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Transition/Pre-ETS Program List

List updates made monthly and housed here:

[Labor and Economic Opportunity - Pre-ETS/Transition \(michigan.gov\)](http://www.michigan.gov/leo)

Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) programs are for high school or college students who are blind or visually impaired and who are 14 to 26 years old. Additional age restrictions may apply for specific programs. Please be advised that these are tentative dates/ locations and are subject to change.

*Statewide Opportunities are offered to students in all areas of the state. Transportation may or may not be offered.

** Regional Opportunities are offered to students residing within certain regions of the state.

Statewide Opportunities*

YEAR ROUND

Bureau of Services for Blind Persons Training Center

Location: 1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Dates: Year-round

Description: Students are provided training in order to enhance and develop skills in the areas of workplace readiness, orientation and mobility. Assistive technology, and independent living. Students work on pre-employment skills in a residential facility. Students participate in vocational exploration and potential work experiences while at the Training Center.

Target Population: 14 and older

BSBP Contact: Your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional will complete the BSBPTC Referral Form, this is a Word document that has been shared with field staff, make sure the Eye Report and Medical Report have been scanned

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into System 7 and send an email to BSBPTC-Referrals with the Referral form attached.

Pre-ETS: Job Exploration Counseling, Counseling for Post-Secondary Education, Instruction in Self-Advocacy, Workplace Readiness Training

Social Security Benefits Planning

Location: Virtual or in-person

Dates: Year-round

Description: Students and/or family supports receive counseling regarding how working will impact Social Security benefits. Special emphasis is placed on the Student Work Exclusion.

Target Population: HS/College Students pursuing or considering employment

BSBP Contact: Your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional will assist with referral to a Social Security Benefits planner

Pre-ETS: Instruction in Self-Advocacy

VI Resource Series

Location: Virtual - On going

Dates: Monthly, starting Oct 13th and 2nd Thurs of the month (see dates below), 6:30-8:00

Description: This monthly series is designed to educate families and student supports about a variety of subjects affecting BVI students. This program will provide information from industry experts on a variety of relevant topics, introduce caregivers to useful community resources and connect students/families to career explorations tools & potential work experiences.

Topics below:

April 13, 2023- Guide Dog and summer program at Leader Dog

May 11, 2023- Social Security Benefits Planning

June 08, 2023- TBD

Target Population: Parent/caregivers of BVI students, Professionals

BSBP Contact: Shannon McVoy, mcvoys@michigan.gov

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-Viresource>

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Contact your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional or shackley@michigan.gov for more information.

Blind Students' Collective: A multi-state program run by Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired

Location: Virtual

Date/time(s): January - June 2023, 3rd Tuesday of the month 6:30-8:00pm

Description: Join visually impaired and blind peer mentors nationwide for this new series to discuss life topics such as social navigation, blind life hacks, career exploration and any topic of your choosing. Hosted by students from MN, MI, DE and KY.

BSBP Contact: Shannon McVoy mcvoys@michigan.gov

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/ElevateYourState>

Pre-ETS Categories: Instruction in Self Advocacy and Workplace Readiness Training

Employment Flex

Location: Comfort Inn and Conference Center, 2424 S. Mission St. Mount Pleasant, MI

Dates: April 20 Virtual session 6pm-8pm

April 28-30 in person at Comfort Inn and Conference Center

Description: You think you want to work? Come flex your employment muscle and learn what it takes to get and maintain a job through fun games & group activities. Topics covered: Workplace behaviors, accepting criticism & feedback, self-advocacy, mock interviewing and dressing for success. Student will receive: resume, cover letter and gift card at completion. Student will also have an opportunity to learn stress relief techniques that will include participating in a meditation and sound immersion Master Class. The sound immersion experience will feature use of sonic energy drums, Tibetan singing bowls, gongs, chimes and more!

Target Population: Ages 14 - 26

BSBP Contact: Shannon McVoy, mcvoys@michigan.gov

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/EmploymentFlex2023>

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First Stay Away

Location: Camp Tuhsmeheeta, 10500 Lincoln Lake Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

Dates: May 5 - 7, 2023

Description: For individuals that have not stayed away from home overnight or have had very few opportunities. This program will give them a chance to boost their confidence, meet new people and have fun. They will have an opportunity to participate in archery, a challenge course and other unforgettable camp experiences. Students will learn about music for relaxation, internet safety, cooking and new games to play with friends. Transportation has been added to increase program participation.

