



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION & SITES

- ❖ Sites: Oakwood High School & Project SEARCH
- ❖ Project Description:
  - Explore the transition planning process and occupational therapy's (OT) role through observation, reviewing literature, and taking continuing education (CE) courses
  - Advocate for OT through a presentation for relevant professionals involved with transition planning
  - Become familiar Project SEARCH and pilot the Vocational Fit Assessment (VFA)

## LITERATURE REVIEW

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) mandates transition planning services for students with individualized education plans (IEP) to begin at age 14 in Ohio
- OT can address various areas of occupation essential for adult life
- OT is minimally involved with secondary transition planning

## MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

- **Mission:** To foster postsecondary outcomes for youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities within traditional settings and specialized employment programs.
- **Vision:** To gain advanced knowledge and skills in secondary transition-planning and programming for students with disabilities and explore occupational therapy's current and potential roles.

## PROJECT GOAL COMPLETION & OUTCOMES

- Gain and share advanced knowledge of OT's role in traditional practice settings regarding secondary transition planning.
  - Observation in relevant settings (105.75 hours)
  - CE: "Structured Work Tasks for Transition Age Youth: Theory, Ideas, & Hands On"
  - CE: "Creating a Successful Transition From Teenager in School to Young Adult in the Workplace"
  - Presentation for special education staff
- Gain advanced knowledge related to specialized post-secondary employment programming for students with disabilities
  - Observation in relevant settings (105.75 hours)
  - Pilot the VFA with Project SEARCH & create informational VFA pamphlet
  - Advocate for OT within Project SEARCH through presentation

## DELIVERABLES

- A presentation outline of OT's role in secondary transition planning
- A certificate indicating successful completion of a CEU course
- A pamphlet describing the uses of the VFA

