

Downeast Horizons employment opportunities

Now hiring Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) to work with individuals with intellectual disabilities on various aspects of their daily living. If you are looking for a fun and rewarding job, this is the one for you! Full- and part-time positions include daytime, afternoon, and evening shifts. All training provided! Full-time DSPs are offered a great benefits package, including company-paid health, dental, and life insurance, paid time off, holiday pay, and 401K retirement. Full-time DSP positions are in Hancock County, with starting wages up to \$20 per hour.

\$2,000 RESIDENTIAL SIGN-ON BONUS
Some homes have a medical add-on, adding up to \$2.46 more per hour.
IMMEDIATE NEED FOR AWAKE OVERNIGHT SHIFTS earning a shift differential of \$5 more per hour

Immediate need for part-time Behavioral Health Professionals (BHPs) in our children's programs. BHPs manage fun activities such as playing board games, going to the playground, meal planning, shopping, cooking, hiking, and swimming. These activities help the children we serve learn social and community safety skills, maintain friendships, process emotions, and so much more. **ALL WHILE HAVING FUN!**

Part-time BHP positions are in Hancock, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties, with starting wages up to \$23 per hour. All training provided!
\$1,000 BHP SIGN-ON BONUS
Offering flexible scheduling, paid time off, and the opportunity to participate in our 401K retirement program.
Immediate need in Bucksport, MDI, Brewer, and Ellsworth areas! **We are now looking for Maintenance Staff to join our team. Please call 667-7464 for more information.** Visit our website at dehi.org/ employment to apply, or 667-7464 for more information. All applicants must have a high school diploma/GED, mandated vaccinations, and valid driver's license.



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Downeast Horizons assists and supports individuals with developmental disabilities to live complete and fulfilling lives.

Spreading Autism Awareness



More than 150 people filled the sidewalks of downtown Ellsworth in April to help spread autism awareness in the community. The cheerful sea of red and constellation of supporters and sponsors helped make the 2025 DEHI Autism Walk a success, raising a total of \$4,225 towards this important work. The entire Downeast Horizons family are grateful to Camden National Bank for being a major event sponsor. We are also so thankful to everyone who collected donations and joined in the walk. News reporters from WABI TV 5, WLBS 2 and Fox ABC Bangor interviewed program participants and staff and ran great stories on the event.

And the survey says...

Downeast Horizons participants are thriving, and their families are happy with the services they are receiving, according to the recent DEHI Satisfaction Survey.
“We’ve been very pleased with the programming and the flexibility offered by Downeast Horizons. Our son loves going. The staff are uniformly professional and kind. We’re very fortunate to have this in our community,” one family said about their experience with the Brewer Center.

To ensure accountability and drive service excellence, Downeast Horizons conducts the survey annually to actively solicit feedback from the individuals we serve. This feedback is crucial for informing agency-wide improvement efforts, enhancing service delivery, and ultimately empowering individuals to achieve their full potential.

“The dedication of the staff is meeting the needs of the consumers each and every day, one family member said about their participant’s time at the MDI Center. “My daughter is happy there,” another reported.

This year, a total of 268 surveys were mailed out, and 46 were returned, a 17% response rate. Of those who responded 95.7% are satisfied with DEHI services.

“We absolutely love the Brewer Center, the staff and all that it has to offer. This program has truly been life changing for my son Drew,” one family wrote. “He looks forward to each day he attends and when program is closed due to holiday, etc, he is counting down to his next day. We are so appreciative of everyone there and of the entire program. Thank you!”

There was one comment pointing toward something that could be improved: “More community events should be scheduled,” one respondent wrote.

