



Promoting the Acquisition of Life-long Skills

*A Collaboration Between Rockland BOCES, BRIDGES
and the Palisades Center*

Dear Community Partner,

PALS (Promoting the Acquisition of Life-long Skills) invites you to be part of an exciting new collaborative program between Rockland BOCES, Bridges and the Palisades Center. PALS is designed as a half day program for students ages 16-21 who are currently enrolled in a BOCES high school program and are in need of developing life-long career readiness skills. Our goal is to assist students with developing work-related soft skills through a hands-on approach, including identifying career interests, developing appropriate employability skills, and navigating the possible pathways to employment and independence.

PALS offers an opportunity for employers to present and promote their organizations. Participating employers can engage with youth who are entering the workforce by providing opportunities for job shadowing. We are seeking community partners who are interested in providing such opportunities that are well-rounded and inclusive of a variety of learning experiences. Your participation will positively impact students' career development as well as enhance your organization's community profile through engagement with young people who are trained and highly motivated.

Through this collaboration, students are assisted with self-identifying their own career interests and job exploration. With your support, we hope to provide experiences similar to their professional aspirations. This real world experience includes pre-employment skills, job coaching, and on the job and workplace readiness training. Students will also develop social skills and independent living skills. BOCES staff offer a benefit to employers by troubleshooting problems should they arise and ensuring students have reliable transportation, dress professionally, and have a work-ready attitude.

- PALS will be supervised by Rockland BOCES Principal Elise Rosenberg.
- Liability insurance will be provided by Rockland BOCES.
- A small group of 2-3 students will be supervised on site by BOCES personnel.
- Each group of students will be placed at their assigned work location for 2 days per week from 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM.
- The program will follow a school calendar, which will be provided to each partner.

We hope you will consider partnering with PALS and Bridges as your participation is crucial to the future success of our students. Please reach out to discuss and plan your company's involvement with this endeavor. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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