

# Partners for Employment News & Updates

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## PFE and WISE, Teaming Up for You!

Partners for Employment continues to bring innovative education, training and technical assistance to New Mexico by once again teaming up with our friends at *WISE*. From August 2020 through June of 2021, we will bring you an interactive training once a month, at no cost to you. Please review the dates below and register early. Registration is limited.



### Community Connecting, Creating a Pathway to Full Inclusion Thursday August 27, 2020

In this interactive webinar, trainer Josie Sparks will lead a discussion on the degrees of community-based settings -- the difference simply being “in” a person’s community versus being connected in community. Participants will see examples of how the “Triple M” model (Movie, Mall, McDonalds) can be used for discovery that later connects an individual’s skills and interest to a community-based setting and beyond. Josie will demonstrate how to create opportunities for participants to engage in community-based activities that support social connection, education, integration, recreation and personal development. This webinar also takes the complexity out of building community-based opportunities by looking at the layers of hidden skills that every person brings. Josie will provide ideas about *how* to connect the dots from a person’s annual service plan to direct services that enhance a person’s life. **Register Today!**

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#### Meet the Presenter:

Josie Sparks brings many years of experience leading teams utilizing her interdisciplinary background in Community Inclusion and Individualize Employment. It is her



belief that community-based participation honors the experiences that each individual brings to the table, demanding inclusion from the ground up, and in the process, captures community values and encourages dialogue with social justice at heart. This keeps her motivated to deliver quality care and superior client outcomes to experience their full potential.

[Read Josie's Full Bio](#)

Josie Sparks, Program Manager WISE

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### ***More of WISE to come. Mark your calendars!***

**Thurs. Sept. 24th 1:00-3:00 PM - [Creating a Person-Centered Life](#)**

**Thurs. Oct. 22nd 1:00-3:00 PM - [Discovery](#)**

**Thurs. Nov. 19th 1:00-3:00 PM - [Job Development and Marketing](#)**

**Thurs. Dec. 3rd 1:00-3:00 PM - [Video Resumes/ Video Story Telling](#)**

## **School-to-Work Transition Headlines & Announcements**

### **Spotlight on Innovation:**

#### **Alamogordo SWTT Launches Virtual Transition Fair**

Last February, the Alamogordo School-to-Work Transition Team had solid plans for an in-person Transition Fair. By May, they'd quickly shifted the Transition Fair virtual. Here's how they did it:

New Mexico State University/Alamogordo built a [page on its website to host the Transition Fair](#). Exhibitors who would typically host tables submitted their pamphlets, brochures, web URLs, and contact information to the webmaster who posted them to the website. Thirty-minute presentations were held in Zoom rooms on topics such as DD Waiver Intake & Eligibility, DVR Services, and Disability Rights. Special Education teachers and Support Staff from Alamogordo Schools addressed questions in the Zoom chat box. Because the Fair was virtual, it could be recorded and kept live on the NMSU/Alamogordo website as an ongoing resource to the community. Check out Alamogordo's [Virtual Transition Fair website](#) and see what you think!



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