



# PATHFINDER

## **Thank you for your interest in PathFinder vocational training!**

Our workshops are designed for applicants with an interest in community employment or entrepreneurial endeavors. Applicants must be ready, able and willing to conduct themselves in a manner conducive to collaborative small group learning as well as a potential workforce placement. Applicants will need to pose and respond to questions, comply with instructional demands and instructor's commands, and remain in the workshop space to participate in activities. Fall and spring vocational training workshops are 5 days a week. Summer vocational exploration workshops are 4 days a week.

### **ENTRANCE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- **Self Care:** Trainees must be independent in their self-care skills. If they are unable to independently tend to their self-care (dressing, eating, drinking, toileting), they must be accompanied by a live-scanned, trainee-provided personal care attendant if they wish to participate in the workshop.
- **Medical and Mental Health:** The pathfinder programs offer assistive technology and adapted tools to support those with physical disabilities, but does not offer medical care or medical assistance onsite. Individuals with medical needs that require the support of a personal care attendant or who may at times require 1:1 support because of medical or other issues may attend if accompanied by a trained and self-provided personal care attendant authorized to tend to the medical and other needs of the trainee. Individuals with mental health challenges that may cause disruptions or unsafe conditions for themselves or others are not eligible for the Pathfinder program. Beacons staff does not administer medications or have emergency response teams in place to address or support individuals with significant behavioral challenges.
- **Behavioral Characteristics:** Trainees with a history of physical aggression resulting in or risking physical injury to others, self-injurious behaviors, damage to property, elopement, smearing of feces, displays of inappropriate sexual behavior, defiance and/or behaviors that impede the learning of self or others, or other disruptive or maladaptive behaviors, are not eligible for the Pathfinder program.

**Exit Criteria:** A trainee may be exited from a PathFinder workshop if after beginning a workshop trainees demonstrate that they do not meet the entrance criteria, fail to attend the program with 90% attendance, or are unable to participate in instruction and activities without disruption.