

# Chittenden South Supervisory Union: Community Skills

## *Career and Transition Services 2010-2011*

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**Overview:** Community Skills provides vocational, community and life skills instruction to Special Education students, grades 7-12. Each year, 25 to 35 students participate district-wide. Community Skills began in the school district in 1987 and is based at Champlain Valley Union High School. Primary funding: federal special education grants. Staffing: 3.4 FTE employees.

**Eligibility:** Students in special education who are under the disability categories of learning impaired, other health impaired (autism spectrum), multiple disability, or are determined by the IEP team to have significant barriers to vocational or life skill independence. Determination for participation is made collaboratively with program coordinators and a student's IEP team.

### Services Available:

#### **Middle School (Ages 12-13):**

- ❖ Individualized Support for students with Intensive Special Needs
- ❖ Small Work Exploration Groups to explore different occupations
- ❖ Transition Activities, to prepare for high school services

#### **High School (Ages 14-21):**

- ❖ Student Assessment and Portfolio Development
- ❖ Career Explorers Class (1/2 credit)
- ❖ CVU Work Crews (Landscaping, Sustainable Agriculture, Human Services)
- ❖ Transition and Self-Advocacy Class (1/2 credit)
- ❖ Summer Skills: vocational and recreational program services
- ❖ Individualized Work Placements and Job Training
- ❖ Post-Secondary Connections
- ❖ Transition Plan Development
- ❖ Adult Services Links

#### **Other:**

- ❖ Partners Club: after-school social-recreational activities
- ❖ EPIC Camp: summer outdoor adventure camp with life skill challenges
- ❖ Consultation: to teachers and teams