



Vocational Training and Skills Development for Autistic Adults: Exploring Diverse Approaches

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Abstract: This study explores diverse approaches to vocational training and skills development for autistic adults, aiming to identify effective strategies that enhance their employability and workplace success. Due to variations in communication, social interaction, and sensory processing, autistic people frequently encounter particular difficulties in the workplace. They can, however, flourish in various industries with specialized vocational training and suitable support networks. This study looks at a variety of vocational training options, such as job coaching, supported employment, apprenticeship programs, Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), and the incorporation of assistive technology. The study assesses the contribution of community organizations and companies to the advancement of an inclusive workforce. This study identifies best practices for maximizing skill development and workplace integration for adults with autism by evaluating the efficacy of these strategies. Participants in the study include employers, job coaches, vocational trainers, and autistic persons (ages 18 to 40). Purposive sampling will be used to choose a sample of thirty people. Surveys and questionnaires will be used to gather data. Semi-structured interviews with employers, trainers, and autistic people will yield qualitative information about difficulties and achievements. Additionally, in-depth case studies of effective vocational training initiatives will be examined in order to pinpoint best practices. Additionally, a thematic analysis of qualitative data will be conducted to investigate trends in views and experience.

By offering evidence-based suggestions for creating and executing successful vocational training programs that address the many requirements of autistic adults, this study seeks to advance policy and practice.

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1. Introduction

The knowledge of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) has changed dramatically, from a major focus on impairments to an awareness of the many talents and capacities inherent in the autistic population.

As autistic people enter adulthood, one critical part of their path to independence and fulfilment is access to good vocational training and skill development opportunities. Providing autistic adults with the appropriate tools and support to find meaningful work not only improves their own well-being and self-esteem but also helps to create a more inclusive and economically viable society. This introduction will delve into the critical area of vocational training and skill development for autistic adults, highlighting their unique strengths and potential challenges, emphasizing the importance of utilizing a variety of tailored approaches, and emphasizing the profound impact that successful vocational integration can have on their lives.

Autism spectrum disorder is characterized by a broad range of presentations, affecting individuals in unique ways with varying degrees of impact on social communication, social interaction, and the presence of restricted or repetitive behaviours or interests, as noted in the diagnostic criteria outlined by the American Psychiatric Association in their 2013 publication of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (fifth edition). This inherent variability within the autism spectrum underscores the importance of moving beyond generalized assumptions and recognizing the individual strengths, talents, and support needs of each autistic adult seeking vocational training.

Historically, autistic adults have faced significant barriers to employment, resulting in alarmingly low rates of workforce participation, as highlighted in a 2013 report by Roux and colleagues titled "National Autism Indicators Report." This underemployment represents a substantial loss of potential, both for the individuals themselves who are often capable of

contributing meaningfully to the workforce, and for the economy as a whole. Often, the difficulties encountered in obtaining and maintaining employment are not due to a lack of inherent ability, but rather to a mismatch between traditional workplace environments and the specific sensory, communication, and social interaction styles commonly associated with autism, as Tony Attwood eloquently discusses in his comprehensive 2007 book, "The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome." Sensory sensitivities to noise or illumination, difficulty negotiating unstructured social interactions with co-workers, and employers' lack of understanding and flexibility can all pose substantial barriers to good employment results.

Effective vocational programs seek to identify and promote these abilities, link them with appropriate vocations, and provide the required specialized assistance.

Moving beyond standardized approaches is crucial for developing effective vocational training for autistic adults. Recognizing the diverse learning styles, communication preferences, sensory sensitivities, and interests across the autism spectrum necessitates tailored strategies. Programs incorporating visual aids, clear instructions, structured environments, and opportunities for focused work can be particularly beneficial, as emphasized by Myles, Southwick, and Gargiulo in "Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Proven Strategies and Practices" (2005).

Vocational training must also include the development of vital "soft skills," such as communication, teamwork, problem-solving, self-advocacy, and understanding social norms, all of which are necessary for job success. Ganz et al. (2014, *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*) describe how technology integration can provide major benefits through assistive technologies, visual assistance, communication tools, and online learning platforms. Remote work also provides benefits for certain autistic people.

