

# Project PEACE

## Promoting Employment After High School through Community Expertise

### Our Goals

Support community collaboration to strengthen transition experiences and improve employment outcomes for youth with ID/DD as they move from school in integrated work in the community.

### Our Partners

Project PEACE proudly partners with: **Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services, VCU's Center on Transition Innovations, SOAR365, Virginia Department of Education, and Richmond City Public Schools.**



1. Middle School
  - [Center for Family Involvement](#) Referrals
  - Student-led enterprise
2. Community Collaboration
  - Parent-to-Parent Meetings

- DARS eligibility and referrals
- Work-based learning experiences
- 3. High School
  - Youth are trained to [use pictures](#) to share their employment interests, preferences and support needs.
  - Youth develop [virtual employment portfolios](#).
- 4. Work Experience
  - Youth leverage employment experiences, pictures, and portfolios to connect with employers, community internships or other work-based learning opportunities.
- 5. ⇒ **Jobs in the Community!**

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Logo for Project PEACE, featuring an abstract illustration of a rainbow drawn with earth-tones.  
Logo for the Partnership of People with Disabilities, featuring the seal of Virginia Commonwealth University, the abbreviation “VCU”, and the text “School of Education”.