

## New Frontier

### BUILDING SKILLS FOR THE WORKPLACE AND LIFE



*"New Frontier can always help you out and always have your back. They make sure you advocate for yourself and makes sure that you are valid and recognized at your job."  
- Jason Moy,  
New Frontier Participant  
employed with Home Depot  
since 2021*

People with autism and developmental disabilities may choose from an array of vocational supports depending upon their interests, talents, and needs. Our expert staff engage each person in a process of discovery that evaluates skills and identifies unique abilities. Based upon the results of this process, individuals may choose from a variety of services including: pre-vocational supports that focus on developing work readiness skills, volunteer opportunities designed to promote employment experiences, paid internships and customized employment options that may lead to job acquisition and supported employment.

**Community Based Pre-Vocational Training, ideal for people:**

- Interested in eventually working but are not ready right now
- Want to learn work and social skills to be ready for competitive employment

**Employment Training Program, ideal for people:**

- That have some work experience and want to start working soon
- Are ready or are likely to be ready for competitive employment
- Are willing to spend 4 – 6 months of "discovery" with Birch staff, as defined by the program requirements

**Supported Employment, ideal for people:**

- Who currently have a job, lost a job or are looking to transition jobs
- Want 1 – 2 hours per week to sharpen or learn new work skills

**ACCES-VR, ideal for people:**

- Currently enrolled in ACCES-VR and are actively looking for employment
- Currently eligible or will become eligible for OPWDD services

**ALSO: Social Programming!**

- Meet new friends through FREE social programming
- Our programming includes: Social Leisure Club, Yoga, Friendships and Dating, Social Skills, Nutrition and Cooking



**ABOUT NEW FRONTIER**

For people with autism and developmental disabilities, a job is an important milestone that often seems unattainable. Obstacles to independence are particularly challenging and limited programs exist to help them navigate employment development. Through the New Frontier program, Birch Family Services provides adults with autism and developmental disabilities with vocational preparation, job acquisition, and ongoing employer and employee support, so they can thrive in both their job search and their chosen careers.

The program takes a strengths-based, person-centered approach and helps members to recognize and maximize their strengths to achieve their personal goals, keeping four areas of focus in mind:

- Employment, Internships, Mentorships & Volunteerism
- Health & Wellness
- Social & Recreational



**COME JOIN US IN DISCOVERING YOUR CAREER PATH TODAY!**

