

## Consortium Districts

East Palestine City Schools  
Leetonia Exempted Village Schools  
Lisbon Exempted Village Schools  
Salem City Schools

## Project Partners

Columbiana County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities  
Columbiana County Career and  
Technical Center  
Kent State University  
KSU Salem Campus  
KSU Tuscarawas Campus  
Salem Area Sustainable Opportunity  
Development Center, Inc.  
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce  
Salem Historical Society  
Valpar International  
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STARS Advisory Board: consortium  
district representatives, business  
partners, KSU, DD, CCCTC and ESC  
monitor grant activities and data to  
improve services on behalf of students



**The Columbiana County  
Educational Service Center (CCESC)  
provides educational resources and  
training to school districts in  
Columbiana County, including:**

- *Special education classrooms for  
preschool through Transition*
- *Assistive technology consultation*
- *Occupational/physical therapy*
- *Speech-language therapy*
- *School psychological services*
- *Curriculum consultation*
- *Technology support*
- *Administrative support*

**Every child in Columbiana County  
safe, healthy, and achieving**



## Columbiana County ESC

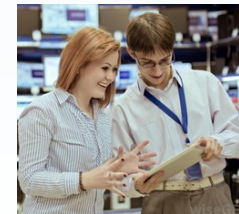
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## Students Transitioning to Achieve Real Success

Community-centered  
career assessment, training  
and experience for youth  
with disabilities in  
Columbiana County



*Project is made possible  
through a grant from the  
Ohio Straight A Fund*



## STARS Highlights:

### Transition Training Center

Storefront featuring retail space, with a focus on sale of locally produced merchandise

Training area to produce/stock items and teach related concepts

Training for industry certification

### Vocational Assessment Centers

Two locations—the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center and the Transition Training Center

### Technology

Supports literacy, communication, social skills, and employer-rated work skills

### Transportation

Light transit vehicles increase flexibility in scheduling job training and work experience

## Career Exploration

Beginning in 6th grade, students across Columbiana County benefit from the use of Ohio Means Jobs. Professional development for teachers helps them create an environment of career exploration/self-discovery at early ages, in accordance with Ohio HB 487.

## Technology

Students with disabilities have access to an assistive technology bank to access curriculum and develop literacy, communication, and executive functioning skills.

Accessible computers and mobile devices for instruction, task analysis and job training, related to:

- ⇒ communication
- ⇒ visual/auditory supports for self-regulation and task completion
- ⇒ video modeling and prompting
- ⇒ reading accommodations
- ⇒ writing accommodations
- ⇒ device/apps for retail records (money and inventory management)



## Assessment

STARS features vocational assessment centers equipped with computer-based, criterion-referenced assessment modules with hands-on performance tasks. A mobile assessment kit is also available. Staff will utilize comprehensive assessments to assist schools in transition planning, and implement a system of referrals and connections to adult services, local businesses, and post-secondary institutions.

## Community-Based Training

The TTC features a training area to produce/stock items and teach related concepts. Certification training is available (beginning with Retail, Food Safety, OSHA-10 General Industry and OSHA Safety Awareness). STARS provides training for students in a community-integrated setting, offers summer work programs, and offers future employment for some students.

**“Authentic high school work experience is one of the strongest predictors of successful postsecondary employment.”** *The Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study, 2015.*