Target Population: High School Students 14 and older

BSBP Contact: Your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-FSA>

Pre-ETS: Job Exploration Counseling, Instruction in Self-Advocacy and Workplace Readiness Training

Encounter Career Opportunities (ECO)-Hospitality Edition

Location: Great Wolf Lodge, 3575 US-31, Traverse City, MI 49684

Dates: June 2-4, 2023

Description: Visit the Great Wolf Lodge to enjoy a weekend of pure hospitality and fun for the whole family. Students will observe the behind-the-scenes operation of a resort and have the opportunity to learn about the various jobs within the hospitality industry. Students will also participate in a variety of activities to build skills necessary for successfully seeking, obtaining and performing a job. Parents will benefit from programming specifically catered to them including family engagement activities, benefits discussion and networking opportunities.

Target Population: High School Students 14 and older **Students who have not participated in this program in the past.

NOTE: A 2nd year track has been developed for up to 6 students. This is for students who are interested in further exploring jobs in hospitality and will include 1-2 intensive job shadow experiences

BSBP Contact: Your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-GWL2023>

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Post-Secondary Readiness Program

Location: BSBP Training Center

Dates: Session I: June 11 to June 23, 2023. Session II: June 19 to June 30, 2023

Description: This program is designed to prepare students for success in a post-secondary education environment. Students demonstrate and further build skills in the areas of independent living, assistive technology, orientation, and mobility, etcetera., all of which they will need to live independently and participate in classes. They also participate in a variety of auxiliary activities related to navigating a college campus, accessing campus resources, using accessible textbook resources, gaining employment while taking classes, and appropriately managing Social Security benefits.

Target Population: Students 16 and older considering attending post-secondary education

BSBP Contact: BSBP Rehabilitation Professional or LEO-BSBPTrainingCenter@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional must complete the BSBPTC Referral Form.

Pre-ETS: Counseling in Post-Secondary Education and Instruction in Self Advocacy

No Barriers- Summer Challenge

Location: Eagle Village- 5044 175th Ave. Hersey, MI 49639

Dates: June 14 - 18, 2023

Description: This program is designed to empower students to overcome barriers and ultimately share the light with others by discovering the No Barriers' 7 Life Elements, learning about Erik Weihenmayer's life and how he addressed his barriers, developing team building skills to prepare for employment, developing self-advocacy skills, and participating in activities that stretch them beyond their comfort zone.

Target Population: Students 14 to 23

BSBP Contact: Shannon McVoy mcvoys@michigan.gov or Maria Peak, MPeak@aspireofmidmichigan.com

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/2023NBSummer>

Pre-ETS: Workplace Readiness, Self-Advocacy Training

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Careers Under Construction

Location: Ferris State University

Dates: June 25 - 28, 2023

Description: The Careers Under Construction program will allow you to begin the planning process for transitioning to life after high school and identifying your degree options. Guided by career inventories students will gain an understanding of their strengths and personality preferences. As you deeply explore and understand how your personal profile can relate to/prepare for your future success and align with careers you might be interested in. Additionally, students will have hands-on experience of life on campus, including staying in the dorms, exploring campus, dining in the café and experiencing student life.

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-CUC2023>

Pre-ETS: Counseling in Post-Secondary Education, Instruction in Self Advocacy, Job Exploration

College Prep Program

Location: Western Michigan University

Dates: June 26 – August 18, 2023

Description: Students who are blind or visually impaired have an opportunity for a college experience prior to becoming full-time students. The program is designed to provide BSBP customers with training and skills needed to become successful full-time college students. Students will take in-person academic classes from WMU, and BSBP staff will provide Pre-ETS instruction toward college readiness. Students get the opportunity to enjoy campus life, a work experience and will earn a summer income.

Target Population: students 16 and older who are considering attending college and have already completed the Post-Secondary Readiness Program (PSRP)

BSBP Contact: Cherrelle Singleton, SingletonC5@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Please email for a packet or complete registration link to be contacted here: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-CollegePrep23>. Students will need to complete a WMU application and provide a copy of HS transcripts.

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Intro to Work Readiness

Location: BSBP Training Center, 1541 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Dates: July 9-13, 2023

Description: Students will reside at the BSBP Training Center and complete programming on-site and within the local community. This will include self-advocacy instruction, career exploration, adaptive living techniques, orientation and mobility experiences, finance education, assistive technology, and leisure activities. This program is intended as the first step in preparation for future transition services to help students meet their goals. Students interested and appropriate to stay for an extended training following this trial week are welcome to do so. Pre-ETS activities include Self Advocacy Training and Work Readiness.

Target Population: High school students 14 to 26 who have not previously participated in overnight BSBP Training Center Programs or who are unsure about whether they are ready for future participation in residential training at the Training Center

BSBP Contact Person: Scott Lacey [laceys@michigan.gov](mailto:lacey@michigan.gov) or LEO-BSBPTrainingCenter@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional must complete the BSBPTC Referral Form.

