

## **Welcome to Partners for Employment, Jess!**



### **Allow us to introduce the newest member of our team!**

Jess holds a Bachelors in Human Resources Management and Business Administration and has spent the last 12 years in a Human Resources role specializing in recruitment, culture, engagement, training, and development. She has worked in the National Park System and for a number of mountain resorts throughout Alaska, Oregon, Colorado, and now New Mexico. Her most recent role was as the Senior Human Resources Manager with Taos Ski Valley in beautiful Taos, New Mexico. During her time with Taos Ski Valley, Jess worked with the UNM PFE team and NM DVR to create an apprenticeship program based on Project SEARCH to provide employment opportunities for students with disabilities at Taos High School. This program was incredibly rewarding and led Jess to her current role as Education Specialist with Partners for Employment at UNM.

## **Be the next to join our mission!**

### **Program Manager Position open now!**

The UNM Center for Development and Disability (CDD), Partners for Employment (PFE) program is looking to hire a results-driven Program Manager to advance PFE's mission of increasing awareness about supported employment best practices for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). This position will supervise multiple Education Specialists.

This position is responsible for the oversight of annual contract deliverables, including developing and facilitating on-line and in-person trainings, hosting statewide meetings and providing technical assistance on the topics of supported employment and school-to-work best practices for individuals with I/DD. The Program Manager will need to possess strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and the ability to work effectively with a wide range of constituencies in diverse communities.

A minimum of three years of demonstrated experience managing personnel to achieve successful outcomes is preferred. One year of experience working with individuals with I/DD in a community setting, preferably in supported employment. The individual who is hired for this position will need to have the ability to manage multiple projects, shifting priorities and meet monthly reporting deadlines. Project management, organization and coordination skills are strongly desired.

This position requires regular statewide travel. (While statewide travel has been temporarily suspended, travel will resume when it is safe to do so).

For more information and to apply please visit: <https://unm.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/18/home/requisition/15009?c=unm>

## The 2021 Conference Schedule is Live!



Registration is required for each individual conference session. Sessions will be conducted via Zoom. Certificates of Completion will be issued for each registered session attendee.

### ***Friday, May 7 - Making Connections***

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| 8:00-8:30 AM  | Kick-Off! Welcome and Conference Overview. No registration required. Zoom link will be provided soon.        |
| 8:30-10:30 AM | <a href="#"><u>Building Bridges to Community Life</u></a>  |
| 12:00-2:00 PM | <a href="#"><u>Community Mapping Training</u></a>  |
| 2:30-3:30 PM  | <a href="#"><u>Collaborating with DD Waiver for Better Student Outcomes in Transitions to Adult Life</u></a> |
| 4:00-5:00 PM  | <a href="#"><u>Centennial Care 2.0 - Home and Community Based Long-Term Care Program</u></a>                 |

### ***Friday, May 14 - Breaking Down Barriers***

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| 8:30-10:30 AM | <a href="#"><u>Benefits Planning Done Right: Lifting New Mexicans with</u></a> |
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	<a href="#"><u>Disabilities Out of Poverty</u></a>
11:00-12:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Disability, Employment, and Government Benefits: Lived Experiences Panel</u></a>
1:00-2:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>The Business Case for Employing People with Disabilities</u></a>
2:30-3:30 PM	<a href="#"><u>Autism+: Increasing Accessibility for All in Our Community Workforce</u></a>
4:00-5:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Assistive Technology Solutions for Employment</u></a>

### ***Friday, May 21 - Innovative Practices***

8:00-9:00 AM	<a href="#"><u>Diverse IT, Building the Workforce of Tomorrow</u></a>
9:30-10:30 AM	<a href="#"><u>I BEST and the Blooming Field of Integrated Education!</u></a>
11:00-12:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Student and Family Active Participation In Annual IEPs</u></a>
1:00-2:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>New Mexico Training Associates</u></a>
2:30-3:30 PM	<a href="#"><u>Job Corps is your FREE career training and education opportunity!</u></a>
4:00-5:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Inspire and Prepare The Future to Own Their Economic Success</u></a>

