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# VOCATIONAL SERVICES





For further information about BICR's Vocational Services please contact our agency's Vocational Coordinator at 905-687-6788 ext. 704.



## HORTICULTURE THERAPY

In partnership with the Niagara Training and Employment Centre (N-TEC), Brain Injury Community Re-entry (Niagara) Inc. began a Horticulture Therapy Program in the summer of 2000, located in Port Robinson on the grounds of N-TEC.

Program Objectives:

- Promote physical health and well-being
- Provide education, training and vocational skill-building opportunities
- Promote social, recreational and leisure activities
- Create linkages and pathways to employment opportunities

The Horticulture Therapy Program meets the needs of the individuals it services. For example, there are large raised garden beds which are adjusted for the needs of the participants.

Various plants are grown such as vegetables, fruits, herbs, perennials, annuals and wild grasses.

Each plant is used in some aspect – dried flowers for crafts, vegetables to make salsa, herbs to make oil and vinegar jars, etc.

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## WHO WE ARE

Brain Injury Community Re-entry (Niagara) Inc., developed a Vocational Services component in November of 1999 for the purpose of assisting participants in identifying work related goals based upon their interests and abilities.

## WHO WE SERVE

BICR serves individuals who have sustained an acquired brain injury and are willing to commit to a vocational goal.

## OUR SERVICES

- Volunteer Placements
- Job Placements
- Job Coaching
- Vocational Assessment
- Job Readiness Programs
- Employment Planning
- Workplace Assessment
- Job Trials
- Pre-employment training

Within Vocational Services there are various groups offered to participants that assist in job readiness. These include: Vocational Modular Workshops, Work, Rest and Play (WRAP) and Horticulture Therapy.

## VOCATIONAL MODULAR WORKSHOPS

To meet the needs of individuals with an acquired brain injury a pre-employment program was developed to re-enter participants into the work force.

This 6 week program assists in:

- Establishing employment objectives
- Determining job readiness
- Resume writing
- Interviewing skills
- Locating employment opportunities
- Filling out job applications
- Writing follow-up letters, etc.

## WORK, REST AND PLAY (WRAP)

In partnership with the Niagara Parks Commission at the School of Horticulture, Brain Injury Community Re-entry (Niagara) Inc.'s Recreational and Vocational departments coordinated a group of individuals to take part in a Horticulture experience.

The goal of the 12 week session is to:

- Provide a sense of responsibility, commitment and belonging
- Job conditioning
- Physical exercise
- Build communication skills
- Meaningful activity