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## **JOB DISCOVERY PROGRAM MUTUAL OF AMERICA 2015 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD WINNER**

### **PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

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In 2002, they launched the Job Discovery Program (JDP), a two-phase collaboration with the Clark County School District to help high school students with moderate to severe intellectual and related disabilities gain the supplemental vocational training they need to transition into the working world.

JDP I offers about 110 students per year the chance to 'try out' job possibilities, including commercial and industrial food service, indoor/outdoor maintenance, retail and custodial support and more. JDP II targets another 30 students who have demonstrated an ability to work independently and provides them access to volunteer work assignments in one of four nonprofit organizations.

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award annually honors the outstanding contributions that 10 nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, make to society. Celebrating its 20th Anniversary, the Community Partnership Award has recognized 200 partnerships from cities and towns across America since 1996.

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