

Welcome to EDGE at The Arc, Ocean County Chapter!

EDGE (Employment, Development, Guidance, & Engagement)



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In partnership with the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, EDGE (Employment, Development, Guidance and Engagement) supports blind, deaf-blind and vision impaired high school and college students transition into independent living, self-advocacy and career development.

With former EDGE enrollees now on staff and in mentor roles, we are able to bring a unique, first-hand perspectives that will give enrollees an "edge" in moving towards independence and career development.

This year-round program consists of two parts: EDGE 1.0 and EDGE 2.0.

Both have a double layer of support, via blind and vision impaired staffers and mentors, who will collaborate with enrollees to plan for success and assist in reaching it.

EDGE 1 (HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM)

Involves Saturday Workshop Series Events & Applied Learning Activity Events teaching skills necessary for transitioning from parent supervision to assumption of adult responsibilities.

Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- ✓ Self-discovery
- ✓ Interpersonal Relationship Development
- ✓ Preparing for college entrance, apprenticeship or training opportunities
- ✓ Finding competitive employment, stipend work, or work exploration experiences
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Independent Travel
- ✓ Technology Engagement Skills

EDGE 2 (COLLEGE PROGRAM)

Involves online classes and boots-on-the-ground Career-Focused College Advisors to assist undergrads to assimilate into college life, both on and off campus, in a career-focused way.

Topics covered include but are not limited to:

- ✓ Getting the most out of the Disability Services Office
- ✓ Establishing faculty relationships that enhance learning and result in letters of recommendation
- ✓ Utilizing information and assistive technology
- ✓ Developing interpersonal relationships on and off campus
- ✓ Creating opportunities for competitive employment, stipend work, or work exploration experiences related to a major field of study



For more information,

call EDGE Director Roula Mashal at
and ask your CBVI Transition Coordinator or
College Counselor to refer you, today!



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