To summarize, diverse and personalized vocational training and skill development are essential for empowering autistic persons to achieve greater independence, self-sufficiency, and social inclusion. We can create a future in which autistic individuals have equal access to meaningful employment and the opportunity to contribute their unique skills to society by focusing on both technical and soft skills, harnessing technology, establishing inclusive environments, and forming strong collaborations. The following sections will go over certain models and tactics in further detail.

2. Methodology

Research design: Qualitative Design

Participants: Professionals and special Trainers working along with autistic individuals

Sampling method: Purposive Sampling

Sample size: 30

Inclusion: Experienced individuals working in different vocational training centres for autism

Exclusion: Individuals with no experience in vocational training centers for autism

Data collection: Interview method and Case study method

Ethical Consideration

The participants were provided with clear and detailed information about the study and informed consent was given to them. Confidentiality is maintained, no information about the participants will be revealed without their consent. The participants can withdraw anytime from participating in the research. The interview was conducted in a peaceful and calm environment.

Data analysis

It is qualitative research, so the data analysis was conducted by the thematic analysis method.

Limitations

The research could not be conducted using quantitative methods, it limits the findings of more accurate data.

3. Review of Literature:

The field of research dedicated to vocational training and skill development for autistic adults has undergone a significant transformation. Initial studies often concentrated on the limitations faced by this population, emphasizing the challenges and the resulting low rates of employment. These early perspectives frequently highlighted deficits in social interaction and communication as primary barriers to success in the workplace. However, contemporary research has shifted towards a more understanding, increasingly recognizing the diverse strengths and untapped potential inherent in autistic individuals. This review of the existing literature aims to synthesize the most important findings, identify recurring themes, and explore the various strategies and approaches that have been investigated to improve employment outcomes for autistic adults. By examining how our understanding has evolved, evaluating the effectiveness of different interventions, and acknowledging the ongoing challenges, this review

seeks to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of knowledge in this crucial area.

From Focusing on Weaknesses to Recognizing Strengths: A Change in Perspective

Early studies examining autism and employment tended to emphasize the difficulties encountered by individuals with ASD. This focus often contributed to a narrative that underscored the obstacles and the resulting low levels of workforce participation. These studies commonly pointed to challenges in social communication and interaction as the main impediments to achieving success in professional settings. However, over time, a significant change in perspective has occurred. Current research increasingly adopts a strengths-based model. This approach acknowledges the unique talents and abilities that many autistic individuals possess. These can include exceptional attention to detail, a remarkable ability to recognize patterns, systematic and logical thinking skills, and the capacity for intense focus on specific areas of interest.

Grandin and Panek's (2013) work, described in their book *The Autistic Brain: Helping Different Kinds of Minds Succeed*, was crucial in popularizing this strengths-based perspective. Their research demonstrates how some cognitive profiles commonly linked with autism can be extremely beneficial in various vocational domains. These include technology, data analysis, and a variety of specialist technical positions. This shift in perspective highlights the necessity of finding and developing underlying capabilities within vocational training programs rather than focusing primarily on perceived limitations or inadequacies.

The Enduring Problem of Underemployment

Despite the rising acknowledgement of the valuable skills that autistic people frequently bring, the research constantly finds that autistic adults' job rates are disturbingly low when compared to their neurotypical counterparts and even individuals with other sorts of disability. Roux and colleagues' (2013) "National Autism Indicators Report" presents persuasive statistical evidence that clearly demonstrates this difference. The paper underlines the considerable emotional and societal costs associated with the underutilization of the autistic community's skills and talents.

Extensive research has been conducted to explore the various factors that contribute to this persistent underemployment. Attwood's (2007) book, *"The Complete Guide to Asperger's Syndrome"*, delves into the numerous challenges related to social communication and interaction that can arise in the workplace. He also discusses the impact of sensory sensitivities

to environmental factors, the difficulties associated with navigating unstructured social environments, and the often-present lack of understanding and appropriate accommodations provided by employers. These multifaceted barriers frequently create substantial obstacles for autistic individuals who are seeking and attempting to maintain meaningful employment.

The Critical Need for Personalized and Tailored Strategies

A fundamental principle that has emerged from the body of literature is the critical need for vocational training and skill development programs for autistic adults to be highly individualized and tailored to their specific needs. The wide-ranging nature of autism spectrum disorder, as defined by the American Psychiatric Association (2013) in the DSM-5, makes it essential to move away from standardized, one-size-fits-all programs. Instead, interventions must be person-centred, taking into account each individual's unique learning styles, communication preferences, sensory sensitivities, and specific vocational interests.

