electricity, Welding Technician, and Truck Driving. Various certifications and additional courses available!

For more information visit: <https://rosedaletech.edu/>

Triangle Tech is a technical college with multiple locations in PA. They offer Associate in Specialized Technology (AST) Degrees in: CADD with Additive Manufacturing & 3D Printing Technology, Maintenance Electricity and Construction Technology, Carpentry and Construction Technology, Welding and Fabrication Technology, and Refrigeration, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Technology.

They also have an 8 month diploma in Industrial & Structural Welding.

For more information visit: <https://triangle-tech.edu/>

Access Your Future

An Event For:



Deaf &



Hard of



Hearing Students

February 5, 2024 - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Located At: Allegheny County Intermediate Unit (AIU 3)

475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120

Deaf and Hard of Hearing students in grades 9-12+ are invited to join us for this fun and interactive event! Lunch provided!

Learn About:

- Self-Advocacy & Communication Styles
 - Assistive Technology and Accommodations
- Personal and Professional stories of Deaf and Hard of Hearing people



RSVP by: January 22, 2024

E-mail - Brett Glavey, ERC at bglavey@pa.gov

To register or ask questions please contact Brett directly or e-mail us at:
RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov. Please provide number of students, student names, and if students have any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

Winter 2024: OVR Outreach

OVR 101 Parent Session

Formal presentation on OVR for parents led by a Pittsburgh Early Reach Coordinator. Presentation includes information on the OVR process, forms, services, and programs for students and adults.

Sessions will be virtual and provided via Microsoft Teams.

Virtual meeting invite to be sent post-registration.

Information will be the same at each session.

Monday, February 5, 2024 - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Thursday, February 29, 2024 - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Deadline to Register is: 12 PM day of Session

To register or to ask any questions please contact your Early Reach Coordinator
or e-mail us at: RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov.

Spring 2024: University for a Day



One-day in-person program featuring a local university in Allegheny County. For students with disabilities in grades 9-12+ attending high school in Allegheny County. Includes: presentations from admissions, disability services, career services along with an on-campus tour. Possible student panel included. Lunch provided.

Chatham University

March 15, 2024 - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Deadline to Register is: March 1, 2024

University of Pittsburgh

March 20, 2024 - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Deadline to Register is: March 1, 2024

La Roche University

Spring 2024 TBD

Deadline to Register: TBD

Point Park University

Spring 2024 TBD

Deadline to Register is: TBD

Penn State Greater Allegheny

Spring 2024 TBD

Deadline to Register: TBD

Carnegie Mellon University

April 2024

Deadline to Register: TBD

Duquesne University

April 2024

Deadline to Register: TBD

Robert Morris University

May 2024

Deadline to Register is: TBD

To register or to ask any questions please contact your Early Reach Coordinator or e-mail us at: RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov.

Spring 2024: Events at CCAC



One-day program featuring a local community college. For students with disabilities in grades 9-12+ attending high school in Allegheny County. Event will feature presentations from admissions, support, and career services. On-campus tour included, along with possible student panel. Lunch provided.

CCAC Allegheny

Additional Campuses TBD

Date & Time TBD



One-day program featuring CCAC North Campus. For students with disabilities in grades 9-12+ attending high school in Allegheny County. Students will experience interactive activities exploring four vocational training programs offered.

CCAC North Campus

April 12, 2024 - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Deadline to Register is: March 29, 2023

To register or to ask any questions please contact your Early Reach Coordinator
or e-mail us at: RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov.

Meet Our Early Reach Coordinators

Pittsburgh OVR:

Early Reach

Pittsburgh OVR's Early Reach Coordinators (ERC) provide pre-employment transition group services to high school students with disabilities aged 14-21 in Allegheny County. ERC's may also attend IEP meetings, outreach events, and provide family consultations.

Pre-ETS are preparatory services for Students with Disabilities to identify career interests, practice and improve work skills, and explore postsecondary training opportunities at an earlier age to maximize their potential to enter competitive, integrated employment.

