



**END-DEPENDENCE KANSAS (EDK)
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**
CEREBRAL PALSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION
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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

Work Experiences

Informational Interviews

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:**

Great Plains Industries, Kwik Shop, Center Industries, Aerospace Systems and Components, Stein Mart Dept. Store, Cintas Corporation, BTCO, Dillons, Duluth Trading Company, Kansas Castings, Family Video, Hampton Inn & Suites, Lowes, YMCA, Planet Fitness, Academy Sports, The Alley, Cowley County Humane Society, Wichita Aviate Sports, Five Star Call Centers, City of Wichita, Vintage Stock, Walgreen’s, Bright Minds Learning Center, Century Manufacturing, Notebook Mechanix, American Directions, Leading Technology Composites, Great Plains Industries, and Starbucks.

◆ **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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