The New York Foundling’s Employment Services program aims to support people with developmental disabilities in securing and maintaining paid employment, allowing them to gain both financial autonomy and a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Participants engage in meaningful job readiness activities that help them discern their career interests and abilities, apply and interview for jobs, and succeed in their work. Our Employment Services meet each participant where they are, and work with them as they explore career opportunities, learn job skills, gain experience through volunteer work and internships, and ultimately secure continued employment.

### ELIGIBILITY
- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must meet Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) eligibility requirements
- Must be Medicaid eligible and active

### COMMUNITY PRE-VOCATION
Available in the Bronx and Rockland County

Community Pre-Vocation prepares people for employment. The Foundling’s staff instructs in task completion, problem solving, and safety through job readiness workshops and volunteer work in a variety of sites throughout the community.

**Highlights include:**
- Discovery of individual interests and skills across many fields to identify a fulfilling career
- Professional development seminars and workshops
- Translatable on-the-job experience gained through unique volunteering opportunities

**Volunteer sites include:**
- Catholic Charities
- Meals on Wheels
- The New York Botanical Garden
- Walgreens REDI Program
- World Vision

### SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT
Available in the Bronx and Rockland County

Supported Employment offers people the opportunity to attain paid, permanent employment in the community.

Participants are placed in paid internships across neighborhood businesses while learning the skills needed for the job. Participants work with a job developer, whose purpose is to support in negotiating job placements, providing job coaching, assistance in interacting with employers, on-site training, and individualized supervision.

**Highlights include:**
- Job readiness classes on relevant topics (e.g. conflict resolution and workplace attire)
- One-on-one job placement and coaching from an experienced mentor
- Continued personalized support after securing employment

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