Meet our ERC's below:



Lindsay Coulehan (lcoulehan@pa.gov) has been an Early Reach Coordinator since October 2018. Lindsay graduated from The University of Pittsburgh earning both her Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree in Social Work. Lindsay has extensive experience working with youth in the mental health field in Pittsburgh. Lindsay has worked as a Behavioral Specialist Consultant/Mobile Therapist, a Family Based Therapist, and as a School Based Mental Health Therapist before joining OVR.



Brett Glavey (bglavey@pg.gov) has been an Early Reach Coordinator in Pittsburgh since April 2015. He graduated from Westminster College, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. Prior to being employed at OVR, he worked as a Caseworker for Allegheny County CYF. Brett's favorite part of working with students is the ability to help them learn real-life practical skills that are applicable to any job or career chosen by a student.



Andria McCourt (amccourt@pa.gov) has been an Early Reach Coordinator since July 2018. She received her MSW from the University of Pittsburgh and went to Geneva College for her undergrad. Andria has an extensive history with working with children and adolescents, she was a mental health therapist and service coordinator before working at OVR. Andria is passionate about working with youth and helping them overcome their barriers to achieve their goals.

If you have any questions about Early Reach services please e-mail us directly, or at: RA-LI-OVRPGHPETS@pa.gov.



STUDENT INFORMATION						
*FIRST NAME		MI	*LAST NAME		*DATE OF BIRTH	
*MAILING ADDRESS				SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER		PID
*EDUCATIONAL DISABILITY PROGRAMMING (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> IEP <input type="checkbox"/> 504 Plan <input type="checkbox"/> None (Self-Disclosure of Disability)					*BJJS/PAC TT Student <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
*RACE (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian Native/Other Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose						
*ETHNICITY (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose			GENDER (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to disclose		*ANTICIPATED SCHOOL EXIT DATE SCHOOL/COLLEGE	
*GRADE	*COUNTY OF RESIDENCE		*SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE			PHONE NUMBER
PARENT NAME(S)			E-MAIL ADDRESS			<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Contact during daytime hours? <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Work

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation's (OVR) Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) help students with disabilities learn about themselves, understand work requirements, practice work skills, explore training options, and choose a career that may be further explored through individualized Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

- to purchase services or provide services for me from the following Pre-ETS providers (please include provider name and address):

- OVR-244 REV 04-21 (Page 1)

This authorization or a true and accurate copy of this authorization shall be considered valid until withdrawn in writing by my personal representative or me or I exit high school. If student is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian signature is required.

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| Student Signature | Date |
| Parent/Guardian Name (Print) | Parent/Guardian Signature |
| | Date |

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| First witness signature | Date | Second witness signature | Date |
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**CONSENT TO USE OF
PICTURE AND/OR VOICE**

I, the undersigned, residing at

Address _____

City _____

State _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

I do hereby give my written consent to the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Hiram G. Andrews Center and Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; their successors, assigns and licensees; and any agencies designated by the Department of Labor & Industry to use my image and/or voice for slide or film/video tape purposes, including the use of said images on television, world wide web, and in magazines and newspapers, wherever, whenever and in whatever manner they shall desire, consistent with good taste which will not be derogatory, degrading or detrimental to me in any way. I understand that I will not receive any compensation, neither now nor in the future, for the above.

I release all claim to all film or photo images and/or audio recordings and assign all rights to these images and recordings to Commonwealth Media Services. I warrant that any material furnished by me or my minor child is either our own original work or work for which we have obtained copyright permission and full authority to use for this purpose. I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age and have read and agree to this Consent to Use of Picture and/or Voice. I confirm that this release shall be binding upon my heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

WITNESS: My hand and seal this _____ day of _____ 20 ____ .

(Sign Here) _____

(Print Here) _____

WITNESS _____

(If this consent is granted by a person less than 18 years old, it should also be signed below by parent or guardian).
I hereby individually and as (parent) (guardian) of the above consent to the foregoing.

(Sign Here) _____

(Print Here) _____

WITNESS _____

CLIENT _____

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.
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