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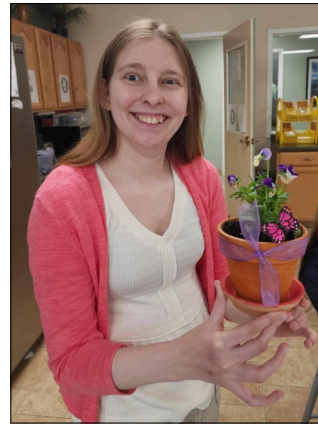


Flowers are blooming with the Bar Harbor Garden Club

MDI Center program participants had a great time painting flowerpots and planting their own flowers with Pam Bowie of the Bar Harbor Garden Club in early June. The club provided flowers and planting pots for all! Painting their own pots was especially fun for participants, who also got to choose their own flowers for the newly decorated pots.

Gardening and flower planting can be a fun and engaging activity for families, fostering a sense of community and shared responsibility. Learning to plant flowers offers a range of physical and cognitive benefits, helps improve fine and gross motor skills, and provides a sense of accomplishment.

Thank you, Pam, for coming to visit!



Downeast Horizons supports 45 adults that are employed in community integrated employment settings, and three adults that volunteer in community integrated settings regularly (outside of community support programs). *Data as of April 2025

Volunteers freshen up Camp CaPella before summer season

The annual DEHI Spring Cleanup for Camp CaPella is a day when we can feel good about giving back. Like we do every May, Downeast Horizons program participants and staff headed to the camp for a day of community service to help get the grounds ready for the opening of the summer season.

The DEHI crew kept busy raking the beach, weeding the gardens, cleaning the inside of the bunk house, and putting the docks in the water. This opportunity for those with disabilities to give back in a way that will help many others with disabilities highlights our positive partnership with Camp CaPella: one incredible social service agency helping another.

Camp CaPella provides recreation and resources for people with disabilities and their families. It's a great place for individuals with developmental disabilities to get together, get out in the open, and have fun socializing. DEHI participants, who happily put in a day of hard work cleaning and opening the camp for the season, will get to enjoy two weeks there in August. They'll have the opportunity to feel some well-earned and pride while enjoying the sun, the water, and the epic cookouts.



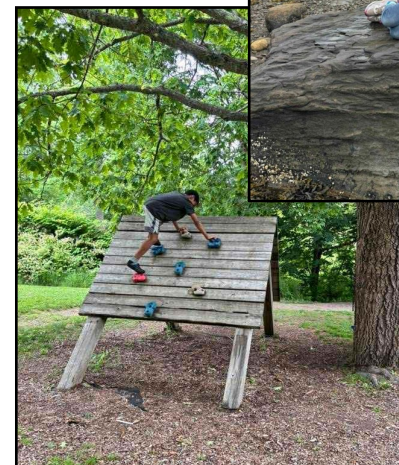
Children's summer kickoff at Belfast City Park

School is out and summer vacation has officially started for the Children's Program at Downeast Horizons. Each year the kiddos and staff celebrate with Summer Kickoff, and this year was no exception. Participants from both Ellsworth and Brewer programs spent the day at Belfast City Park. Low tide made the day perfect for collecting seashells and skipping rocks.

While at the park, program participants enjoyed the Story Walk, a book trail where pages of a book are displayed along a path. The Story Walk features *How to Say Hello to a Worm: A First Guide to Outside*, by Kari Percival, with 50 stations along the path. People of all ages can enjoy reading and responding to the pages as they walk.

Belfast City Park is the city's oldest park, established in 1904. The 17.5 acre property boasts sweeping views of Penobscot Bay and offers a variety of recreational activities and amenities, including a playground, swimming pool, tennis courts, baseball field, basketball court, and horseshoe pits.

A picnic lunch of sandwiches and watermelon was provided and was enjoyed at the pavilion located within the park.



Limitless Wrestling

The Brewer Center hosted a fantastic show by Limitless Wrestling June 13th. Limitless Wrestling is an independent wrestling promotion based in Maine, founded by Randy Carver in 2015. The company features a mix of local and international wrestling talent, with a focus on putting on high-quality shows.

Thank you for Randy for putting on a great show for Downeast Horizons!

