

## Employability and Job Readiness

Youth that are significantly challenged by mental health issues must overcome two key hurdles in order to transition into independent and meaningful adult lives: 1) a high school diploma and, 2) the ability to seek and retain a job.

While our high school curriculum is now well-honed, we are continuing to implement and embed job readiness education into all aspects of the curriculum.

Our Employment Programs rest on three pillars (plus a fourth optional):

- 1) Teach practical workplace skills - improving literacy, numeracy, financial literacy, computer skills, first aid and workplace safety
- 2) Communication skills - Resume writing, oral communications, and code of professional ethics
- 3) Job hunting and retention - The art of research and networking, interview skills, and seeking mentorship
- 4) Entrepreneurship - For selected students, a full high school credit shall be delivered for experiential learning in the art of starting a business