

Allies Inc. plans Disability Mentoring program for students

HAMILTON — Allies Inc., a statewide nonprofit organization headquartered in Hamilton that helps to empower people with developmental disabilities, has worked with the New Jersey Business Leadership Network (NJBLN) throughout the year to plan for Disability Mentoring Day.

The event will pair high school students and businesses for a few hours on this one day — based on the interest of each student — so they can experience various career opportunities after graduation. National Disability Mentoring Day began in 1999 and has grown to include more than 13,000 students nationwide, hundreds of employers and 24 additional countries. DMD is a highlight of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The National Disability Day kickoff will take place Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the New Jersey School for the Deaf (formerly the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf) located in Ewing. Earlier this year, PSE&G donated \$5,000 to help fund the kickoff. PSE&G supports programs which expand career opportunities for youth and encourage students to develop career skills.

On Wednesday for Disability Mentoring Day, more than 30 area employers plus government agencies have agreed to mentor more than 500 high school students throughout New Jersey for a half day of career exploration. Activities for the students will include a tour of the facility, introduction to the job functions of employees, and time with employees so students may shadow them or interview them about their job.

