

Adult Employment Services

Specialized Industries, a diverse business organization, provides a stepping stone for vocational skill development, enrichment, and training, with emphasis on employment for adults with developmental disabilities. Our business continues to thrive due to the long term support of our loyal customers in the community. It is our ongoing vision to continue to expand our contract base as it meets the vocational needs of the people we serve.

Group Supported Employment – Janitorial. The Janitorial Program provides training and employment opportunities for seventeen (17) developmentally disabled adults who work throughout the community on either an Enclave (a small group of supervised disabled workers, working in a host business, the majority of whose employees are not people with disabilities), or a Crew (a small group of supervised disabled workers, of whom no more than eight are disabled, usually providing service types of work, at a number of sites in the community). Presently, our Corps of Engineers “Enclave” employs eleven (11) – and our Mobile “Crew” employs five (5) developmentally disabled adults.

Group Supported Employment – Grounds Keeping. The program is designed to offer meaningful and challenging community based work. Our current year-round contracts are: Employment Security Department, St. Mary Medical Center, Nelson Irrigation, Walla Walla General Hospital, City of Walla Walla’s Spanish War Memorial, and the Jonathan Wainwright Veteran’s Affairs.

Individual Supported Employment. Services began by assisting persons with special needs to secure competitive employment in the community. Included in the service are employment specialists and on-going natural supports.

Community Access. Our clients use the Field House to enjoy many activities such as crafts, games, parties, cooking, & lunches. We take clients to community activities, such as the Senior Center programs. Several people have blossomed as volunteers helping those less able while gaining valuable pre-employment skills.