### Getting Started

1) To be eligible you **must** be a Michigan resident with a disability.

2) Contact your RCPD Specialist to complete a referral or connect with MRS counselor Kate Long at longk2@michigan.gov.

3) Forward any questions to MRS counselor, Kate Long.

### What is the Careers Collaborative?

- A partnership that combines the efforts of the MSU Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities (RCPD), the MSU Career Services Network (CSN), MSU Rehabilitation Counseling and Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) to coordinate supports and services for students to complete school and optimally prepare for successful employment.
- MRS is a state agency that helps individuals with disabilities find and maintain employment.
- The Collaborative assists students in overcoming disability related barriers to employment.
- The goal of this program is to help students achieve independence through employment.

### How Will the Careers Collaborative Benefit Me?

- Address concerns related to: communication, interpersonal skills, self-care, self-direction, mobility, work skills, and work tolerance
- Provide **individual support** based on your needs
- Assist in finding **paid internship** opportunities
- Coordinate **paid work experiences** to gain skills and strengthen resumes
- Resources and supports to **complete education**. You may be eligible to receive interview clothing, tuition assistance, and textbooks based on a needs assessment.
- Identify **accommodations** and assistive technology
- Build skills related to **interviewing, resume development, and disability disclosure**
- Assist with finding permanent **employment**
- Offer opportunities to **network** with employers and other professionals