

Life Transition Skills, Inc 501c(3) Non Profit



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Life Transition Skills, Inc.

We develop *Solutions* to help Individuals with Disabilities thrive in our community!

+ the TEAM

The people behind LTS:



*Mr. Abijah Bertrand
Executive Director*



*Mr. Steve Szanca
Board Chair*



*Ms. Percette Hoskins
Program Supervisor*



*Ms. Jamea George
Secretary*



*Mrs. Rachel Kerensky
Board Member*



*Mrs. Virginia
McCormac
Treasurer*



*Mrs. Staci Bertrand
Volunteer Business
Coordinator*



*Mrs. Alba Henesy
Board Member*

Abijah Bertrand

M.A. Ed , M.A. Ed Leadership

Special Ed. Teacher for
15 years (focusing on Transition
services for Individuals with Disabilities)

Executive Director of 
Life Transition Skills, Inc

(Non-Profit which provides life-skills &
employment training for youth & adults with disabilities)



Percyette Hoskins

Over 25 years of experience

(Personal Care & Instruction for
Individuals with Disabilities)

Program Supervisor of
Life Transition Skills, Inc

(Non-Profit which provides life-skills &
employment training for youth & adults with disabilities)



Community Recognition

Business leaders honored at annual Chamber meeting



The full Gainesville Sun article can be found here:

<https://www.gainesville.com/news/20190201/business-leaders-honored-at-annual-chamber-meeting>



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Abijah Bertrand of Life Transition Skills accepts the 2019 Spirit of Greater Gainesville Award. [Submitted photo]

By Daniel Smithson



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Abijah Bertrand, founder of Life Transition Skills, LLC, received the Spirit of Greater Gainesville award.

About 400 guests attended the Greater Gainesville Chamber of

Community Recognition

Nonprofit aims to help disabled young adults

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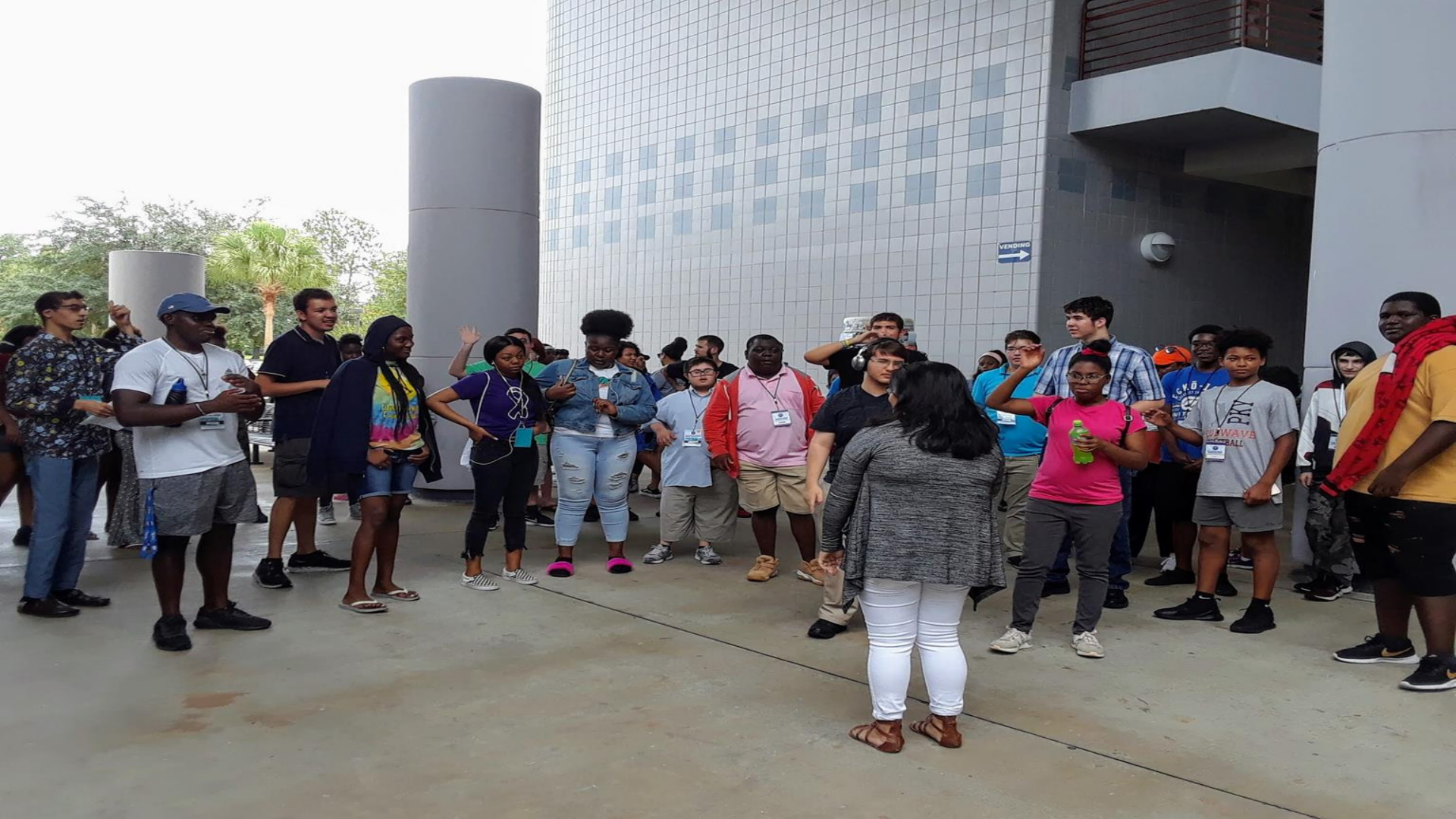


