

# ON-CAMPUS YOUTH PROGRAMS

HKNC  **Helen Keller**  
NATIONAL CENTER  
for DeafBlind Youths and Adults



**Unlock Your Summer of Discovery**

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HKNC offers three different youth programs at our headquarters in Sands Point, New York. Choose the one that's right for you and get ready for an incredible summer.

## **SYVP (Summer Youth Vocational Program)**

This six-week program will give you a taste of the world of work. You'll start out shadowing an **HKNC** participant at a worksite and then you'll have the chance to complete your own paid work experience. Your vocational trainer will work with you to find a worksite that matches your interests and will provide on-site support when you're on the job.

Our participants have worked in a variety of industries and settings, ranging from technology, education, retail and food services, hospitality, health care and local government.

During the six-week session, you'll receive basic instruction in independent living and communication strategies specific to the workplace, you'll develop the skills you need to compete in the job market, and you'll debrief in the afternoons after a morning at work as a peer group. The focus is on strategies to apply at the work site related to communication, independent living, soft skills, advocacy, time management, and more. You will also engage with other participants in the program to discuss your workday and learn from each other's experiences.

SYVP offers a curriculum that includes Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) to prepare you for employment and give you the confidence for starting life after high school.

## **M~POWER (My Pursuit of Work, Empowerment & Resources)**

Making good choices requires information and introspection. Is college right for me? Can I live in a dorm? What kinds of careers would be a good fit for me? Where can I go for help? At **HKNC**, a team of experts including facilitators and mentors who are DeafBlind will help you to examine your strengths and challenges. You will receive the latest information about assistive technology and other available resources. Armed with new insights about yourself and the opportunities that are out there waiting for you, you'll be ready to plan your next move.

**HKNC's M~POWER Program** offers Pre-Employment transition services (Pre-ETS) which include: job exploration counseling, workplace readiness training, counseling on post-secondary educational opportunities, and self-advocacy.

## **Summer Assessment**

Take time during your summer break to get a handle on the basic skills you need to enjoy a full and independent life. Your program will be tailored to your individual goals, and everything you learn will have practical, real-world applications. **HKNC's Summer Assessment Program** offers a comprehensive assessment designed to offer information and practical experience to expand each participant's awareness, knowledge, skills and confidence.

## **Admissions**

Your regional representative can answer questions about admission requirements, transportation, funding sources and more.



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## Regional Representatives

If you would like to speak with a regional representative about resources & services in your area, go to the Regional Network webpage for contact information:

[www.helenkeller.org/regional-network](http://www.helenkeller.org/regional-network)

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