OSBnb Initiative

OSBnb is a student-run bed and breakfast whose features exceed ADA requirements, located in housing on the OSB campus. OSBnb increases accessible accommodations for individuals with disabilities, and provides job training and work experience for students, demonstrating their abilities in the workplace.

Inputs

- Staff
- Student workers
- Skill-building curriculum
- Funding
- Renovated facility

Outputs

Activities

- Setting up and managing an ADA-accessible bed and breakfast
- Job training for students
- Networking

Participants

- Students
- OSB Program Coordinator for School to Work/ Transition and support staff
- Visitors with disabilities to Phila. area needing ADA-accessible lodging
- Community-based lodging platforms (Airbnb, VRBO)
- Hospitals, universities and tourism entities serving individuals with disabilities visiting the city

Outcomes – Impact

Short to Mid-term

- Students gain work readiness skills and are paid
- Students experience increased personal esteem and motivation
- Accessibility for individuals with disabilities
- Replicable, adaptable curriculum
- Visually impaired individuals demonstrate their abilities at work, changing perceptions

Long-term

- Students translate work experience into gainful employment
- Increased accessible accommodations for individuals with disabilities
- Enhanced awareness of people with visual impairments and their abilities
- Increased employment opportunities for the visually impaired