Developmental Skills Laboratory is now Stride Services

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Stride Services (formerly the Developmental Skills Laboratory) has a new name and logo, but the changes are a lot more than skin-deep. The program provides services to youth and adults with developmental disabilities living in Cache Valley (Utah) and southern Idaho.

Over the past months, Stride staff has worked hard to make sure the individuals they serve are fully involved in the community, said Stride Services Program Coordinator Drake Rasmussen. They have matched participant likes and dislikes to opportunities in businesses and in doing service in the community. Several participants have found part-time jobs, and more are volunteering in places like the Willow Park Zoo, the Jump the Moon art studio, the Cache Food Pantry, public schools and Common Ground Outdoor Adventures.

“Some of those are on hold due to the pandemic, some are still going on,” Rasmussen said. Stride staff members are careful to make sure their participants are distanced and safe as they go about their activities.

The group has also launched a Facebook page to share the good things they are doing with their followers. The Stride Services name change reflects the program's commitment to integrate participants into the community, Rasmussen said.

The Hope Corps at Utah State University worked with the program on its re-branding efforts and produced their new logo.

For more information about Stride Services, contact Drake Rasmussen.