

*Autism-specific services and programs identified in WIOA state plans**

State	Service/Program	Target population	Description
AL	Connections	“Students and youth with social skill deficits, especially those with autism”	Year-long classroom-based social skills program with generalization of skills to real world community settings, followed by referral to supported employment
CA	College to Career (C2C)	Students with intellectual disability with or without ASD	Cooperative program between Department of Rehabilitation and five colleges to meet the needs of students with ID and/or ASD in postsecondary education or the workforce
DE MI NH VA	Project SEARCH	Transition-age youth, “in particular youth with autism”	Internship program for students in their last year of high school. Students complete several unpaid internships within integrated, competitive jobs within the community
DE	Specialisterne – Computer Aid, Inc (CAI) partnership	Individuals on the autism spectrum	Job training initially conducted by Specialisterne and then transferred to CAI who further trains individuals “for prescribed government and private contracts within deadlines for production.”
DE	Pathways to Employment	Low income youth (14-25 years) with a disability, including autism, “who have a desire to work in a competitive work environment”	Medicaid program* “designed to provide greater extended employment options via “individually tailored services.” (*1915i Medicaid state plan amendment program)
KY	Autism summer transition program (Summer Autism-Open Doors College Experience)	High school rising juniors and rising seniors on the spectrum with an expressed “interest in transitioning into higher education”	Pre-ETS pilot program with Eastern Kentucky University
MD	Pathways	Community college students on the autism spectrum	Provides support for community college students on the spectrum at several campuses via “enhanced case management” including “in-class personal assistance”
MO	Employment Services Plus	Individuals with autism and other impairments with “barriers that require additional supports to achieve a successful employment outcome.”	“ESP provides augmentative services for clients whose disability-related needs exceed the level of support provided by transition vocational rehabilitation services but does not merit consideration of SE [supported employment] services.”
NH	AXIS	Youth with autism	Pilot partnership between VR and a local area agency providing “life coaching toward employment”
NH	Family Centered Transition Project	Youth with autism ages 16-24	Transition planning and training process for individuals and their families in partnership with the UNH Institute on Disability and Strafford Learning Center
NH	Project INCOME	Young adults who “experience high functioning Autism”	Local training program for office skill development
OK	Autism Program	Transition-age students including with autism	Partnership between VR and Goodwill Tulsa with a “formal curriculum”
SC	Workplace readiness training (service)	Individuals with autism	Partnership between VR and the Project HOPE Foundation using “individualized

			plans for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) therapy conducted in a vocational preparation setting” to develop social skills and independent living skills, and to provide job coaching and placement into competitive employment
TX	Environmental Work Assessment	People with autism	(None)
TX	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Supports	People with autism	(None)
VA	Autism Speaks Comprehensive Assessment & Service Program	Consumers with autism	High intensity comprehensive service pilots “providing direct services to VR consumers via a team-based model that includes designated autism subject matter experts (ASME), Assistive Technology Experts, and agency vendors of Supported Employment, Community Support Services, and Therapeutic Behavior Services”

Source: 2016 WIOA state plans

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