



## They are not just animals, they are team members...

So many of our clients have had limited opportunities in the past – storefronts and warehouses with tables of piecework - and arts and crafts when the piecework runs out.

It's time to say goodbye to those days... how about a beautiful environment where the client is needed, really needed to care for animals and a farm, experiencing real work for real pay and learning a marketable vocation. Skill acquisition includes farm management, understanding animals and their care and teamwork that is essential to the successful operation of a farm. Each participant has an individualized program tailored to meet them where they are, introducing real world challenges at a pace in which they can build a history of success. Clients have access to nursing and behavioral services as needed.

## WHAT OUR CLIENTS ARE SAYING

*"I like being at the farm because it's a beautiful environment to work at. I love learning about the horses and watching the animals give birth!"*

*"I like the staff at the farm. The horses are cool, and I like getting a pay check!"*

*"I like working up close with the animals. The fresh air is great. I enjoy pottery and our picnics too!"*



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SMITH STABLES

## SMITH STABLES VOCATIONAL PROGRAM

A Vocational and  
Day Program Training Site  
Funded by the  
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*A Program of  
Employment Options*



# SMITH STABLES

We dreamt it... a farm specifically created to train and employ those with intellectual challenges to work on a farm... but more than that, to create a lifestyle with positive cultural norms. A meaningful work life, complete with relationships, challenges, rewards and growth.

## *An Employment Options Site*

Smith Stables is located in the beautiful town of Bethlehem, CT, less than 30 minutes from both Waterbury and Torrington. With our 22 acres of beautiful scenery, participants are immersed in an environment of natural calm. The outcomes are simple yet profound...most experience significant change in their emotional and behavioral life given the peaceful environment and daily contact with animals that need them. The effects of the human animal bond are well documented, and our program has experienced many positive stories to support these theories.

The unconditional love given by animals is a key element here, and it is returned in kind by those who care for them. The program serves many levels of need – participants range from those who work on the farm all day at competitive wages to those who have goals that are not as focused on vocational growth, concentrating on interpersonal, behavioral and emotional needs as well as enjoying the everyday culture and environment.



*“This is the perfect blend of a real work atmosphere combined with meaningful socialization”*



## *A program like no other...*

- Two indoor riding arenas
- A large house for lunch and other activities
- A Pottery Studio
- A Greenhouse
- Walking Trails
- 16 Horses
- 6 Miniature Horses
- Chickens
- Goats
- Ducks
- Peacocks
- Guinea Pigs
- Rabbits
- Cows

*“You just may have the best day program in the state”* - DDS Case Manager