

# Benefits

## PARTICIPANTS

Young adults who participate in the EPIC vocational program are able to gain the needed work skills to be competitive and marketable so that they may become permanently employed in the community. They become more confident and independent throughout the internship due to the extensive vocational experience they receive.



EPIC, formerly known as Project SEARCH, is an on-the-job training course and job placement program for young adults with disabilities administered by Siffrin, CARF Accredited since 1993. Each intern will have the opportunity to participate in 3, 8-week rotations in various departments within Aultman Hospital, gaining real, hands-on experience.

To learn more about how you can become involved, please contact Sarah Chill, Director of Employment Support Services at (330) 478-0263 or email [schil@siffrin.org](mailto:schil@siffrin.org)



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## *Eligibility*

- 18 years of age or older
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Strong desire to work and learn new work skills
- Reliable and punctual
- Ability to communicate
- Willingness and ability to access independent transportation options
- Drug screen and background check approval
- Medicaid waiver, OOD funding or self-pay options



EPIC, formerly Project SEARCH, was initiated in Stark County in January 2009 at Aultman Hospital. The goal of the program is to offer young adults with a disability an opportunity to increase their skills so that employment in the community is more achievable.

EPIC is a collaborative effort between Siffrin, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Stark County Board of DD, and employers in the community.

Siffrin provides the vocational training coaches to assist interns in learning the necessary work skills, create relationships with co-workers, and build their work portfolio in order to find employment.



Social opportunities turn co-workers into friends