

MICHAEL ANDERSON

Vocational Skills Coach

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Compassionate Special Education Development Coach with a strong commitment to fostering independence and life skills among students with disabilities. With over 8 years of experience in vocational training and life skills coaching, I have honed my ability to develop personalized plans that enhance employability and social integration. My approach focuses on real-world applications and community involvement, empowering students to thrive in their environments.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Vocational Skills Coach | Pathways to Independence

Jan 2022 – Present

- Developed vocational training programs tailored to individual student strengths and interests.
- Provided hands-on training in community settings to enhance real-world skills.
- Collaborated with local businesses to create internship opportunities for students.
- Monitored student progress and adjusted training programs based on outcomes.
- Facilitated workshops for families on supporting vocational goals at home.
- Organized community events to raise awareness about student capabilities.

Life Skills Instructor | Opportunities Center

Jul 2019 – Dec 2021

- Designed life skills curricula that empower students to achieve personal goals.
- Conducted assessments to identify student needs and areas for growth.
- Implemented group sessions focused on social skills and community engagement.
- Supported students in developing self-advocacy and decision-making skills.
- Engaged with families to reinforce life skills learning at home.
- Trained staff on best practices for supporting students with disabilities.

SKILLS

Vocational Training

Life Skills Development

Community Engagement

Individualized Support

Self-Advocacy

Family Collaboration

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Human Services

2012

State College

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Increased student job placement rates by 35% through targeted training programs.
- Recognized for excellence in developing life skills programs that received community awards.
- Successfully engaged local businesses to support vocational training initiatives.

LANGUAGES

English

Spanish

French