

Transition Alliance Program (TAP)

Monticello & Midland Schools



From the Bureau of Labor Statistics (released June 2017):

In 2016, only 17.9% of people with disabilities had jobs. In comparison, 65.3% of their nondisabled peers were employed.

How have Iowa TAP Programs helped close this gap?

During Federal Fiscal year 2016,
73% of TAP participants in Iowa
left the program gainfully
employed.

TAP is an alliance between Monticello Schools, Midland Schools, and Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

What is Vocational Rehabilitation? Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) is a federal/state program that helps people with disabilities obtain and maintain jobs.

VR is committed to helping people with disabilities find meaningful careers.

- TAP is a results-driven program with a focus on assisting students with disabilities becoming career and college ready.
- The optimal goal for each TAP student is employment, whether that is directly out of high school, or after completing their post-secondary training.
- TAP is a year round program that follows the student after graduation until they reach the age of 25.

What is TAP?

TAP Services



- Help with job placement
- Assistance with driving permit test
- Career exploration
- Work-based learning experiences

TAP Services (continued)



- Counseling on opportunities
- Workplace readiness training
- Self-advocacy training
- Career interest assessments

2017 Activities



Job Shadows (Completed):

- K Motorsports
- Integrated DNA Technologies
- Old Creamery Theatre
- Wagmore
- Animal Welfare Friends
- Monticello Veterinary Office
- Shannon & Carpenter Schools
- Little Eagles Daycare
- Wal-Mart
- NCI
- Fancy Fritter

Upcoming:

- Geek City

2017 Activities (Continued)



- College Visits – Capri College, Dubuque
- Assisted with FAFSA
- Prepared for college placement tests
- Helped with college applications
- Applied for accommodations in college

2017 Activities (Continued)



- 100% of the students who worked with TAP passed their permit test
- Weekly job experience at the Wyoming Library
- Hosted a Q & A with military members

What can you do to help?



- Be willing to host job shadows.
- If you know of a workplace that would be beneficial for job shadows, please let me know.
- Tell community members about the program, so they know who we are if contacted.

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A Success Story...

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to me ▾

Hi Angie!

Would you have [redacted] drop off a resume one of these days if she is interested? I think I have a part time spot for her helping with boarding, and eventually helping with grooming once she is off school this summer and has more availability during the day! :)

Thank you!



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