Pre-ETS: Self Advocacy, Career Exploration

Work Readiness

Location: BSBP Training Center, 1541 Oakland Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49008

Dates: July 9 - August 18, 2023

Description: Students will reside at the BSBP Training Center and complete programming on-site and within the local community. This will include self-advocacy instruction, career exploration, adaptive living techniques, orientation and mobility experiences, finance education, assistive technology, leisure activities, and other areas as determined.

Designed to develop independent living and social skills necessary for a student to be successful in employment.

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Pre-ETS activities include Self Advocacy Training and Work Readiness.
Target Population: High school students 14 to 26 who could use ongoing training.

BSBP Contact Person: Scott Lacey [laceys@michigan.gov](mailto:lanceys@michigan.gov) or LEO-BSBPTrainingCenter@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional must complete the BSBPTC Referral Form.

Pre-ETS: Career Exploration, work readiness, self-advocacy.

Transitions In Training (TNT)

Location: Lansing, Michigan State University, Meijer, Equine Center for Learning, Mobius, AJ Boggs

Dates: Tentative dates of July 17-21, 2023

Description: Transitions in Training is a customized opportunity for students ages 14 to 23 to help meet their academic and career goals. The 4-day and 3-night program is highly inter-active, and skill focused.

Target Population: Students 14 to 23

BSBP Contact: Paige Lloyd, lloydp@michigan.gov

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-TNT2023>

Pre-ETS: Workplace Readiness, Career Exploration, Self-Advocacy Training, Post-Secondary Counseling and Guidance, Work-Based Learning Experiences.

Earth Wind and Fire

Location: Grand Rapids, MI

Dates: July 10-12, 2023

Description: This program is fun, informative, and interactive. Students will explore and experience careers in the field of earth science. With a focus on weather, wind and fire students will have a hands-on experience to understand emergency preparation for weather-related events. Highlighting 3-D models and other demonstrations, including fire, rain and other types of emergencies that the public can experience, students will learn to prepare with a component and consideration to their vision. Additionally, students will learn about accessible weather apps and gain tools and strategies to prepare for weather. This program includes guest speakers that works

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within the earth science profession, Sky Zone outing with blizzard simulation and more engaging activities.

Target Population: Students 14 to 20

BSBP Contact: Cherrelle Singleton, SingletonC5@michigan.gov

Referral Process: <https://bit.ly/BSBP-EWF2023>

Pre-ETS: Workplace Readiness, Self-Advocacy Training, Job Exploration Counseling

STEM Program-Astronomy

Location: BSBP Training Center

Dates: Aug 13-18, 2023

Description: Students will be introduced to 3D printing technology while learning about careers in the STEM field and exploring characteristics of the universe. Students will also hear from blind professionals about how to pursue an education and career in STEM.

Target Population: High school students 14 and older interested in exploring STEM careers

BSBP Contact: BSBP Rehabilitation Professional or LEO-BSBPTrainingCenter@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Rehabilitation Professional must complete the BSBPTC Referral Form.

Pre-ETS: Job Exploration

Camp Transition Zone

Location: In person- Camp Daggett, Petosky, MI

Dates: Aug 15 - 19, 2023

Description: Students ages 14 - 21 will be learning new vocational skills with the help of BSBP trained staff. This Camp includes Pre-Employment Transition Services with a focus on work-readiness, career exploration and independent living. Students can participate in teambuilding activities, fun and learning activities.

Target Population: Students 14 to 21

BSBP Contact: April Dungan, dungana@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Contact your BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Pre-ETS: Self Advocacy Training, Workplace Readiness, Career Exploration

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Central Region Opportunities**

Ingham ICTA 3-week summer work experience

Location: Ingham county (various sites will be developed)

Dates: will vary for each student and will work around other summer programming that they will attend.

Description: The culmination of 8 months of job readiness training will be a 3-week summer work experience. Every effort will be made to match students with their areas of interests, strengths, and abilities. It is expected that 6 of the 7 students will participate in a work experience.

Target Population: Ingham students 14 and older

BSBP Contact: Amy Lamiman, lamimana1@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Ingham students referred to BSBP will participate in monthly job readiness training and preparation, followed by work experience.

Pre-ETS: Workplace Readiness Training, Work Based Learning

East Region Opportunities**

Goalball

Location: Livonia, MI

Dates: November 2022 - June 2023 – Once/month

Description: The Pre-ETS Goalball Program will provide an opportunity for students to build on work readiness skills such as teamwork, collaboration, communication, leadership, orientation & mobility, assistive technology, and self-advocacy through the goalball sport. The program will take place once/month at Churchill High School in Livonia. Each meeting will be comprised of instruction-based Pre-ETS activities and implementation of these skills through goalball practice.

