



# Project | SEARCH



# What is Project SEARCH?

- High School Transition Program
- One year school-to-work program
- Targeted to the student whose goal is competitive employment

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- Combines training in employability and independent living skills with a year-long unpaid internship
- Complete immersion in the workplace/business
- Collaborative partnership



# CONE HEALTH

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## Moses Cone Hospital



**SANDHILLS CENTER**  
A LOCAL MANAGEMENT ENTITY - MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION

# Project SEARCH at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center



- Program began in 1996
- Developed as a means to:
  - meet entry level employment needs
  - support diversity initiatives
  - partner with schools and community services agencies

# 2015-2016 National Data

- Most sights in healthcare, followed by higher education, government and hospitality
- Mostly serves IDD population
- Average 8.1 students per site
- # enrolled- 2,876
- 75.5% employed
- \$9.79 average pay
- Working 24.20 hours per week
- 358 programs in 43 states
- 33% employed by host site, 67% other businesses

# From a small beginning to an International Program for Fall 2017

- Over 500 sites in existence now
- 45 states
- 9 countries
- Wide mix of rural and urban
- Large companies and small

# Update on NC Project SEARCH sites

- Alamance Regional Medical Center (Alamance County, Burlington)
- Carolina Healthcare Systems (Union County, Monroe)
- Carolinas Healthcare Systems- Mercy Hospital (Charlotte)
- Durham Regional Hospital an affiliate of Duke, (Durham)
- Gardner-Webb University (Cleveland County, Boiling Springs)
- Harris Regional Hospital (Sylva)
- High Point Regional Health System (Guilford County, High Point)
- Mission Health (Asheville)
- Moses Cone Hospital (Guilford County, Greensboro)
- Department of Health and Human Services, The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (Raleigh)
- Southeastern Health (Lumberton)
- Vidant Medical Center, Greenville



# Questions?