

# Beyond the Beltway

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### **D.C. Program Opens New Career Option for Adults**

Al Price, founder and president of New Vision Photography Program Inc., has initiated a program that offers individuals with developmental disabilities unique, new employment opportunities.

"Before, their only job options were janitorial or food service," Price said. "We want to train them for employment in the photography industry, doing photo I.D. cards, working on one-hour developing machines, or photographing small events."

The class is largely funded with Medicaid dollars, with per student costs running \$100 a day for pre-vocational training, \$33 a day for transportation to and from classes and field trips, and \$140 a day for "supportive employment" services where job coaches guide students in learning the ropes on new jobs. Employers who hire the students receive a tax break.

In July, the students will display their photos in a public exhibit.

**FMI:** To read an article concerning the program that recently appeared in the Washington Post, go to <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A64334-2004-Jun23.html?referrer=email/inline>.