

Linking Learning to Careers

“The LLC project goals are to develop and implement a model that provides work-based learning experiences and postsecondary access for secondary students and otherwise enhances their progress on a successful career path.”



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How did LLC come about?

Prior to LLC: VocRehab VT a national innovator in high school disability transition services

The Opportunity to do more: Disability Innovation Fund through RSA

The Result: VT awarded 1 of 5 grants nationally!





What are we after?

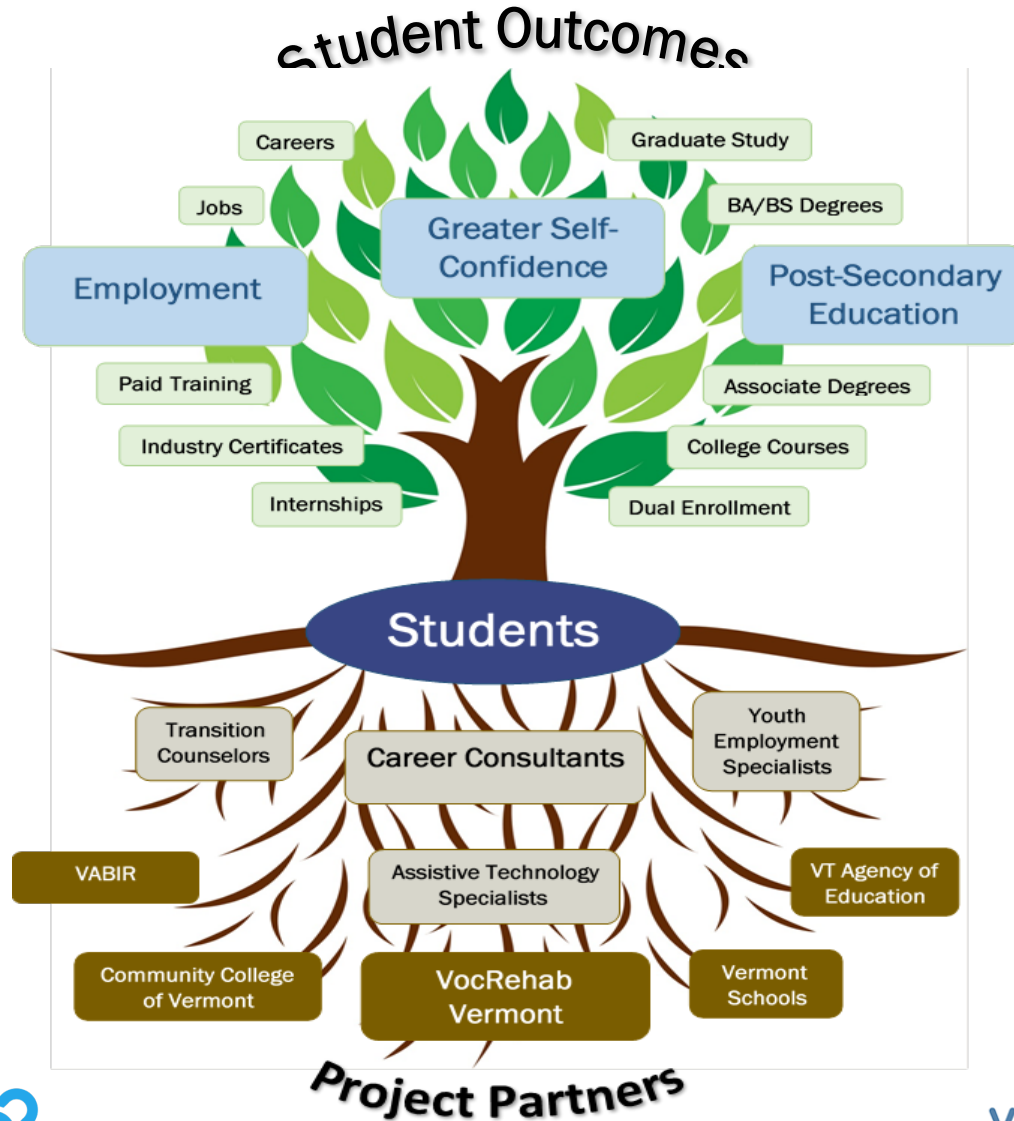
LLC is designed to achieve these outcomes (here's what we are measuring):

- ▶ 1. *Being employed and succeeding in a paid, competitive job that is a stepping-stone to a career.*
- ▶ 2. *Being enrolled in and succeeding in a postsecondary program that will lead to a career.*
- ▶ 3. *Having confidence, on the part of the students and their families, that they will achieve their career goals.*





What does LLC look like?





LL Vision

Exciting New Futures

Change the Trajectory

Accessibility
Opportunity
Self Determination
Achievement
Satisfaction
Equality

ACTUALIZE

INSPIRE

EXPLORE



- *Innovative Solutions*
- *Pushing the Norm*
- *Chance to Demonstrate Positive Impact*

Vermont High School Students





How will we get there?

To get there LLC will deliver:

- ▶ 1. *Career development support via classroom, small group, & one-on-one services resulting in an individual LLC Plan.*
- ▶ 2. *A continuum of work-based learning experiences including:*
 - a) *at least one formally prepared and evaluated job shadow*
 - b) *at least one formally prepared and evaluated unpaid internship and/or volunteer experience*
 - c) *at least one employer-paid job in a competitive, integrated setting*
- ▶ 3. *Access to postsecondary education, including earning college credit while still in high school.*
- ▶ 4. *Intensive individualized Assistive Technology support*
- ▶ 5. *Transportation for WBL, employment & college activities*





Work-Based Learning Experiences

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- ▶ a) at least one formally prepared and evaluated job shadow
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- ▶ c) at least one employer-paid job in a competitive, integrated setting





Post-Secondary Opportunities

LLC will deliver a continuum of post-secondary experiences including:

- ▶ Tours of CCV campuses, relationship building with key CCV staff members and student mentoring opportunities
- ▶ Enhanced Introduction to College & Careers course with focus on students with disabilities and navigating the ADA transitions process
- ▶ 2 additional dual enrollment vouchers (these can be used for developmental courses if needed to support college success)
- ▶ Employment/work place skills focused contracted courses for students with identified goals of entering the workplace upon graduation from high school





Assistive Technology Supports

Students will have access to an on-site AT specialist who will provide services including:

- ▶ Assessment and Consultation
- ▶ Demonstration and Training
- ▶ On the job evaluation
- ▶ Delivery of assistive technology equipment
- ▶ Follow up for revision and to ensure appropriate equipment and use





What are Other Key Elements?

- Expansion of existing high quality Pre-Employment Transition Services for youth
- Strategic national partners - Mathematica (design and evaluation) and TransCen (fidelity monitoring and PD)
- Key state partners - Community College of VT, VABIR, Agency of Education
- 5-Year research effort to demonstrate results
- New dedicated staffing to support student success - Career Consultants & AT Specialists





Who benefits?

- ▶ Enrollment target: 800 students statewide over 2 years - 400 receive ‘enhanced services’ (400 receive core Pre-ETS services)
- ▶ High school students on IEP’s, 504 Plans or 504 eligible - focus on sophomores and juniors
- ▶ Families, schools, employers, other community partners also benefit





It's All About Collaboration!



African Proverb: If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