Myles, Southwick and Gargiulo (2005), in their book "Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders: Proven Strategies and Practices," stress the importance of incorporating visual supports, providing clear and concise instructions, establishing learning and work environments that are structured and predictable, and offering opportunities for focused, independent work. These are highlighted as key elements of effective programs for autistic learners. The literature strongly suggests that a uniform approach is unlikely to yield positive results given the diverse array of needs and abilities found within the autism spectrum.

Exploring a Variety of Vocational Training Models

The literature highlights several distinct models and approaches to vocational training that have demonstrated potential for autistic adults

Supported Employment

Supported employment is a well-established and evidence-based model that provides ongoing, individualized support to individuals with disabilities, including autism, directly in integrated work settings. The goal is to help them secure and maintain competitive employment. A significant meta-analysis conducted by Bond, Drake, and Becker (2001) and published in the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Journal demonstrated the effectiveness of supported employment in achieving positive employment outcomes for individuals with severe mental illness. This model has been successfully adapted and applied to support autistic adults in the workforce. Key components of supported employment include intensive assistance with job searching, individualized job coaching tailored to the specific workplace, ongoing support and

problem-solving strategies for both the employee and the employer, and active coordination with employers to ensure a successful placement.

Customized Employment

Customized employment represents another valuable and increasingly utilized strategy. This approach focuses on creating unique job roles that are specifically designed to match an individual's particular skills, interests, and support needs. This often involves direct and creative negotiation with potential employers to adapt existing job descriptions or even create entirely new positions that better align with the strengths and preferences of the autistic job seeker. The 1996 publication "Customizing Employment Opportunities for Adults with Severe Disabilities" by Melinda J. Callahan and her colleagues provides a comprehensive framework for implementing customized employment strategies. This approach can be particularly beneficial for individuals whose skills and interests may not fit neatly into the traditional categories of available jobs.

Transition Programs

Transition programs are specifically designed to support adolescents and young adults with autism as they move from the educational system into adulthood. These programs play a crucial role in preparing individuals for the demands of the working world. They typically incorporate a range of services, including vocational assessment to identify strengths and interests, career exploration activities to expose individuals to different job possibilities, direct job skills training to develop necessary competencies, social skills development to improve workplace interactions, and establishing linkages to community-based employment support services. The literature consistently emphasizes the importance of early intervention and comprehensive transition planning to significantly improve long-term employment outcomes for autistic individuals (National Autism Center, 2015).

Technology-Enhanced Training

The integration of technology is increasingly being recognized as a powerful and versatile tool in vocational training and employment support for autistic adults. Assistive technologies, visual scheduling and organizational applications, augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices, and online learning platforms offer valuable support by promoting independence, enhancing accessibility to information and training resources, and providing structured learning opportunities. A 2014 meta-analysis by Jennifer B. Ganz and her colleagues, published in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders, highlights the

significant potential of technology-based interventions to improve communication and social skills, which are often critical for success in the workplace. Furthermore, the increasing prevalence of remote work opportunities presents a potentially advantageous employment avenue for some autistic individuals who may find less sensory-stimulating and socially demanding environments more conducive to their productivity and well-being.

The Crucial Role of Developing "Soft Skills"

Beyond the acquisition of specific technical or job-related skills, the literature consistently underscores the paramount importance of developing essential "soft skills" or social-emotional competencies for achieving successful workplace integration and long-term career advancement. A 2013 study by Patricia Howlin, Michael Rutter, and Paul M. Salkovskis, published in the *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, highlights the significant impact of social communication abilities on employment success for individuals with autism. Therefore, vocational training programs must intentionally incorporate explicit instruction, modeling, and ample opportunities for practicing crucial skills such as effective verbal and nonverbal communication, the ability to collaborate effectively within a team, problem-solving strategies, self-advocacy skills to articulate needs and preferences, and an understanding of the often-unspoken social norms and expectations of the workplace. Creating supportive and understanding environments where autistic individuals can learn and practice these vital skills is absolutely crucial for enhancing their overall employability and fostering long-term career success.