### ***Friday, May 28 - Professional Development***

8:00-9:00 AM	<a href="#"><u>ACRE Certification Training</u></a>
9:30-10:30 AM	<a href="#"><u>Now that I am CESP Certified, What's Next? A Guide to Recertification.</u></a>
11:00-12:00 PM	<a href="#"><u>Health Matters</u></a>
1:15-2:30 PM	<a href="#"><u>Wise Training</u></a>

## **Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL) School-to-Work Transition Teams (SWTT)**

04/06 - 9 AM	SWTT Deming/Bayard/Silver City
04/07 - 1 PM	SWTT Alamogordo
04/08 - 1 PM	SWTT - Los Lunas
04/09 - 10 AM	SELL Northeast (NE)
04/13 - 10 AM	SELL Roswell
04/14 - 3 PM	SWTT Las Cruces Virtual Transition Fair (English)

04/14 - 10 AM SELL Metro

04/21 - 3 PM SWTT Luna Grant-County Virtual Transition Fair

04/27 - 10 AM SELL Northwest

04/28 - 3 PM SWTT Las Cruces Virtual Transition Fair (Spanish)

04/28 - 1 PM SWTT Clovis

\*For details on SELL or SWTT meetings email us at [CDD-PFEinfo@salud.unm.edu](mailto:CDD-PFEinfo@salud.unm.edu)

## CESP and ACRE Updates

### ACRE - Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators

Please join us in congratulating the following Employment Professionals for achieving their ACRE Certificates!

- Carmen Cerny
- Darin Wright
- Lorena Villalovos

The ACRE certificate is a nationally recognized certificate of achievement that never expires! Partners for Employment has been provided with a limited number of scholarships to allow those who complete the College of Employment Services training course with an opportunity to obtain their ACRE certificate.

Having this certificate shows that the recipient has completed the required competency-based training and assignments which cover many of the skills and knowledge essential to providing quality person-centered services to individuals with disabilities. Whether you are new to the field or you would just like to get up-to-date on the best approaches being used nationwide, this certificate will provide you with an opportunity to showcase your skills.

If you are interested in learning more about this certificate, please contact Dominique Nunez at [denunez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:denunez@salud.unm.edu) for more information.

## Exciting changes coming to CESP

Eligible applicants for the Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) exam now have two ways to take the exam.

First, **in person**. Through a partnership with KRYTERION Global Testing Services, APSE (The Association for People Supporting Employment) will offer the exam in person in Albuquerque, Farmington, and El Paso, TX. Second, **remote proctoring services**. With remote proctoring services, eligible applicants for the CESP exam will be able to take the exam in the comfort of their home.

For more information on the CESP exam, visit <https://apse.org/cesp-central/>. For specific questions about CESP options in New Mexico, email PFE Education Specialist Brittany Edwards-Sharpe at



## Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP™) Exam Opportunity

### What is the CESP™ Certification?

CESP™ is a national credential that recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a sufficient level of knowledge and skill to provide integrated employment services to a variety of populations. It is earned by passing a comprehensive examination based on national standardized competencies and remains valid for 3 years.

### In-person and online proctoring is AVAILABLE NOW!

In-person testing sites are accessible through Kryterion Global Testing Solution centers in Albuquerque, Farmington, and El Paso, Texas. Applicants also have the option to test remotely, in the comfort of their home with online proctoring services. Use this **fact sheet** to determine what testing option is best for you.

**Total Exam Cost: \$199**

(\$159 for the exam & \$40 non-refundable application fee)

## SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE

for people who have successfully completed the ACRE-approved College of Employment Services (CES) training OR have an ACRE Certificate of Achievement

People interested in applying for a scholarship are required to fully review, fill-out, and sign the CESP™ **Scholarship Application** form. All inquiries and questions regarding the CESP™ exam, as well as, submission of completed CESP™ Scholarship Applications can be emailed to Brittany Edwards-Sharpe at [bsharpe@salud.unm.edu](mailto:bsharpe@salud.unm.edu).

People interested in taking the CESP™ Exam *without* a scholarship can apply here:  
<https://apse.smapply.org/>

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