

# UNIQUE PROGRAM - INDIVIDUAL SUCCESS

PROJECT SEARCH OF THE BLACK HILLS



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# WHAT IS PROJECT SEARCH?

- Trademarked and copyrighted international program
- Business-led transition program
- Located in two Monument Health Host Businesses :  
Rapid City Hospital and Sturgis Hospital
- Established Model
- Collaborative Partnerships



# PROJECT SEARCH OVERVIEW

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# WHO IS PROJECT SEARCH?

- Students with varying levels of disability
- Intern focus of Project SEARCH is a career in the community, paid competitive wages
- Ages 18-21
- Have met High School Graduation Requirements
- Individuals must be on an IPE with Vocational Rehabilitation

# PROJECT SEARCH CONTINUUM

## PROJECT SKILLS

- Job Sampling Program
- Focus of the program is pre-employment skills
- End goal is not a career, but being able to move to the next step of employment
- Students ideally work one job per year, 10 – 20 hrs per week

## BLACK HILLS WORKS (CSP)

- Must be 21 and enrolled with BHW
- Provides job coaching
- Can do long-term job coaching for individuals already employed entering their program
- Can provide transportation and housing

# PROJECT SEARCH RAPID CITY 2018-19

- 100% employment rate
- Average starting wage for students is \$12.75 – Annually \$21,216
- Hired interns work on average 32 hours per week
- All qualified for benefits

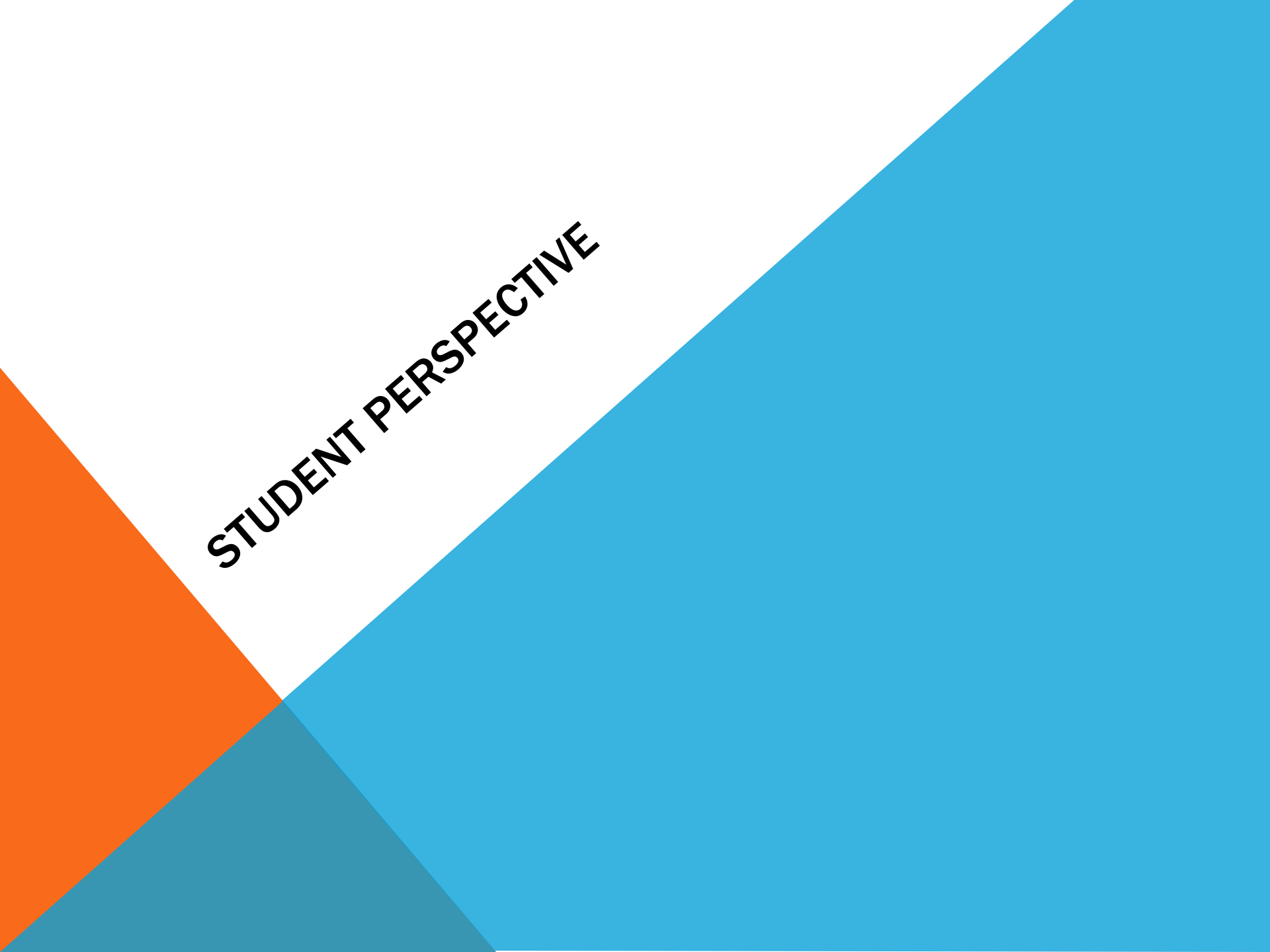
# 2019-2020 COHORT STURGIS & RAPID CITY

- 9 participants from five districts - leading the state in participants
- Three students already hired at \$11.00 an hour and up with benefits
- New internship opportunities created: Long-Term Care, Admissions, Patient Transport, Health Information Management, Chef's Assistant
- Mentors from Past Project SEARCH Interns

# THREE YEAR ANALYTICS

- 94% Hire Rate
- Average wage - \$11.03
- 25 hours per week worked
- Leading the state in wages and hours worked
- Students are hired in a variety of careers – Human Resources, Grocery Stores, Medical Fields, Disability Advocates, Service Industry



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**STUDENT PERSPECTIVE**

# STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

- Initial Thoughts- Nervous, Anxiety, Unsure
- Rotation Experience
- Independent Living
- What My Future Holds

# PROJECT SEARCH COHORT OF 2019-2020



# QUESTIONS?

