

# ABOUT US

**Chasing 7 Dreams** is a nonprofit organization that builds networks of support and advocacy for children, teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

Our programming based on the understanding that people with disabilities are vibrant, vital members of their families and communities. Many of our programs focus on social-educational services for children and job-readiness programs for adults.

## Our Purpose

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

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 7 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 individuals with special needs. Thank you, Tenika, and all the individuals at Chasing 7 Dreams.”  
- a Career Connect parent, via Google review



# CAREER CONNECT

Employment training  
for adults with disabilities



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## Encouraging Independence Through Employment

**Career Connect** empowers adults with disabilities to gain the skills, confidence, and support needed to pursue meaningful careers and greater independence.

### Conference

The program begins with an engaging conference where participants explore a variety of career paths, connect with industry professionals, and gain insight into real-world job opportunities.

### Workshops

Interactive workshops guide participants in identifying their strengths, setting career goals, and building practical skills like interviewing, communication, and workplace behavior, all essential for employment success.

### Support Services

After training, participants receive ongoing support through one-on-one coaching, job resources, and employment guidance to help them confidently enter and thrive in the workforce.

## Career Connect Services

- Referrals to job opportunities and on-the-job training
- Career counseling
- Job search training and assistance
- Application and résumé workshops
- Mock interviews
- Referrals to supportive community services

## Why It Matters

More than 85% of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) are unemployed. Many lack access to training, work experience, and long-term support. Career Connect helps close these gaps by providing structured, supportive pathways to employment.

## What We Advocate For

- Fair wages and inclusive hiring
- Access to education, training, and advancement
- Long-term support for sustainable success

**Career Connect** is more than a program—it's a pathway to purpose, independence, and a brighter future.

