

Why should You sign up for Partners for Success?

- ✓ Because you want to take an active and empowered role in developing your career objective
- ✓ Because you want to effectively direct your own vocational rehabilitation

What makes Partners for Success different from other training programs?

- ✓ It is **NOT** a job search program
- ✓ It is **NOT** a resume writing program
- ✓ It **IS** about identifying and setting realistic goals
- ✓ It **IS** about effective communication
- ✓ It **IS** about knowing your rights
- ✓ It **IS** about accepting responsibility and accountability for the direction and achievement of your goals
- ✓ It **IS** about Self-Awareness, Self-Determination, and Empowerment.

Partners for Success is about Vocational Rehabilitation Readiness !

What is the Westchester Independent Living Center?

The Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC) is a not-for-profit, community-based, consumer-directed organization that is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with disabilities. It is part of a national network of Independent Living Centers that provide a wide spectrum of non-residential and non-medical services. It's mission is to assist individuals with disabilities be as independent as they can be and to work within the community to provide Education, Disability Awareness, and Advocacy for the Removal of Barriers.

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WILC was incorporated in 1981 as a private, nonprofit (501c3) agency and is funded as a Center for Independent Living by both federal & state governments. WILC serves people with disabilities, their families, businesses, schools, and community agencies.

Become a Good Investment
Reach your Full Potential

Partners for Success Program



Vocational Rehabilitation (VR)
Readiness Training Program

a Program of
the Westchester
Independent Living Center

What is the Partners for Success Program?

The **Partners for Success** Program is a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Readiness Training Program designed by the Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC). The Program is based on 3 key tenets -

- ❖ Personal Awareness,
- ❖ Personal Responsibility, and
- ❖ Personal Empowerment.

The curriculum has been designed to provide information and supports that will assist individuals with disabilities to better understand themselves and to successfully engage the Vocational Rehabilitation process.

The **Partners for Success** Program consists of 2 parts. Part A consists of 24 hours of classroom training that is mandatory for every participant. Part B consists of up to 16 hours of One-to-One Peer Mentoring and Follow-Up Services and is for participants who would benefit from further instruction/support. Part B reinforces the lessons learned in Part A and also provides support, information, methods of dealing with obstacles, and/or referrals to other agencies/programs that will facilitate the participant's VR readiness.

What is included in the Partners for Success training?

Part A's curricula includes sessions on:

- ✓ Identification of Strengths, Weaknesses, and Interests;
- ✓ Identification of Potential Barriers to VR Success (i.e., housing, transportation, child care, substance abuse, etc);
- ✓ Problem Identification and Problem Solving;
- ✓ Self-Determination;
- ✓ Know Your Rights;
- ✓ Communication Skills;
- ✓ Self-Advocacy;
- ✓ Development of Individual Support Circles;
- ✓ Time Planning and Management;
- ✓ Acquiring and Utilizing Information; and
- ✓ How to Work with VR Counselors.

How do You sign up for the Partners for Success Program?

Partners for Success trainings are held once a month. For a current schedule and Registration Form, contact:

Partners for Success Coordinator

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**Classroom space is limited,
so sign up early!**

How do You get more information?

For more information on Part A's classroom trainings and/or Part B's One-to-One Peer Mentoring and Follow-Up Services, contact:

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Why do You need a Vocational Readiness Training Program?

The Vocational Rehabilitation process can be confusing. Understanding the process and being able to recognize its parameters will help you to maximize what you receive from the system. Understanding yourself better, being able to identify your strengths and your assets, and knowing how to convey your goals to your VR counselor will go a long way in making your VR experience a successful one.

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