



# iGROW: I Generate Rural Opportunities for Work

## Project Impact: Year One

Extending Knowledge | Providing Opportunities



### Rural Texans Matter

The Center on Disability and Development (CDD) is at the forefront of developing programs in response to emerging issues in the disability field. We have a commitment to serving Texans with Disabilities. The goal of iGROW is to meet the diverse needs of rural communities by providing middle and high school students with pre-employment and leadership training to support their transition to work and/or postsecondary education. Students also create their student-centered plans for employment that include their definition of a good life.



#### Spring 2022 (19 students)

- 10 – Fourteen
- 2 – Fifteen
- 3 – Sixteen
- 4 – Seventeen

#### Fall 2022 (20 students)

- 6 – Fourteen
- 12 – Fifteen
- 2 – Sixteen

#### Spring 2023 (30 students)

- 14 – Fourteen
- 12 – Fifteen
- 2 – Sixteen



**20+**

*Lessons*

Pre-Employment, Professionalism, and Independent Living Skills Training



**100**

*students*

Goal is to provide pre-Employment skills training for up to 100 Lee County students



**8**

*stipends awarded*

School Leads and Educators joined iGROW to support project activities (\$2,000 per semester)



**10**

*trainings*

Parent, Teacher, and Community Trainings provided in Lee County



**12**

*employers*

Lee County Employers were placement sites for 14 students during the iGROW Summer Work-based learning



**41**

*Lee County students*

Students introduced to Vocational Rehabilitation and now have access to services.



**14**

*students*

Students Registered for TAMU Summer Career Exploration and Leadership Camp

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Informational Video

The "I Generate Rural Opportunities for Work" (iGROW) Project is a four-year, pre-employment and leadership-training program in partnership with TWC's Vocational Rehabilitation Program, for up to 20 students with disabilities per year who are currently enrolled in middle school and high school (ages 14-22). The purpose of the program is to provide a training environment to support students gain the necessary skills and experiences in work readiness in order to successfully transition into postsecondary education and/or competitive integrated employment.