**Partial Participation**

There are times when students cannot perform certain steps of a particular task and adaptations are not enough. The student may lack strength, motor function or some other quality that is necessary to perform the task successfully. Partial participation can be the answer for many students. The vocational instructor does the part of the task that the student cannot do. For example, the instructor may have to hand small items to a student with poor fine motor function. In another example, the instructor may partially affix a label to an envelope with the student smoothing down the label.

The better match the job is to the student the less partial participation should be necessary. However for some students with severe/multiple disabilities it may be extremely difficult to find a job that does not require high levels of partial participation. Students should not be excluded from CBVI just because high levels of partial participation are required. There are very few students who cannot successfully learn to perform at least one task in a job.