

# South Carolina Developmental Disabilities Council

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## 2017-2018 Grant Summaries

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<b><u>Employment</u></b>			
<i>The Arc @ Work</i> [3] The Arc of the Midlands	\$19,108.50	Statewide	Using a national Arc program, the project recruits secondary school students with I/DD to participate in various communication and public speaking training activities. An additional component provides training to federal employers in understanding how to hire and support people with I/DD.
<i>Recipe for Success</i> [3] Charleston Co. Schools	\$10,178	Charleston	The program prepares students with I/DD for small-business ownership or entering the workforce through a school-based bakery. Students develop employability skills, learn about the world of work, increase independent living skills, and improve social skills.
<i>R.I.S.E.: Rallying for Inclusive, Successful Employment</i> [3] Able-SC	\$38,616	Statewide	The program supports the efforts of the SC Disability Employment Coalition—a broad-based, collaborative task force working to identify and address barriers to employment for people with disabilities. Employment Specialists work directly with individuals with disabilities to raise awareness of job accommodations, enhance employment skills, and empower self-advocacy skills at work.
<i>District Five Transition Svcs. Assessment</i> [3] Lexington-Richland School District Five	\$9,897.50	Lexington and Richland	The program provides for technical assistance and professional development in transition services provided to students with I/DD. The program includes implementing evidence-based curriculum that enhances workforce readiness for students with I/DD, outreach to families, and professional conferences.

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<i>HOPE GED Program</i> [2] Project HOPE Foundation	\$49,543	Spartanburg & Greenville	The program investigates the viability of a specialized GED program tailored to help individuals with Autism obtain a GED. Program participants would otherwise graduate with a certificate or not complete school. Additionally, the program simultaneously builds “soft-skills” that employers require, so program participants are ready to enter the workforce.
<i>Project Connect</i> [2] USC Department of Educational Studies	\$43,683.25	Richland	The program provides for the development and implementation of a collaborative service model for students exiting post-secondary college experience programs for individuals with I/DD. A primary focus of the program is exit-planning and career services for CarolinaLIFE students in close coordination with local agencies relevant to workforce development.
<i>Transition Student Employment Program</i> [2] School District of Oconee County	\$15,985.15	Oconee	The program provides certificate track students in Oconee County employment training over five weeks during the summer. Local agency and business partners plan to use evidence-based practices to provide paid work experiences at Hamilton Career Center that teach employment skills, increase self-confidence, and provide opportunities for social interaction, among others.
<i>Project SEARCH SC Statewide Strategy</i> [2] Arc of the Midlands	\$57,700	Statewide	The program builds upon the success of South Carolina’s current Project SEARCH locations by providing resources and support to new Project SEARCH locations across South Carolina. This evidence-based program incorporates a collaborative service model including relevant state agencies, business partners, and non-governmental organizations to provide community-based career experiences for certificate-track high school students with I/DD.
<i>Student Success Jobs Program</i> [2] Arc of the Midlands	\$41,366	Lexington, Richland, Sumter, & Kershaw	The program seeks to engage students in a year-round internship program that develops and executes a school-based enterprise. Using a national evidence-based model supported by the Arc of the United States, certificate-track students will learn how to create, launch, and run a business.

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<i>Employment Barrier Removal Project</i> [1]  Thrive Upstate	\$75,000	Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, Anderson, & Spartanburg	This employment systems change project will address employment barriers for adults with I/DD through collaborating with locally-based human resource management professionals. Using evidence-based human resource best practices and emerging models of competitive, integrated employment, individuals with severe, lifelong disabilities will gain new opportunities to develop and direct their own career. Meanwhile, community-based employers will learn about issues people with I/DD face in the workplace and how to support their career development.

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<b><u>Community Supports</u></b>			
<i>Free to be Me Transition Awareness</i> [3] Family Connection of SC	\$17,000	Midlands, Coastal, & Upstate regions of SC	The program collaboratively addresses transition services for students with I/DD to assess needs, gather information about resources, develop training materials, and host a workshop in each targeted region of South Carolina. The series will focus on empowering young adults with I/DD to live on their own and achieve their dreams and goals.
<i>South Carolina Medical-Legal Partnership</i> [3] Greenville Health System	\$22,500	Upstate Region of SC	The program seeks to adapt a national curriculum that trains clinical providers and collaborative partner participants to recognize social determinants of health, screen patients for non-medical barriers to health, learn about laws and systems that govern these barriers, make referrals to the legal partner, and treat GHS patients with Autism and related neuro-developmental disabilities with effective interventions.
<i>SC Visibility Project</i> [3] Brain Injury Association of SC	\$20,000	Statewide	The program provides information, referral, and assessment services in three areas: hospital discharge, law enforcement, and recreation. Project includes disseminating information about available supports to individuals with disabilities related to brain injury being discharged from Palmetto Health Richland Memorial Hospital in addition to trainings for law enforcement and other assessments.
<i>Piece it Together</i> [3] Medical University of South Carolina	\$30,007.50	Charleston, Berkeley, & Dorchester	The program promotes healthy lifestyle choices, physical, and mental health through a community and school-based fitness and wellness program serving young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related I/DD.
<i>Fit for Life</i> [3] SOS Healthcare, Inc.	\$11,691.48	Horry	The program offers young adults with I/DD to participate in an evidence-based health program developed with input from several young adults with disabilities. Activities include weekly fitness classes, exercise DVD's, nutritional consultation, and grocery shopping support.

