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WorkForce Diversity

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WorkForce Diversity News

WorkForce Diversity is having a busy start to the spring season! Clients throughout all employment programs are having a productive and eventful April. In the past month, clients attended job fairs, completed necessary Discovery activities to explore career interest, interviewed for positions, and gained employment. The Employment Specialist staff continue building new partnerships with local businesses to find our client's dream jobs.

Many of our Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS) high school students are preparing for graduation, careers, and post-secondary education. Pre-ETS remains an important factor in student's career pathways development. Bona Vista Pre-ETS staff are thankful for the wonderful school partnerships within Howard, Miami, and Tipton counties.

WorkForce Diversity serves 159 adult clients through Vocational Rehabilitation, Medicaid Waivers, and Ticket to Work. We also serve 198 high school aged students via the Pre-ETS program, in 11 high schools throughout Howard, Miami, and Tipton counties.

Best wishes,
Miriam O'Malley-Long

Pre-ETS News

Pre-ETS staff are busy preparing for a fun summer of career exploration and work based learning experiences! Students will have the opportunity to job shadow with the Kokomo Jackrabbits, tour Indiana University Kokomo, and many more community opportunities. A calendar of events and



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Upcoming Events

25th Greatest Spectacle in Tasting
Saturday, May 18, 2019
6:00pm – 9:00pm
1220 E. Laguna, Kokomo



Purchase tickets to the event at bonavista.org

registration forms will be sent out in early May. Registration is required to attend.

Staff Spotlight

Workforce Diversity has a new face at the reception desk. We are happy to welcome Heather Richey to the team as the new Administrative Assistant. Heather is instrumental in the day to day operations of the busy department. Please join me in welcoming Heather to the team.



Service Updates – Extended Services for Youth

Vocational Rehabilitation recently created Extended Services for Youth. This new service provides supports for youth (14 – 24 years of age) whose support needs extend beyond stabilization and 90 day retention. This service can be provided for four years, or until the youth turns 25. This exciting service supports the youth in maintaining competitive and integrated employment.

Extended Services for Youth is a wonderful option for individuals who need additional job supports, and do not currently have a Medicaid Waiver, which offers extended services.



Business Spotlight

WorkForce Diversity is proud to have a strong partnership with McAlister's Deli in Kokomo. McAlister's employs one of WFD's clients as a front-of-house team member. McAlister's management and staff are friendly and always willing to help in any way possible. Thank you McAlister's!

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