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**Tallahassee Disability Mentoring Day Hosts Breakfast for Potential Mentors**

**Tallahassee, FL** – Tallahassee area employers are invited to learn more about Disability Mentoring Day during a welcome breakfast on Friday, August 31, at the Early Learning Coalition, located at 1940 North Monroe Street. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. followed by breakfast from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. During breakfast, potential mentors will learn how they can help students with disabilities develop their career path. They'll also hear testimonies from former mentors and mentees. Local business members interested in the opportunity to mentor students and job seekers with disabilities are encouraged to attend.

Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) is a unique, one day job-shadowing opportunity that gives mentees the opportunity to learn hands-on skills, observe day-to-day job responsibilities, and get a better understanding of the workplace environment. This is also a chance for participants to meet and greet in the business world while employers share their experiences and advice. **Mentoring will take place during the week of October 22, depending on the mentors' and mentees' schedules.**

Last year more than 80 students and mentors participated in this annual event. As a result, several students were granted internships after their experience. One of those students, Monroe Oliff, worked at the City of Tallahassee Underground Utilities, "Monroe pays attention to detail and desires to learn more," said his supervisor, Diedra Lane. Monroe was diligent and worked hard during his internship which led to a permanent position with the city.

For more information on Disability Mentoring Day, or if you are interested in becoming a mentor, please contact **Maria Folsom**, High School/High Tech Coordinator for Ability1st, at **(850) 575-9621, Ext. 127** or visit [www.floridadmd.org](http://www.floridadmd.org).

*Disability Mentoring Day is a national initiative of the American Association of People with Disabilities. It is organized in Florida by The Able Trust, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and a collaboration of statewide disability organizations*

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