

The Brightway Advantage

Why partner with us? Brightway is a trusted partner in the employment journey. We've built strong relationships with employers across Long Island, achieving high employer satisfaction and retention rates.

Our high retention rates speak for themselves, but it's our motivated, heart-led staff that truly makes the difference in ensuring you don't just find a job—you find a career.

Our Facilities

Brightway offers inviting and accessible central office locations in Smithtown and Hauppauge. These well-established hubs serve as supportive environments from which we coordinate our comprehensive vocational services, ensuring people across Long Island can access the resources they need on their employment journey.

Ready to Start the Vocational Journey?
Let's get to work! Reach out to us today:

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Learn more about Brightway and our commitment to supporting children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities at: www.brightwayny.org

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LIVING & LEARNING

Brightway Opportunity Network

Vocational and Supported
Employment Programs



At Brightway Living & Learning, we see the spark in everyone!

For 65 years, we've provided a full continuum of support for children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities.

Our vocational and supported employment programs are designed to empower those we support on their journey toward independence and meaningful employment. With a committed staff and a belief in fulfilling potential, both for people and organizations, we offer an array of vocational services across Long Island.

Our Pathways to Success

Blended Day Habilitation & Community-Based Pre-Vocational

This program is specially designed for people who have some vocational skills or interests and are looking to start their employment journey or increase their independence. Participants engage in a blend of Day Habilitation and Community-Based Pre-Vocational services. While most activities focus on vocational skills, there's flexibility to participate in traditional day habilitation activities. Participants gain valuable work experience and improve their skills through a variety of community internships.

Pre-Vocational Services: Community-Based Work Readiness

Our community-based program is designed to assess and promote work readiness skills. Staff will bring groups to community internship sites, where participants are evaluated on work readiness. The objective is to develop strategies and goals that support a successful transition to competitive employment in an integrated community setting.

OPWDD Supported Employment: Independent Work with On-Going Support

This program is for people who are ready to work independently in a competitive and integrated community setting. Participants are expected to complete work assignments to employer's standards, with ongoing support from Brightway as needed.

ACCES-VR: Entering the Workforce

ACCES-VR is for people ready to enter the workforce. The goal is for participants to successfully transition within 90 days of placement to OPWDD Supported Employment for ongoing support if needed.

Supported Employment Partners:

AMC Theatres
Home Depot
Jake's 58
Lidl
Long Island DDRO

McDonald's
Nestlé
Riverhead Library
SCO
Stop & Shop

Swissport
Target
TJ Maxx
Whitson Food Service