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<i>Enhanced Nursing Education for Patients Living with Developmental Disabilities</i> [3]  Francis Marion University	\$6,274.41	Upstate region of SC	The program seeks to integrate curriculum components into FMU's undergraduate and graduate nursing programs that address specific needs of individuals with I/DD. The project also seeks to establish a yearly conference about I/DD at FMU and provides for a simulation scenario for undergraduate nursing students focusing on the needs of patients with I/DD.
<i>Everyday Living</i> [2]  Arc of South Carolina	\$14,126.67	Midlands region of SC	The program seeks to increase self-efficacy skills, perform activities of daily living, and build confidence in independent living skills. Evidence-based activities will take place in participants' community.
<i>Go Do Life</i> [2]  Babcock Center	\$21,552	Richland and Lexington	The program seeks to improve socialization skills and increase recreational opportunities for adults with I/DD. Components of the program include intensive social skills training and community engagement through volunteering. Program participants will also work together to plan and participate in recreational activities of their choosing.
<i>Prevocational Readiness Project</i> [2]  York County Adult Day Care Services, Inc.	\$30,000	York, Lancaster, & Chester	The program will serve adults who are no longer in conventional school and provide foundational vocational training. Participants will learn about appropriate workplace behavior, building confidence, self-advocacy at work, and other topics. At the end of the curriculum, the goal is to connect participants with relevant workforce development agencies and supported employment agencies to secure meaningful work.
<i>South Carolina Supported Decision Making Project</i> [2]  Able-SC	\$18,676.45	Statewide	The program will educate individuals with I/DD and their families about the benefits of Supported Decision Making over more restrictive options such as guardianship. Activities include training sessions for families, presenting at conferences for professionals, and creating & disseminating awareness-raising materials.

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<b>Grantee Name</b> <i>LIT Project</i> [1] Current Transitions	\$35,901	Horry	The program will focus on increasing literacy skills, information gathering skills, and basic technology skills for people with I/DD. Through collaboration with the SC Assistive Technology Program, the LIT Project will use face-to-face trainings to build these essential skills and offer opportunities to use newly acquired skills in the community.
<i>Latinos Making Connections</i> [1] Family Connection of South Carolina	\$40,000	Statewide	The program brings together multiple organizations working with people with I/DD and Spanish-speaking populations to target disparities experienced by South Carolina's growing Latino population. Primary activities include establishing an interagency workgroup, identifying barriers to service delivery in Latino communities, and addressing strategies to increase the quality and quantity of services and supports available to Latino individuals with I/DD and their families.

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<b><u>Self-Advocacy</u></b>			
<i>Youth Leadership Forum</i> [Ongoing]  Able-SC	\$50,000	Statewide	The program is an established, evidence-based summer program for youth with disabilities who are still in high school or just graduated. The objectives are to build or strengthen participants' self-advocacy skills, self-confidence, and leadership skills for the purpose of remaining in school, graduating, obtaining post-secondary education and obtaining employment that meets each individual's maximum potential.
<i>IMPACT SC</i> [Ongoing]  Center for Disability Resources	\$41,447	Statewide	The IMPACT SC Self-Advocacy group is a self-advocate led statewide advocacy group. Initiatives include selecting training materials, choosing speakers on topics critical to building successful self-advocacy, and attending training or conferences in and out of the state.
<i>Equip: Self-Advocacy &amp; Leadership in Young Adults</i> [Ongoing]  Able-SC	\$77,303.10	Statewide	EQUIP is a Young Adult Leadership program focused on empowering young adults with disabilities ages 14-25 by showing them the skills necessary to build self-confidence, set and accomplish goals and become community activists. EQUIP is unique in its approach because its leaders are also young adults with disabilities who can directly relate to the group.
<i>Let's Talk</i> [Ongoing]  Arc of the Midlands	\$32,181.60	Richland, Lexington, Sumter, Newberry, & Fairfield	A self-advocacy program for people with I/DD to focus on self-development, making choices, taking leadership roles, and achieving dreams. Participants will develop community-based projects that allow them to practice expressing themselves in public settings.