### **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 preemployment 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

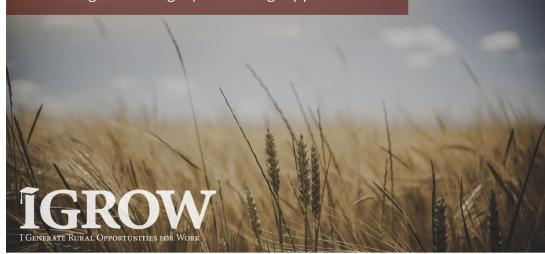
#### Spring 2023 (30 students)

- 14 Fourteen
- 12 Fifteen
- 2 Sixteen

# **iGROW: I Generate Rural Opportunities for Work**

## **Project Impact: Year One**

Extending Knowledge | Providing Opportunities





Lessons

Pre-Employment, Professionalism, and Independent Living Skills Training



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



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



trainings

Parent, Teacher, and **Community Trainings** provided in Lee County



Employers were placement sites for 14 students during the iGROW

Summer Work-based learning



Lee County

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



Registered for TAMU Summer Career Exploration and Leadership Camp

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Learn more about iGROW 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.