To learn more about this program, please reach out to our Client Program Coordinator: info@EquestCenter.org



**Mission Statement:** We improve quality of life through equine-based therapy to physically, mentally and socially/emotionally challenged individuals. Our unique program integrates academic, social and physical skills using the horse as a catalyst.



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## VOCATIONAL & JOB TRAINING



Vocational training for teens through adults with physical, mental, social and emotional challenges is a critical part of their education. Goals and activities are thoughtfully developed with input from the client, parents, teachers/caregivers, and are tailored to the individual.

Here at Equest, the number of Vocation and Job Skills Training participants from schools, group homes, rehabilitation facilities etc. has grown by leaps and bounds, especially in light of the many budget cuts in local school districts and adult care programs. Equest Center is filling these gaps by offering opportunities for continued growth at our center.

This program gives many a sense of purpose, pride and accomplishment which is priceless! Skills such as speech, improved communication, following directions, task follow through and completion, punctuality, work ethic, problem solving, and responsibility are some of the goals targeted.

The center is a wonderful place to work on the generalization of skills learned in the classroom as well. We have several unique opportunities for individuals to participate in. Opportunities can be one time, for several weeks, or ongoing.

Partnering with our staff we are able to provide hands-on experience for a variety of needs:

- Volunteer outreach and job skill opportunities working those with disabilities.
- Transition-aged young adults of all abilities from area school districts
- Single and group opportunities
- In partnership with:

MOKA, Ready for Life, Hope Network, One Niche, Empower U, Network 180, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Rockford R1ts, Northpointe Christian, Grand Rapids Christian, Mary Free Bed, Behavior Solutions, Spectrum TBI, Cedar Springs Transitions, Forest Hills Northern Transitions, Mullins Home, Belmont House, Grandville Public Schools, Wedgewood, ASK, Arbor Circle, Bethany Christian Services, St John's Home, Pine Rest, Private Homes, among others...

