

Discover what's possible for you with NextGen Careers.

The next step is yours.

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NextGen Careers is a MassAbility initiative that prepares young adults (ages 18-30) to explore the world of work. NextGen-ers like you will learn to advocate for yourselves, gain self-confidence, and become self-sufficient on your career path.

Whether you're interested in a certificate program, on-the-job training, apprenticeship, or an internship in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), NextGen will pair you with a team of dedicated experts in counseling, benefits, and peer support that will be behind you every step of the way.

Pursue your career goals on your terms. The next step is yours!

Where We Work

The NextGen Career program meets you where you live. NextGen collaborates with MassAbility offices to help reach young adults who may face career boundaries. The program currently serves individuals in the Boston, Roxbury, Braintree, Lawrence, Lowell, Springfield, and Worcester areas.





Improve Your Skills

NextGen-ers develop skills to grow their careers and confidence, building upon the ability to communicate their needs.

- + **Self-Capacity:** You will become more confident in your ability to perform a job
- + Self-Advocacy: You will have the ability to control your own life
- + Self-Realization: You will understand your strengths and limitations
- + Self-Sufficiency: You will be able to work independently and explore your independence

Meet Your Team

Made up of mentors, counselors, benefits advisors, and employment specialists, the NextGen Career team focuses on partnering with you to find your best career pathway. As a team, we help job seekers build their confidence and expertise in whichever field they want to pursue.

Career Counselor: Helps you explore employment options and drive your career plans.

Employment Success Specialist: This is your job go-to person. They will connect you to employers in diverse STEM industries and help you find exciting places to work!

Peer Mentor: A positive peer that provides encouragement and support by sharing their personal and similar experiences to help you navigate services and resources.

Family Partner: Dedicated team members responsible for supporting and empowering families and caregivers of young adults served by the MassAbility NextGen Careers Program.

Benefits Counselor: Provides you with information about social security and other public benefits that are available to you and support you in your job journey.