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Life Transition Skills Inc. founders Abijah Bertrand, left, and Percyyette Hoskins, second from right, help Ella Zsembik, 25, on an exercise machine during a summer camp hosted by the organization at the North Central Florida YMCA on Wednesday. Life Transition Skills works to help empower young adults with intellectual differences achieve their full potential. [Andrea Cornejo/Staff photographer]













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Mission

Life Transition Skills, Inc. has the aim of developing and empowering youth & adults with intellectual differences in achieving their full physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual potential, as individuals, and as independent, responsible citizens and members of their local communities.



Overall Program Goals

DEVELOPING AND
EMPOWERING
YOUTH & ADULTS TO
ACHIEVE HIS/HER
FULL POTENTIAL!



What problems does LTS solve?

- Individuals with intellectual disabilities are often less likely to enter the workforce due to lack of training and industry skill set.
- Youth and adults in our community lack the life skills, social skills and self advocacy skills to apply, obtain and retain employment.
- Individuals lack experience to adequately build a resume.
- High school graduates with intellectual disabilities often need more education and training to smoothly transition towards societal expectations and demands.



Meet Mirlend

He is a high functioning young man with an intellectual disability, perhaps on the Autism Spectrum. He is brilliant on the computer, but is afraid to interact with people and has several community phobias including fear of crossing streets. He is now 20 and will age-out of school very soon. His parents are not sure what he will do next because he does not want to attend college because of his fear of crowds.



Meet Willie

He is 19 years old and has just graduated from high school. In school, Willie received special education services and had a 1 on 1 aide for all-day supervision. Now that school has ended, his parents are unsure of what to do next.



Meet Selena

She is 27 years old. Ever since high school graduation, she has been unemployed and has never attended college. She mainly stays at home and watches television during the day while her parents are at work. Her parents are concerned that as they age, they will run out of options for their daughter and worry if she will be able to live independently as they grow older.

LTS Programs & Services

- 1. The Life Academy**
(Adult-Day Training Program ages 22+)
- 2. Employment Training**
(Vocational Rehabilitation Contract-VR)
- 3. Summer Career Training Camp** (Youth ages 14-21)
- 4. Life Skills Camp** (Adults ages 22+)

LTS Employment & Training Services

- 1. On-The-Job Training & Internships** (Youth ages 14-21)
- 2. Supported Employment** (Youth & Adults)
- 3. Job Coaching** (Youth & Adults)
- 4. Pre-Employment Course** (Youth & Adults)
- 5. Self-Advocacy Course** (Youth & Adults)

LTS Community & Non-Profit Partnerships

- University of Florida - Interns and Volunteers with the Exceptional People Course
- Fit For All Program
- UF IFAS
- UF Center for Autism & Related Disabilities (CARD)
- NCF YMCA
- Santa Fe College Adult Education Program
- Santa Fe College Center for Innovation and Economic Development (CIED)
- Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce
- NCF YMCA (Internships)
- Ronald McDonald House (Volunteering)
- St. Francis House (Volunteering)
- Bread of the Mighty Food Bank (Volunteering)

