

What We Offer!

- ⇒ Vocational Assessments & Evaluation
- ⇒ Job Seeking Skills Assistance
- ⇒ Job Development & Placement
- ⇒ Individual Supported Employment
- ⇒ Self Employment
- ⇒ Crew Employment
- ⇒ Job Coaching
- ⇒ Authorized Vendor Through the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- ⇒ Business Advisory Council for Consultation, Guidance and Support
- ⇒ Collaboration with Other Related Organizations

Our Mission

Our mission at SPEC-TRA is to provide opportunities for individuals seeking employment in their community and to inform employers of the value and benefits of a diversified workforce.



Supported Employment Services
SPEC-TRA Enterprises,
the Vocational Division of
Mesa Developmental Services

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SPEC-TRA...
When Experience Counts

Leadership
Responsible
Results
Experience
Quality



Supported Employment Services

Who We Are

SPEC-TRA Enterprises is the vocational division of Mesa Developmental Services. Our experienced Supported Employment staff have been matching job seekers with the jobs they want and can succeed in since 1989.

We believe everyone has the right to contribute their unique talents and abilities, regardless of the complexities or challenges they may have in life. We believe work matters, work is powerful and that work is key to participation in community life.

What is Supported Employment

Supported Employment enables people to experience meaningful work and contribute to society. Supported employment focuses on a person's abilities and it provides the supports the individual needs to be successful on a long-term basis.

We offer an array of services and supports to job seekers experiencing barriers to employment. Our knowledgeable and qualified staff strive to keep abreast of the latest and best trends designed to put people to work. It's about networking and developing relationships with the job seeker, their family or support system and the business community.

It's Your Job!

We expect you, the job seeker, to be involved in getting your own job. We will take the time to get to know you, what your interests are, what kind of work you are good at, what you want to learn, and what dreams you may have.



Our job developers have helped hundreds of people just like you find a job in this community. Your input, your opinions, and your desires are important. Together we will design an employment plan that provides a clear road map for getting a job.

Once you have your own job, we will be there to help you and the employer train you so that you will feel confident you can do what is expected of you. After you are trained, we will stop by to visit with you and your employer to make sure everything is still going well. We are available to help problem solve if and when things come up at work.

Choose us and let's get started on your journey to work!

Satisfied Job Seekers Satisfied Employers

"Our son went to work for City Market. He trusted Gary (his employment consultant) and everything worked out. Gary kept us informed almost daily for a few weeks about our son and his work. We didn't believe our son could handle it (the job) but he did! He became a Union member!"

With Gary's help, our son grew-up during the past two years at City Market. Thank you!

Parents of a SPEC-TRA Client

"SPEC-TRA got contacts for jobs in this area. They set-up the interviews and can help you with them. When you get hired, they stay with you until you know the job and feel comfortable with the people around you."

SPEC-TRA Worker



Other Work Options Available Through SPEC-TRA

An individual job placement is not for everyone. Here are descriptions of other work options through SPEC-TRA, which offer more variety, structure and direct supervision by SPEC-TRA staff.

Mobile Crews

Outdoor, physical type labor, including lawn care, raking, shoveling and lot clean-up. If you like plenty of sunshine and fresh air, this is the job for you! It's busy in the warmer months but slows down in the winter.

Daytime hours Monday - Friday
Hourly pay.

Janitorial Crews

SPEC-TRA offers light cleaning services to businesses in the community. This is for the person who prefers an active job with year round work. Expect mostly indoor labor but there can be some outdoor work such as trash clean-up. Duties typically include vacuuming, dusting, window cleaning, sweeping, mopping, cleaning bathrooms, stocking paper products and carpet stain removal. Mostly evening hours/some weekends
Hourly pay

Uniquely Yours

For creative artists who love making things of high quality and enjoy working with their hands, we have a retail store where you can sell these products. Our store offers a work area where shoppers can see our artist in action. The setting offers sedentary work stations, socializing with

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443 Main Street

Store Hours: 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, M-S, some holidays and evenings.

Piece rate for production, hourly for customer service.

Wood Shop

Creating products in our wood shop is for the detail oriented person. We make and sell wood products such as picnic tables, bird houses, decorative items and seasonal items. Work is indoors and involves being around power tools, so safety is a priority. Expect a dusty environment with some chemical odors from stains.

2850 Chipeta

Shop hours, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM M-F

Paid by the hour

Labor Solutions

People who like a variety of tasks will like this indoor, more sedentary, low stress environment featuring mostly repetitive projects. Labor Solutions operates through contracts with local businesses, typically for short term projects, therefore the work load can vary. Workers perform an array of duties such as: packaging; shredding documents; bulk mailings including collating, affixing labels, and sorting; light assembly and light subassembly.

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