Target Population: Students 14-26 in Western Wayne County

BSBP Contact: Samantha Duke, dukes3@michigan.gov.

Referral Process: Contact your assigned BSBP Rehabilitation Professional if interested

Pre-ETS: Workplace Readiness, Self-Advocacy

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West Region Opportunities**

Project TOP (Transition Outdoor Program)

Location: Camp Tuhsmeheeta, 10500 Lincoln Lake Rd, Greenville, MI 48838

Dates: November 2022 - May 2023 (2nd Saturday of the Month)

Description: Project TOP is a day program focusing on goals of independent living, adaptive skills and self-advocacy.

Target Population: Ages 14-26

BSBP Contact: Jereme Vanden Heuvel, vandenheuvelj4@michigan.gov

Referral Process: Contact BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Pre-ETS: Instruction in Self-Advocacy, Workplace Readiness Training

Additional Programs BSBP Students can participate in:

National Federation of the Blind-Michigan (NFBMI) Raising Expectations, Accessing Life (R. E. A. L.)

Location: Flint, MI

Dates: June 23–25, 2023

Description: NFBMI R. E. A. L. is a weekend-long developmental program that works with students on a wholistic level to support their development and exploration of topics and opportunities that raise the expectations of themselves, their families, and their educational community.

- Community Social Activities and Experiences
- Advocacy and Networking Skills Development
- Professional Exploration and Document Writing Workshops
- Counseling on Post-Secondary opportunities

Target Population: Students 14 and older

Contact: Robert Parsons, NFBMI president robert.e.parsons@wmich.edu

Referral Process: [NFB REAL registration form National Federation of the Blind of Michigan \(NFBMI\) \(google.com\)](#)

ENVISION College Success Program (collegesuccessbvi.org)

Location: Online

Dates: On-Going

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Description: College Success Program to help college students who are blind or visually impaired get the support they need to make the most of their college experience. Learning Ally provides support by:

- Designing and developing a holistic support system for college students who are blind or visually impaired.
- Creating a network of mentors to coach students in building advocacy and resource management skills.
- Assisting students in identifying the right tools and technology that will help them thrive in college.

Target Population: Students 18 and older who are about to start college or who are already in college and would benefit from additional support

Contact: Mary Alexander at mAlexander@Envisionus.com

Referral Process: Email the following information to Mary Alexander malexander@learningally.org, cc Shannon McVoy, mcvoy@michigan.gov

- Name of student
- Cell phone #
- Email address (multiple if they have them)
- Mailing address
- Birth date
- Vision impairment
- Name of counselor and contact info

Pre-ETS: Peer Mentoring, Post-Secondary Counseling and Guidance

[Leader Dog Summer Camp](#)

Location: Rochester Hills, MI

Dates: June 25 - July 1, 2023

Description: This free program combines fun activities with exploring mobility options like guide dog travel, discovering leadership skills and building friendships with peers facing similar challenges. Campers receive a free HumanWare GPS to help increase their travel independence. They also have the opportunity to learn about living and working with a guide dog.

Teen Summer Camp is provided free of charge at Leader Dogs for the Blind's Rochester Hills, Michigan campus to those who are legally blind, 16 or 17 years of age, regardless of whether they plan to train with a guide

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dog. Public transportation to and from a client's home to the Leader Dog campus and accommodations and meals while training is also provided free of charge.

Target Population: High school students who are 16 and 17 who would like to learn more about leadership skills, GPS technology, guide dogs and more!

BSBP Contact: Shannon McVoy mcvoys@michigan.gov

Referral Process: [Download and begin application](#)

Work Experiences

Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Summer Work Opportunity Program

Location: Various Michigan BEP locations

Dates: TBD- Summer/Ongoing

Description: This food service and vending internship in BSBP's Business Enterprise Program is for blind and visually impaired high school and college students ages 15 to 21. Students are paid minimum wage and typically work 20-30 hours each week, for up to 10 weeks. The program will provide participants with an opportunity to experience working under supervision, learn work requirements, develop work skills and determine if the BEP is a viable vocational option for him/her.

Target Population: High school and college students ages 15 to 21

BSBP Contact: Local BSBP Rehabilitation Professional

Referral Process: BEP will identify Operators who are willing to provide a work experience and Rehabilitation Professional will connect interested students to available opportunities. Interested students submit a resume to his/her Rehabilitation Professional. The Rehabilitation Professional will provide resumes to the BEP Operator. BEP Operators are encouraged to require participants to complete a job application and sit for a job interview. The Rehabilitation Professional can provide sample interview questions if requested.

Pre-ETS: Work Based Learning- Work Experience

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