

## Reality for Adults with Autism\*

- 1 million people in the US have Autism
- 250,000 of those are Adults
- 50% of Adults with ASD pursue higher education
- **Only 12% of Adults with ASD hold full-time jobs**
- 83% of them have less than two social interactions a year
- 3% live independently
- The economic impact of autism is more than \$90 billion and expected to more than double in the next decade.

\*According to RDI Program at  
[www.rdiconnect.com](http://www.rdiconnect.com)

## MISSION STATEMENT

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The mission of Gateway Employment Resources is to provide the highest quality comprehensive services in placement, training, performance monitoring, and ongoing support, which will enable people with disabilities to secure competitive employment, as well as educate the community, business and industry regarding the potential of individuals with disabilities.



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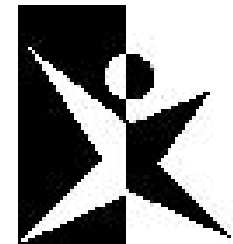
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# CONNECTING THE INDIVIDUAL TO THE COMMUNITY

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## Our History:

Gateway was founded in 1985 by the Pathway School in Norristown, Pennsylvania, a residential school for students with disabilities. The goal was to serve students and adults with disabilities in Montgomery County.

Gateway Employment established its own board of directors in 1989 and became an independent nonprofit agency in 1994. During our first few years, about 30 participants were placed and trained in jobs each year.

The agency now works with between 300 and 400 individuals each year; and places its clients with employers primarily located in Montgomery County. Occasionally in Delaware, Bucks, Chester and Philadelphia counties as well.

In 2008, Gateway began reaching out to students and adults with Autism. Staff were specially trained to provide services to people with Autism. They remain current on the latest developments in the field while offering specialized services to meet each individual's need.

In addition to funding through the Montgomery County Office of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Gateway also has funding through the OBRA and CommCare Waivers to work with individuals diagnosed under the Autism Spectrum, and also is an approved Medical Assistance Provider Agency.

## AUTISM VOCATIONAL SERVICES

- Intake and Assessment
- Employment Preparation
- Job Development
- Job Coaching
- Follow-Up
- Social Club

## MAKING IT INDIVIDUALIZED

- Gateway Employment Resources respects participants' right to privacy and the right to be represented in an appropriate and respectful manner
- Each participant will be assigned to one Employment Specialist to follow through all the areas above
- The work skills necessary are taught by the Employment Specialist and are tailored to individual learning styles.
- As the participant gains independence and confidence the Employment Specialist will fade from the work site. Keeping communication with both the Employer and Participant

- Job matches are made based on the individual's abilities and interest.
- Gateway Employment Resources believes that each participant in our program has the right to individual choice regarding their employment plan.
- Our staff believes that all participants deserve equal opportunity in pursuing work in the community.



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