Cultivating Inclusive and Supportive Workplace Environments

The literature emphasizes that achieving successful vocational outcomes for autistic adults is not solely dependent on the individual's skills and the quality of their training. The attitudes and practices of employers and the broader community play a vital role. A 2013 systematic review by Sari Lindsay and colleagues, published in the *Journal of Occupational Rehabilitation*, highlights the significant benefits of providing workplace accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum. Employer education and training initiatives are crucial for dispelling common misconceptions about autism, fostering a more understanding and accepting workplace culture, and equipping managers and colleagues with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively support autistic employees. Implementing inclusive hiring practices that focus on an individual's skills and abilities rather than solely relying on traditional interview formats, providing reasonable accommodations to

address sensory or communication needs, and offering ongoing mentorship and support are essential steps towards realizing the full vocational potential of autistic adults and fostering long-term job satisfaction.

In conclusion, the body of literature on vocational training and skills development for autistic adults demonstrates a significant evolution in understanding, moving from a focus on limitations to an appreciation of diverse strengths. It strongly advocates for individualized and person-centred approaches that incorporate a wide range of evidence-based strategies. These include supported and customized employment models, the strategic use of visual supports, targeted social skills training, and the effective integration of technology. The literature also highlights the crucial roles played by employers, the broader community, and families in creating inclusive and supportive environments that enable autistic adults to achieve meaningful employment and lead fulfilling and productive lives. Ongoing research and continued innovation in this field are vital for refining best practices and striving towards a future where autistic adults have equitable access to meaningful employment opportunities and the chance to contribute their unique talents and perspectives to the workforce and the wider community.

4. Data Analysis

Codes	Theme description	Analytic themes
Independent living skills • Creative arts • Technology and IT • Agriculture and horticulture • Hospitality and retail • Performing arts and fitness • Entrepreneurial and business skills • Specialized trades	• Diverse Vocational Training Programs	• Training programs which cater to various strengths and interests of the individuals with autism.
Strengths: • Structured schedules and routine	• Strengths and limitations of	• Need for more flexible, autism-

• Use of visual aids and technology • Behavioral therapy approaches (ABA) • Job readiness programs • Social skill development. Challenges: • Limited autism-spectrum staff training • Sensory overstimulation • Rigid curriculum • Social exclusion • Limited assistive technology and funding • Lack of individualized learning plans	conventional training centers	informed training programs
Visual supports • Breaking tasks into small steps • Sensory breaks and flexible learning environments • Hands-on learning and special interest integration • Alternative communication tools	• Effective teaching strategies tailored to autistic learners	• The findings emphasizes that adaptability, engagement, and individualized support are key to successful training for individuals with autism.

• Structured and predictable routines • Role-playing and peer-mediated learning		
Managing sensory sensitivities • Lack of autism-specific staff training • Large class sizes • Rigid schedules • Limited access to assistive technology • Parental disconnection • Behavioral misinterpretation	• Key challenges and barriers faced by trainers	• Highlights the need for policy changes, staff training, and resource allocation to create more inclusive training environments
Quiet zones and sensory breaks • Use of visuals supports • Providing sensory tools • Adjusting lighting and noise levels • Simplified communication • Alternative communication tools	• Addressing sensory sensitivities and communication barriers to help implement various adaptations	• Reinforces that customized learning environments are essentials to support autistic individuals effectively.
Regular meetings and progress reports • Workshops for parents	• Collaboration with parents, therapists, and other professionals in supporting autistic individuals	• Highlights that holistic support networks are crucial for maximizing the impact of training programs.

• Therapist involvement in training design • Multidisciplinary team meetings • Encouraging home-center continuity • Community integration programs		
• Lack of funding for assistive technology and sensory tools • Insufficient autism-specific staff training • Failure to adapt environments for sensory needs • Limited individualized learning plans • Inadequate focus on life skills and practical training • Overcrowded classrooms reducing personalized attention	• Resource limitations in Conventional Training centers	• It calls for greater investments in autism-focused education and vocational programs to improve accessibility and effectiveness.
Enhanced social skills • Improved communication • Greater independence • Reduced behavioral challenges • Increased focus and engagement	• Positive outcomes and observed improvements noticed by trainers in autistic individuals who underwent training	• Shows the effectiveness of tailored training programs in improving both life skills and employment readiness for individuals with autism.

