The End-Dependence Kansas (EDK) Youth Employment Program of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas uses the Vermont Progressive Employment model to place youth with disabilities in entry-level employment.

**Vermont Progressive Employment Model**

*Progressive Employment* is designed to create employment-related opportunities in competitive, integrated settings and may include:

- Company Tours
- Job Shadowing
- Informational Interviews
- Work Experiences
- On-the-Job Training

**Employer Benefits include:**
- Up to 20 hours per week of payroll for up to 6 weeks covered by EDK Program.
- Ability to evaluate a candidate with no hiring commitment.

**Who We Serve**

- **Youth with disabilities** in Sedgwick, Butler, and Sumner Counties.
- **Ages:** 16-24 years old and out of school.
- **Disabilities served:** ADHD, autism, Asperger’s syndrome, anxiety disorders, mild intellectual, or physical disabilities.

**EDK Employment**

- **Participating Employers Include:**

- **Entry-Level Positions Include:**
  - Retail Associate, Production Worker, Animal Technician, Document Imaging Technician, Stock Clerk, Child Care Associate, Customer Services Representative, Office Clerk, Data Entry Clerk, Library Clerk, Cashier, Home Health Aide, and Call Center Representative.

**End-Dependence Kansas**

End-Dependence Kansas (EDK) is an initiative to increase employment of Kansans with disabilities. Five state agencies are collaborating to implement End-Dependence Kansas. They include the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services, the Kansas Department of Commerce, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and the Kansas Department of Corrections.

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