



NETWORK

FAQs

What is the JOBZ Club Network? It is a partnership between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Division of Employment and Training, and the Department of Education and Early Development. The JOBZ Club Network promotes the development and implementation of innovative programs that prepare students to transition to postsecondary education, training and/or employment.

What is a JOBZ Club? JOBZ Club is designed as an after school activity that introduces students to Work Readiness Skills (Soft Skills). Each of the JOBZ Club's 7 modules provides topics of discussion and engaging activities to help students gain the soft skills of Communication, Teamwork, Problem Solving, Attitude, and Professionalism.

Can a teacher really get paid to start a JOBZ CLUB in their school? Yes! DVR can pay a teacher to facilitate a JOBZ Club in their school for students with disabilities. A typical stipend is \$1,500.00 for a minimum of 5 students. We encourage enrolling more than the minimum. DVR can also make exceptions for schools with small populations.

When you say "Student with a Disability" what do you mean? A "Student with a Disability" is a student, age 16 to 21, who has an IEP or a 504 plan, or is potentially eligible for DVR because a mental or physical impairment exists that could be a barrier to employment.

Is JOBZ Club only for students with disabilities? No! All students can benefit from soft skills training and can participate in JOBZ Club. However, DVR can only provide funding for students with a disability. A JOBZ Club must have a minimum of 5 students with a disability to qualifying for funding. After meeting the minimum of 5, any student may participate.

What kind of commitment is involved in JOBZ Club? JOBZ Club contains 7 Modules that can be delivered in 9 one-hour sessions during a semester. JOBZ Club is flexible and the facilitator can structure their club to accommodate participants.

Is there a lot of paperwork? There is always paperwork. Teachers have to submit an application and W9 to become vendors for payment from DVR. There is also a one page application and release of information for each student with a disability. At the conclusion of JOBZ Club, an invoice and student surveys will need to be submitted for payment.

Why join the JOBZ Club Network? When you join the Network you get access to additional tools, resources and supports to help students transition from school to work.

How do I find out more about JOBZ Club? JOBZ Club will be introduced at the ASSEC conference during the "Please tell me how I can work with DVR" breakout session. Teachers attending this session will be given the first opportunity to facilitate a JOBZ Club at a special pilot project rate. For those who cannot attend the conference information will be available on DVR's Tools for Teachers web page at <http://labor.alaska.gov/dvr/transition.htm> in March 2016.

