About Us Chasing 7 Dreams is a non-profit organization building networks of support and advocacy for children, teens, and adults with developmental disabilities. Our programs are built on the understanding that people with disabilities are vibrant, vital members of our families and communities. Many of our programs focuses on social-educational events for children and job-readiness programs for adults.

Our Purpose is to help youth and young adults (17-40) with intellectual and developmental disabilities navigate through life, build safe relationships and enter the job market.

Our Mission is to increase the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities through advocacy, direct services, and by transforming communities.

Our Impact

"Chasing 7 Dreams is an amazing program that empowers Individuals with disabilities, it provides valuable life skills and knowledge to special needs participants. Our daughter Jasmine achieved her dream of having a good job with the help of Chasing Seven Dreams. Tenika Doyle has been God sent to our family, she's helped us through every step of the process and is wonderful to our daughter. We are very grateful that there is a program that helps families of special needs individuals. Thank you Tenika, and all the individuals at Chasing Seven Dreams."
~ S. Sarmiento, a parent.
(Courtesy of Google review)

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Career Connect
Employment training for adults with disabilities

- Referrals to job opportunities or On-the- job training
- Career counseling
- Job search training and assistance
- Application and resume workshops
- Mock interviews
- Referrals to supportive services in the community

Encouraging Independence

All individuals, regardless of disability, deserve the opportunity to be full members of their community where they can live, learn, work, and play through all stages of life.

The Career Connect adult employment program prepares adults with disabilities for employment in their chosen career paths. The program consists of three phases: A Conference, Workshops, and Support Services. Conference attendees are exposed to new vocations and career opportunities. Career Connect helps attendees understand and articulate their unique talents through workshops and exploratory exercises. Career Connect offers support and access to employment readiness services so that adults with disabilities can learn the skills they need to become more independent.

Training includes identifying career goals, navigating job search sites, completing applications, workplace etiquette, dressing for success, mock interviews, and more! Presenters and trainers are business professionals dedicated to creating inclusive workplaces for people with differing abilities.

Family caregivers report that 20% of Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disability (I/DD) have no source of paid income. They report low levels of employment (85% of individuals with I/DD did not have a job), decreases in employment services and unmet needs in the areas of job support.

Advocacy for Employment Support Services

Low societal expectations of individuals with I/DD fosters job discrimination. Other challenges for individuals with I/DD include a lack of work experience prior to leaving school. They may need long-term supports that aren't available and have difficulty navigating the service delivery system. Requirements related to employment include:

- Opportunities for post-secondary education, including college and vocational training, to gain knowledge and skills to allow people to get better jobs
- Ongoing planning to promote job advancement and career development
- Fair and reasonable wages and benefits
- Opportunities for self-employment and business ownership
- Ability to explore new career directions over time
- Opportunities to work and increase earnings and build assets without losing eligibility for needed public benefits