

Johana Wright
Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough County
2020 NIE Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention

Johana is the instructor for CHOICE Academy within Hillsborough High School in Hillsborough County.

CHOICE Academy assists young adults with autism and intellectual disabilities in developing skills to be successful participants in their community. Additionally, it gives students ages 18-21 the opportunity to experience personal growth and community exploration.

Johana was chosen as a 2020 NIE Teacher of the Year Honorable Mention for her use of the Tampa Bay Times to help her students become independent adults.

Johana has used the Tampa Bay Times in her classroom for several years. In 2019-20, she decided to implement the major concept "Employment and Community Resources" differently using the BayLink section of the Times as a supplement to the existing curriculum.

First, the students learned how to find, read and understand job advertisements.

Next, they learned how to identify jobs for which they had the necessary skills, and which interested them.

Finally, they completed a graphic organizer to identify how to find out more about the jobs and how to apply. The organizer required students to list each job, the address, website, phone number and email address, and whether the job was close to their home address.

The goal of this ongoing lesson is to prepare students to seek and maintain a job and, ultimately, become independent.

FORM FOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ACTIVITIES EXPANSION- DUE 12/20/19

Name: Johana Wright

School: Hillsborough High School

Check one:

- Preparation for Adult Living
- Transition Planning
- Career Experiences
- Preparation for Entrepreneurship/Self-Employment

Using the Major Concept and Activities Resource Form, select the appropriate Calendar for Semester Major Concept:

- Calendar for First Semester Major Concept: Rules, Procedures and Responsibilities
- Calendar for Second Semester Major Concept: Self-Determination and Self-Advocacy
- Calendar for Third Semester Major Concept: Finances and Adult Living
- Calendar for Fourth Semester Major Concept: Employment and Community Resources

TIMELINE <i>(Pull from original resource)</i>	COURSE REQUIREMENT <i>(Pull from original resource)</i>	ACTIVITY (CHOICE/GMAC teacher created)	CURRICULUM/RESOURCE (CHOICE/GMAC teacher created)	SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS (CHOICE/GMAC teacher created)
Weeks 3-4	21. Apply job seeking skills and use a variety of resources to find employment	Students will learn abbreviation of employment terms. Student will view the Baylink section in the Tampa Bay Times newspaper and find the tampabay.com/Joblink section. Students will identify ways on how to	Tampa Bay Times: BayLink Section	Teacher made Research worksheet
		apply to job listing whether by location, phone call, sending an email, and viewing the website.		