



*Dear Colleagues,*

*After another year of change, restructuring, and flexibility, Partners for Employment would like to extend the sincerest "Thank you."*

*Thank you so much for being willing to grow professionally amid so much uncertainty.*

*Thank you for continuing to attend our events with your engagement, enthusiasm, and feedback.*

*You are the true professionals who represent New Mexico as leaders, innovators, and Employment Specialists.*

*Sincerely,  
Your Partners for Employment Team*

## **JOIN THIS TEAM!**



The Family and Community Partnerships Division of the UNM/CDD is seeking an Education & Outreach Manager to oversee and manage a large multifaceted program known as Partners for Employment. The selected candidate will oversee multiple scopes of work and supervise personnel, including two Program Managers, who provide statewide training and technical assistance in best practices for supported employment and school-to-work transition for persons with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). The Education & Outreach Manager will oversee multiple contracts and serve as the principal point of representation and liaison with individuals, businesses, organizations

and state agencies.

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 Education & Outreach 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. 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.

**APPLY TODAY!**

## College of Employment Services FY22 Spring Cohorts



The College of Employment Services (CES) is an innovative approach to training that is both comprehensive and flexible and is designed to meet the needs of busy staff who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. CES training is a 15-week course that combines online/self-paced training with live online discussion sessions.

The online training consists of 26.4 hours of content and is available on-demand 24/7. A high-speed internet connection, computer with camera and microphone is all that is needed to access the coursework.

\* Upon completion of the online coursework, participants will be eligible for a scholarship and technical assistance to pursue an ACRE certificate or take the CESP exam.

**Registration to the FY22 Spring Session is now open!**

**Three cohorts beginning in January 2022. Choose yours today.**

**Cohort A - Mondays 9 AM - 11 AM**

**1st Zoom Session - 01/25**

**2nd Zoom Session - 02/22**

**3rd Zoom Session - 03/29**

**4th Zoom Session - 04/26**

**Register for Cohort A**

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**Cohort B - Thursdays 2 PM - 4 PM**

1st Zoom Session - 01/27

2nd Zoom Session - 02/24

3rd Zoom Session - 03/31

4th Zoom Session - 04/28

**Register for Cohort B**

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**Cohort C - Fridays 11 AM - 1 PM**

1st Zoom Session - 01/28

2nd Zoom Session - 02/25

3rd Zoom Session - 04/01

4th Zoom Session - 04/29

**Register for Cohort C**

## **PFE Staff Attend Southeast Region Self-Advocacy Conference**

On November 5, PFE Program Manager Monica Elsbrock attended the Southeast Region's Self-Advocacy Conference in Roswell, NM. Sponsored by the Arc of New Mexico and hosted by Tony's All-Star Advocacy Group based in Roswell, the one-day conference put self-advocates and their interests at the center of conference sessions and activities. The agenda featured informative presentations on health, finances, and leading one's own meetings. DDSD Director Jason Cornwell kicked off the conference with a keynote address. Area 4 DVR staff Eric Hollon and Kayla Damron joined Christine Fuller from the Albuquerque/Metro DVR office for a presentation on Employment. The enthusiasm of being together for a cause was also kept high with Talent Showcases, live music, great food, and even a dance or two to Michael Jackson's Thriller.

PFE was honored to see the strength of self-advocacy and self-advocates in southeastern New Mexico.

## **CESP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following professional has earned her Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) credential:

- **Yvonne Dougherty**

The following professionals have successfully renewed their CESP credentials!

- Orlinda Charleston
- Katherine Johnson Herrera

*Please join us in congratulating them!*

## **PFE and WISE Free Training Series!**

### **01/21/22 - Documentation: The World of Words** *Josie Sparks and Jenny Crook*

#### **Webinar Description:**

Words make the world go round! In this webinar, Josie Sparks and Jenny Crook will discuss the importance of accurate documentation and how to frame your language to assist in tracking milestones and goals.

#### **Learning Objectives:**

- Explain the importance of accurate documentation
- Define "SMART" Goals
- Distinguish between goals and milestones
- Recognize effective case notes

**Register for WISE 01/21 1-3 PM**



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



Jenny Crook (she/her) has been providing training and technical assistance around Customized Employment for the last 5 years. After previously being in the roles of Competitive Integrated Employment Program Manager, Employment Specialist, and Job Coach. She enjoys using her training as a Person-Centered Planning Facilitator to brainstorm employment possibilities with people. Jenny's interests and strengths are in collaborating with supported employment programs and teams to create and implement best

experience their full potential.

practices.

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