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**Service cost per student:** \$102.00 per hour

**Per Student**

**Service detail:** 6 total site visits (3 different locations, 2 visits each)

**Service amount:** 27 total hours (4 hours per visit including travel)  
Plus 3 hours for case notes and final report.

This agreement is designed so that Our House, Inc. (OHI) can assist the above named school in providing community based vocational evaluation services to students of the above named school. OHI Employment Services is a vendor of Supported Employment Services approved by the New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities.

This process will work as follows:

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- 2.) OHI is responsible throughout the duration of this agreement, for the following activities related to the provision of Vocational Evaluation Services to the student, and any other necessary off-site support activities. OHI will:
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  - Assist the student to determine career interests and goals.
  - Implement the student's I.E.P. and follow the modifications/ accommodations, as listed in the I.E.P., during assessment.
- 3.) OHI acknowledges that all information provided by the school is confidential student information and records. As such, OHI shall not disclose any confidential student information or records to outside third parties absent the written consent of the adult student, legal guardian, or parent. OHI and OHI Employment Staff agrees to takes all necessary precautions to safeguard confidential student information and shall comply with all state and federal laws concerning the safeguarding and disclosure of such student information. OHI and OHI Employment Staff shall only use and maintain student records for students to the extent that OHI has a legitimate educational interest.

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- 4.) The staff of both OHI and the school is expected and have an obligation to keep all parties informed on a regular basis, and have a duty to disclose any information obtained at any point in time, which in their professional opinion may impact the student, or the relationship between the employer, OHI and the school.
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