







Support Our STARs



\$135,000

scholarship fund

\$403,740

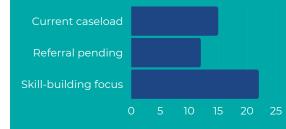
2019-2020 cost of running the Trailblazer Academy

Academy IMPACTability

In 2019, the Trailblazer
Academy adopted a means of
assessing ability as developed
by Virginia Commonwealth
University's Rehabilitation
Research & Training Center.
This evidence-based approach
focuses on building
knowledge, skills and
communication abilities in
eight life skill areas.

vocational training

The Trailblazer Academy offers specialized support in vocational training and job placement. The Employment Specialist has worked with fifteen participants in the past year and has an additional twelve with a referral pending. The remaining participants are working on skill-building.



life skills assessment

Instructors completed assessments measuring our TRAILBLAZER participants' abilities in 7 life skill areas. The "home living" category is assessed by families in the Home Observation.

communication, socialization & peers community participation & personal finance

transportation

leisure & recreation

self-determination & advocacy

health & safety

home living career path & employment

ABILITY! Assessment Scale

O] skill not performed no skill demonstration, or observation

02 requires physical prompting

an example is hand-over-hand guidance

O3 requires extensive prompting demonstrates the skill with three or more prompts; modeling, pictoral, verbal, written

O4 requires limited prompting demonstrates the skill with one or two prompts; gestural, pictoral, verbal, written

05 skill performed independently demonstrates the skill with no prompts required; independently or with supervision