

**BEST BUDDIES**



# Fall Internship Program

## Hosted By Best Buddies New Jersey

Best Buddies International is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs help people with IDD form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure

successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

The IDD community that Best Buddies serves includes, but is not limited to, people with Down Syndrome, Autism, Fragile X, Williams Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, traumatic brain injury and other undiagnosed disabilities.

### Our Goal:

Through this grant-funded program we aim to arrange meaningful work experiences for individuals aged 14 through 21 at community-based employers for a period of six weeks during the fall. These paid internships will consist of a work week of, at minimum, 15 to 20 hours per week, and pay \$11 per hour. Prior to their placement, each participant will have access to work readiness services, and during their placement, we will provide sustained support for the participant and the host company.

### Interns:

Participants to be served under this grant will be students between the ages of 14 to 21 years old who are receiving services through an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 plan and are registered with DVRS.

Are you interested in becoming a Best Buddies Intern?

Email [newjersey@bestbuddies.org](mailto:newjersey@bestbuddies.org) for more information!

### Best Buddies will:

- Provide paid Pre-ETS six-week fall internships for participants with disabilities in Bergen, Hudson, Mercer and Union counties.
- Conduct a Work-Based Learning Training for one week.
- Arrange for Interns to be paid for a total of six weeks at \$11 per hour.

### The host company will:

- Provide a comprehensive fall internship.
- Arrange for Internships to be for 15-20 hours per week for six weeks.

This project is based on work supported with a grant awarded by



## Employer Partner Summer Internship Commitment Form Host Site Information

By completing the Best Buddies Employer Partner Fall Internship Commitment Form we acknowledge and consent to full participation in the Best Buddies Fall Internship Program.

By signing below, we agree to partner

with Best Buddies for the 6 week fall program and serve as a host site. The host site and acting host site coordinator agree to all terms as outlined above, and will serve as the primary point of contact for all communication and contact with members affiliated with the host site.

Host Site Coordinator Signature:

Date:

Host Site Name:

Number of Internships to be placed at Host Site:

