SERVICES PROVIDED:

Work Options is a supported work environment for adults with developmental disabilities that offer them opportunities to participate more fully in community life. The Work Options Volunteer will assist staff in engaging and assisting program participants.

ROLE OF THE PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENT:

Work one-on-one with adults with developmental disabilities and interact with individuals in a positive and respectful way. Other roles may include assisting with the feeding of customers, setting up and participating in crafts and other activities and reading books aloud. Intern will assist Work Options staff as needed. Intern will learn about working with adults with developmental disabilities in a social service organization.

REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICUM/INTERN STUDENTS:

- Interest in working with adults with developmental disabilities
- Minimum of 3-6 hours a week
- Ability to volunteer three days a week between the hours of 10am and 2pm
- Non-judgmental, strength-based approach
- Good listening skills
- Ability to communicate well orally and in writing
- Ability to deal with difficult situations
- Three personal or professional references. Anyone but family

The practicum student will work closely with staff and volunteers to develop a program that meets the needs of the student and serves the agency in a productive way.

A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK, DRUG SCREENING, AND TB TEST IS REQUIRED OF ALL INTERN/PRACTICUM STUDENTS.

As of April 15, 2011, practicum sites that use the Department of Human Services Background Check Unit will now conduct a weighing test and fitness determination when an individual has been identified as the perpetrator of abuse in certain cases of sexual abuse, physical abuse or financial exploitation. The Background Check Unit will specifically consider the most serious cases of abuse reported and substantiated from January 1, 2010, forward. Certain crimes are now permanently disqualifiable per ORS 443.004.