

## Employment – The Gold Standard for Inclusion



### COST

This session is free of charge as part of the Youth Success Strategy funded by [CASE Innovation Lab Grant](#).

### LOCATION

### MORE INFORMATION

For students who have a developmental and/or intellectual disability, early perceptions of “unemployability” continue to foster lower expectations from families and educators, creating barriers to access critical supports needed to prepare them for a future that includes work.

In this presentation we will discuss how to create an environment where competitive employment is seen as a viable possibility and the natural progression for students who have a developmental and/or intellectual disability once they leave the school system, similar to their peers without a disability.

### WE WILL DISCUSS

- The importance of basic literacy and numeracy
- The importance of providing opportunities, from an early age, for problem solving, team work and *learning to learn*
- The importance of access to Co-Op in community settings and paid summer employment
- And learn about programs in your community that support access to employment.

### AUDIENCE

This session is for anyone who is involved in the life of a student who has a developmental and/or intellectual disability, including:

- Parents & Family members
- Educators (teachers, educational assistances, service provider)
- Health care providers (family doctors, physiotherapists)
- Community social workers