• Better adaptation to change • Improved self-advocacy • Increased confidence and participation in community activities		
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Recommendations And Conclusion

To improve training programs, the following recommendations emerge:

1. Increase Autism-Specific Staff Training to ensure professionals understand sensory needs, behavior management, and alternative communication methods.
2. Enhance Sensory-Friendly Environments by reducing noise, providing quiet zones, and offering sensory tools.
3. Expand Assistive Technology Access to support communication for non-verbal individuals.
4. Implement More Individualized Learning Plans to cater to different learning styles and needs.
5. Strengthen Parent & Therapist Collaboration through regular meetings, shared progress tracking, and involvement in training strategies.
6. Secure More Funding to provide specialized resources, reduce class sizes, and improve vocational opportunities.
7. Promote Real-World Skill Application by integrating more practical training and community engagement programs.

5. Conclusion

The importance of vocational training in empowering people with autism through increased independence, employability, and social integration is shown by the theme analysis of the replies. The results show that although these programs provide a variety of worthwhile opportunities for skill development, they are frequently hampered by issues like a lack of staff training tailored to autism, inadequate accommodations for sensory needs, restricted access to assistive technology, and a lack of individualized support. These obstacles can limit the

potential benefits for autistic learners and have a substantial impact on the efficacy of vocational training in traditional settings.

A number of significant changes must be made in order to establish a framework for vocational training that is more impactful and inclusive. Increasing staff training tailored to autism will guarantee that teachers and trainers are prepared to handle behavioral requirements, communication difficulties, and sensory sensitivity. A more pleasant and favorable learning environment can be produced by improving sensory-friendly spaces with quiet areas, noise reduction, and sensory aids. Stronger cooperation between training facilities, parents, and therapists is also essential to guaranteeing uniform support in various settings. The transition between home or therapeutic settings and vocational training will be facilitated by frequent meetings, shared progress tracking, and cooperative training techniques. In order to decrease class sizes, enhance career prospects, and invest in specialized resources catered to the requirements of autistic learners, more funding must be secured. Vocational training facilities can develop into more efficient, inclusive, and autism-friendly spaces by addressing three core issues. In the end, this will improve the standard of instruction and assistance given to people with autism, enabling them to live more autonomous lives and accomplish significant career goals.

6. Case Study

1. Case Study: Fair Shot Café – A Vocational Training Model for Young Adults with Autism

Introduction

Fair Shot Café, a social enterprise and vocational training center based in London, was founded by Bianca Tavella to address the employment gap among young adults with learning disabilities, including autism. Despite increasing awareness of the importance of workforce inclusion, statistics indicate that only 4.8% of individuals with learning disabilities, including autism, were employed in England between 2022 and 2023 (Reuters, 2025). Fair Shot Café provides a structured, skills-based training program that prepares individuals with autism for long-term employment.

Training and Skill Development:

The training program at Fair Shot Café follows a structured curriculum designed to enhance both technical and soft skills. Key components of the training include:

- Workplace Readiness Skills: Trainees learn punctuality, communication, teamwork, and task management.
- Hospitality and Customer Service Training: Participants receive hands-on experience in food preparation, cashiering, and customer interaction.
- Sensory-Friendly Workplace Adjustments: Recognizing the sensory sensitivities often associated with autism, the café has implemented modifications such as quiet workspaces and flexible schedules.
- Career Transition Support: The program includes resume-building workshops, interview preparation, and direct employer placements.

Employment Outcomes

One of Fair Shot Café's most notable success stories is Aya Bider, a graduate of the program who successfully transitioned to a role in the sales department at LVMH. Her case exemplifies the effectiveness of the program in equipping individuals with autism with the skills and confidence necessary to thrive in professional settings (Reuters, 2025). Employers who have hired Fair Shot Café graduates report high levels of satisfaction, emphasizing the reliability, attention to detail, and strong work ethic demonstrated by these employees.

Impact and Challenges

Fair Shot Café has significantly contributed to increasing employment opportunities for young adults with autism, but the initiative also faces challenges. Sustainable funding remains a key concern, as training and workplace adaptations require financial investment. Additionally, scaling the program to accommodate more participants is limited by capacity constraints. Nonetheless, the café continues to expand its employer network, advocating for broader workplace inclusion initiatives.

