PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES: CONNECT2CAREERS

I.   **PURPOSE OF SERVICE:**

The Connect2Careers program, organized by FEDCAP, Northern RI Collaborative in collaboration with RIDE and ORS is three-hour Job Exploration event. The program provides students with disabilities an opportunity to learn about a variety of industries and careers. Student participants have an opportunity to talk with employers, gather information about the jobs of those industries, and the type of preparation required for those jobs.

II.   **PROGRAM ELEMENTS:**

Student participants will work with their schools to create a 30-second elevator pitch, a resume, and familiarity with four key questions prior to the program. The program is fast paced and involves students using those four questions to learn about the industry and careers opportunities. The program enables students to practice asking and answering questions, shaking hands, and hearing about different types of jobs.

III.   **EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

The program assists students with disabilities to increase knowledge about specific industries and associated careers:

1. To be exposed to a variety of potential occupations and work settings
2. To learn how to interact and talk with employers
3. To begin considering training and educational options

IV.   **STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. The local education authority identifies students with disabilities for participation
2. Potential participants are registered with Northern RI Collaborative
3. Northern RI Collaborative gathers participant information necessary for involvement in an ORS funded PRE-ETS service
4. Participants attend program.

V.   **PRE-EMPLOYMENT TRANSITION SERVICES:**

1. Category of Required PRE-ETS Service: Job Exploration
2. Service Code: PRE-ETS Connect 2 Careers
3. Fee: $20.00/student

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