

## **Special Needs Project**

(January 15th, 2007, to March 31st, 2007)

On January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a special needs project commenced to aid the integration of the intellectually challenged population into the work force. This pilot project is a joint collaboration between the Coasters Association Inc and the Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux de la Basse Côte Nord. The current municipality involved in this pilot project is Blanc Sablon. There are currently four individuals participating in this pilot project, they each have different impairments, some minor and some moderate, however they all have the capacity to do certain tasks that enable them to be employed in different areas of the work force.

This project is a shredding job where they collect, sort, shred and dispose of confidential documentation for the Centre de Santé et de Services Sociaux de la Basse Côte Nord.

This is a great project that allows these people to feel more autonomous and integrate into the work force, it permits them to get out of the house and socialize with their friends.

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