Industry Partners for Career Tours

- Gainesville Police Department
(Community Services)
- Alachua County Fire Department
(Community Services)
- Shadow Health (Software/IT)
- Sam's Club (Retail, Bakery, etc)
- Walmart (Retail)
- Exactech (Manufacturing)
- Tech Toy Box (Manufacturing)
- Holiday Inn (Hospitality)
- Piesanos (Restaurant)
- Publix (Retail)
- Phalanx (Manufacturing)
- CareerSource North Central Florida
(Regional Workforce Board)
- Santa Fe College Main & Blount Campus

Industry Partners for Internships

- Greater Gainesville Chamber of Commerce (Business Organization)
- NCF YMCA (Non-Profit)
- Flip Factory (Entertainment)
- DEFY (Entertainment)
- Plato's Closet (Retail)
- Nola's Restaurant (Restaurant)
- Alachua County Library
- Porters Community Center
- Beach Break Salon (Cosmetology)
- Fades & Fros (Cosmetology)
- The Master's Lawn Care (Landscape)

LTS Successes (2018-2019)

- Served 100+ Youth
- 75+ Paid Internships
- 20+ Adults Obtained Jobs

Success Stories & Testimonials

- Mirlend, 20
- Willy, 19
- Selena, 27



LTS Goals For The Future

- Scale the program to reach more individuals in need
- Obtain facility for training services and residential apartment community
- Establish new Public/Private partnerships to better meet the needs of the community

the LIFE ACADEMY

NEW CAREER & ACADEMIC TRAINING PROGRAM
FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE 18+

FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DIFFERENCES



Career & Vocational Training
Volunteering
Fitness
Learning Tours
Academic Instruction
Work Crew

Space is Limited!
Register today!



Transitioning from High School to the “real” world now makes sense! LTS is now bringing new clarity and peace of mind to many families who are concerned about their son/daughter’s next transition phase from High School to “Life” after the K-12 Public School System.

LTS is training the workforce of the future. Through our Paid Internships (OJT), high school teens gain real job experiences!

Life Transition Skills, Inc (LTS)

ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

After-School & Weekend Jobs
for High-School Teens

4-6 Week Paid Job Internships for Teens!

Contact: Leida Mercado 352-225-8673



GET PAID TO LEARN ABOUT EXCITING CAREERS!

If you are interested in participating follow these steps below:

1. Fill out the VR referral form- [CLICK THIS LINK](#):
2. Obtain a copy of your 504 or IEP plan from your school.
3. Submit the above forms to Leida Mercado (LTS Youth Program Coordinator) - 352-225-8673
Santa Fe CIED Building - 530 W University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601 (Life Transition Skills, Inc Office)
4. Wait for a Counselor from the Vocational Rehabilitation Office (VR) to call you regarding your referral application. You may choose from various companies to provide your employment services but,

Life Transition Skills, Inc has track record of success, serving 70+ youth during 2018-19!!



This activity is neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Alachua County Public Schools. The program described is an affiliate of the Pre-Employment Transition Services under the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. To learn more about this and other providers approved to deliver this program, visit www.rehabworks.org.



SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUNG ADULTS! Register Today!

FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DIFFERENCES



Mon-Fri 8:30-3:30pm at the YMCA

Career & Social Skills Training

Volunteering

Fitness

Swimming & Recreation

Career Tours

Horseback Riding

Space is Limited!
Register today!

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SUMMER 2019 YOUTH SELF-ADVOCACY & CAREER CAMP

Earn up to a \$100 Stipend in 2 weeks
Lunch Provided Daily / Limited Transportation
Monday-Thursday July 2019



GET PAID TO LEARN ABOUT EXCITING CAREERS!

STUDENTS AGES 14-21 Earn \$ This Summer!

The LTS (501c3 Non-Profit) Summer Self-Advocacy & Career Program is designed for students ages 14-21 with an IEP or 504 plan.

If you are interested, please click registration button below!



JUNE & JULY 2019

8:30am-2:30pm

(Dates & Location TBD)

Lunch Provided Daily



WEEKLY PRIZES!!



EARN \$100

In just 8 days!

Week 1: Mon-Thurs

Week 2: Mon-Thurs



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Thank you for affording LTS the opportunity to present our vision of transforming the previous Job Corp Site into a metropolis for career advancement for residents of our community.

www.lifetransitionskills.org