Conclusion

Fair Shot Café represents a pioneering model of vocational training that directly addresses the employment disparity for individuals with autism. By integrating hands-on training, employer partnerships, and workplace accommodations, the program has successfully facilitated employment for its graduates in high-profile companies. The success of Fair Shot Café underscores the need for similar initiatives worldwide, demonstrating that with the right support, individuals with autism can excel in professional environments.

2. Case Study: The Mosaic Program – Supporting Independent Living and Employment for Adults with Autism

Introduction

The Mosaic program, an initiative within Texas's Humble Independent School District, is designed to support young adults with disabilities, including autism, in their transition to independent living and employment. The program focuses on individuals aged 18-22, equipping them with essential life and vocational skills to enhance their self-sufficiency and workforce readiness. By offering structured activities such as baking, volunteering, retail experience, and household management training, Mosaic provides a comprehensive approach to preparing autistic individuals for real-world challenges (Houston Chronicle, 2025).

Training and Skill Development

The Mosaic program employs a multi-faceted approach to skill development, incorporating real-world applications into its curriculum. Key components include:

- **Vocational Training:** Students participate in hands-on job training, including roles in customer service, inventory management, and food preparation. This experience is gained through volunteer work and running a small store that sells handmade goods.
- **Independent Living Skills:** A model apartment allows students to practice essential tasks such as cooking, cleaning, budgeting, and laundry, helping them prepare for life beyond the program.
- **Social and Communication Skills Development:** Through peer interaction, role-playing, and workplace simulations, students learn effective communication techniques and strategies for professional and personal interactions.
- **Workplace Simulations:** A dedicated workroom provides an office-like setting where students practice clerical and administrative tasks, helping them build skills relevant to employment in office environments.

Impact on Participants

One of the most notable success stories of the Mosaic program is Evan Carkuff, a participant who has demonstrated significant progress in communication and practical skills since joining. Initially facing challenges in verbal expression and social interaction, Evan has become more confident and adept in workplace scenarios. His ability to follow instructions, engage in structured tasks, and interact with customers in the store has improved markedly,

illustrating the effectiveness of the program in fostering personal and professional growth (Chronicle, 2025).

Beyond individual success stories, Mosaic has contributed to:

- Increased self-confidence among participants.
- Higher employment rates for graduates.
- Stronger connections between students and their communities through volunteering and customer interactions.

Challenges and Future Prospects

Despite its success, the Mosaic program faces challenges, including:

- **Funding Constraints:** As a district-supported program, securing continuous funding for resources, staff, and expansion remains a priority.
- **Scaling the Program:** While the initiative has benefited many students, limited capacity means that only a set number of participants can enroll each year.
- **Employer Engagement:** Encouraging more businesses to recognize the potential of individuals with autism in the workforce remains an ongoing effort.

Looking forward, Mosaic aims to expand its partnerships with local businesses, increase outreach efforts to families, and refine its curriculum to better support students in their transition to employment and independent living.

Conclusion

The Mosaic program stands as a successful model of vocational and life skills training for young adults with autism, demonstrating how structured, real-world experiences can empower individuals to lead more independent lives. By focusing on vocational, social, and household skills, the program effectively prepares participants for future employment and daily responsibilities. With continued investment and expansion, Mosaic has the potential to serve as a blueprint for similar initiatives nationwide, ultimately fostering greater inclusion and opportunities for individuals with autism.

7. Conclusion

The study on vocational training and skills development for autistic adults concludes that effective and tailored vocational programs are essential for empowering these individuals, fostering their independence, enhancing employability, and promoting social integration. It emphasizes a critical shift from a deficit-focused perspective to recognizing the diverse

strengths and capabilities inherent in autistic individuals, such as attention to detail and specialized skills. Despite the promising approaches, the study identifies significant challenges that hinder effective training, including inadequate staff training specific to autism, insufficient accommodations for sensory needs, limited access to assistive technologies, and a lack of personalized support. To improve vocational outcomes, the study recommends enhancing staff training, creating sensory-friendly environments, increasing access to assistive technologies, and prioritizing individualized learning strategies. Ultimately, the findings aim to advance policy and practice in vocational training, advocating for a more inclusive workforce that leverages the unique abilities of autistic individuals, thereby supporting their achievement of meaningful employment and a higher quality of life

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