

## About Granite State Independent Living

For thirty years, Granite State Independent Living (GSIL) has been a leader in New Hampshire serving its citizens living with disabilities and seniors, while advocating for social change that eliminates barriers and improves the quality of life for all. Long before it was fashionable or other disability service agencies began thinking about the idea that people with disabilities could live independently in the community, GSIL was actively making it happen by giving individuals the confidence and inspiration they needed to have dreams of living a full, complete and independent life *just like everyone else.*

*“I enjoyed this program and liked working best of all. I developed communication skills at my job. I made some new friends and saved money for school.”*

— James, Student

*“GSIL Earn and Learn reignites student passion for learning, personalizing each lesson with real-world relevance.”*

— Gary Hunter  
Dropout Prevention Coordinator  
Manchester School District

*For more information on GSIL's Transition Resources and other services offered, or to receive a free consultation, please contact us.*



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## Transition Resources for Educational and Employment Success



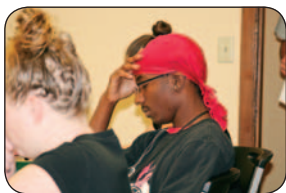
### Branches to Success

*GSIL can assist your school in addressing many of your school completion, graduation or other “unmet needs” requests.*

Our approach with students is guided by the theory of **self-efficacy**, which is the *belief* in one's capabilities to organize and execute the courses of action required to manage prospective situations.

*“Without GSIL I wouldn't have come as far as I have. I have a job now, I know where I want to go to college and I have gained many skills that I wouldn't have been able to get anywhere else.”*

— Chad, Student



*Granite State Independent Living has developed a non-traditional model to meet the needs of youth with disabilities who are transitioning out of high school, at risk of dropping out of high school, as well as those who have dropped out of high school. Our goal is to prepare students for life after school by given them the opportunity to learn about careers and post secondary education, develop employment skills, work in the community, and live independently in their community. The integration of vocational and academic training will occur outside of the classroom and students will have the opportunity to earn academic credits through this Extended Learning Opportunity. GSIL will work closely with local school personnel to create and implement personalized learning plans resulting in potential academic credits.*

#### Proven Student Outcomes

- Earn Academic Credit through ELO's
- Increase Graduation Rate
- Decrease Drop Outs
- Assist in Credit Recovery
- Employment Opportunities in the Community
- Identification of career paths
- Improve post graduation functional skills and success

*“This was a great experience. I learned a lot about how to get a job, how to write a cover letter and resume and other job related skills.”*

— Alyssa, Student

#### Services for Career and Academic Success

- **Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO's):** Opportunity for students to earn academic credit through their mastery of set skills, identified competencies and final presentations. Work closely with HQT's to develop competencies.
- **Career Development:** Career Assessment (interest inventory, work values, aptitudes, skills) Job Tours, Job Shadows, Informational interviews.
- **Job Search Skills Training:** Application Writing, Resume Development, References, Cover Letter, Thank you notes, Interviewing, Networking, Job Search Techniques, Job Expectations, Soft skills and Work Skills and Behaviors.
- **Service Learning / Work Experience:** Provide students with work experiences in the community where they can develop social, interpersonal and occupational skills.
- **Preparation for Post Secondary Education:** Tours of local colleges.
- **Functional Math Skills:** Development of Measurements, Basic Money Skills, word problems, percentages, fractions and decimals.
- **Functional Reading Skills:** Reading for information and development of vocabulary/writing.
- **GED Preparation:** On-line training and assistance.
- **Independent Living:** Connection to Adult Services, Assist with the referral to Vocational Rehabilitation, Development of self advocacy and decision making skills, Work Incentive Planning, Money Management, Housing and Transportation, Health and Food Management.
- **Summer School / Extended School Year (ESY)**