

# Partners for Employment

## News & Updates

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### It's a Wrap!

#### Reaching New Heights Virtual Conference 2020

In a word, **Wow!** What an experience hosting our first annual virtual conference! Thank you to the 680 participants who made it a great success. Partners for Employment truly enjoyed your participation, valuable insights and engaging conversations. We would like to again thank our funding partners at NM Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and NM DOH Developmental Disabilities Supports Division for bringing this innovative event to New Mexico!

Looking forward to 'seeing' you all again in 2021!

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

#### Pres Rust Medical Center Project SEARCH Team Receives National Recognition



Presbyterian Rust Medical Center Project SEARCH has been recognized as the recipient of this year's National Project SEARCH "Transformative Collaboration" spotlight award! The annual award recognizes a Project SEARCH team whose collaboration skills have transformed not only the employment outcomes for its students but also the effective delivery of services for each agency or business on the team. With more than 500 Project SEARCH sites nationwide, the spotlight award is a **significant recognition of the success** of the Pres Rust team. Pres Rust Project SEARCH is a collaboration of Pres Rust Medical Center, Rio Rancho Public Schools, Adelante Development Center Inc., NM Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and NM DOH Developmental Disabilities Supports Division.

Please [enjoy this video](#) spotlighting the Pres Rust Medical Center Project SEARCH site.

**Well done, team!**

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**The New Normal:  
Technology Takes a Front Seat in Work Skills Training**

Since April, Farmington Project SEARCH teacher Chelsea Chairion has been serving on Project SEARCH National's curriculum committee. When she signed up for the role, Chelsea didn't know most work skills training would move online in the coming year, but the change has made her and other committee members prioritize technology skills in the new Project SEARCH curriculum. Chelsea says, "Regardless of how everything plays out the next few months, the world has changed. Interns/future employees need to be prepared for both in-person and virtual interviews, for example." In her own Project SEARCH classroom, Chelsea will be starting the year by teaching interns how professional appearance transfers to a virtual setting, how to make their Zoom setting neat and not distracting, and the mechanics of "mute" and "unmute." To jumpstart your own ideas on technology skills training for the virtual age, [this website](#) offers a few good tools to start.



Above, Chelsea Chairion prepares participants for virtual interviews over Zoom.

## CESP



### *New Mexico's Certified Employment Support Professionals*

The Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP™) credential recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a sufficient level of knowledge and skill to provide integrated employment services to a variety of populations. Please congratulate the following people for earning their CESP credential in June:

- Olga Alvara
  - Holly Bird
  - Rebecca Cobos
  - Stacey Duskey
  - Corina Huerta-Coronado
  - Linda Helen Fisher
  - Karen Georgina
- John Mann
  - Dominique Nunez
  - Staci O'Connor
  - Steve Scarton
  - Bryant Ragsdale
  - Lorena Villalovos
  - Amanda Wolf
  - Galina Yershevich

**Congratulations to an Exemplary Team of Professionals!**

**College of Employment Services  
Schedules, Registration Deadlines and More**

**Register today for CES in the Fall!**

The wait is over! PFE is opening the fall semester of College

Partners for Employment is pleased to offer the College of Employment Services (CES) training throughout the state this Fall 2020. 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.

**What to expect from CES Training**

CES Training is a 15 week course that combines online/self-paced training with live online discussion sessions. The online training consists of 28.4 hours of content and is available on-demand 24/7. A high speed internet connection and computer is all that is needed to access the online course work.

**What you'll learn**

CES Training is very comprehensive and addresses competencies identified by the Association of Rehabilitation Educator's (ACRE) (www.acre-eds.org) and the Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) exam (www.apse.org/certified-employment-support-professional). The online portion of the training includes the following modules:

- Module 1. Foundations of Employment Services
- Module 2. Funding Employment Services
- Module 3. Principles of Career Development
- Module 4. Networking
- Module 5. Using Work Incentives to Increase Self-Sufficiency
- Module 6. Strategies for Job Development Part 1
- Module 7. Strategies for Job Development Part 2
- Module 8. Business Perspectives
- Module 9. Job Creation
- Module 10. Performance Coaching and Supports Part 1
- Module 11. Performance Coaching and Supports Part 2

**Important Fall 2020 Dates**

	Metro, NE and NW Regions	SE and SW Regions
Early Registration	July 20-29 (for adult service providers)	
Open Registration	July 30-August 6	
Deadline to Register	August 6	
Online Account Set Up	August 10	
1st Zoom	August 12, 9-5pm	August 13, 1-3 pm
2nd Zoom	September 9, 9-5 pm	September 10, 1-3 pm
3rd Zoom	October 14, 9-5 pm	October 15, 1-3 pm
4th Zoom	November 11, 9-5 pm	November 12, 1-3 pm

**Register Today!**

Metro, NE and NW Region:

[Click to Register](#)

SE and SW Region:

[Click to Register](#)

**Who should register?**

CES training is suitable for more than just job developers and job coaches. Case managers, supervisors, residential staff, day program staff and Vocational Rehabilitation staff who want to learn about supported employment best practices will also benefit from this training.

**What is the cost for CES Training?**

For a limited time, this training will be offered at no cost thanks to our funding partners at DVR and OSD. The estimated cost for this training is \$1,500 per person.

Contact Rebecca Roybal at rroybal@abd.um.edu or 505-220-5669 for more information.



of Employment Services (CES).

The CES training will take place 100% online over the course of 15 weeks and consists of self-paced online learning and 4 zoom sessions. The estimated time needed to complete the course and attend the 4 zoom sessions is equal to about 3 hours per week.

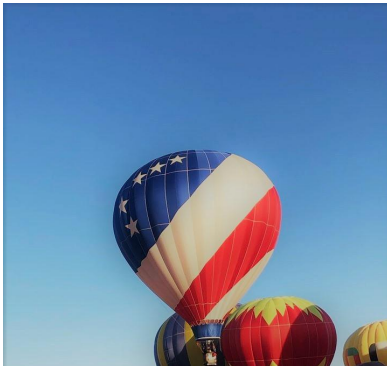
Completing the CES training is required if you are interested in a scholarship for the ACRE certificate or to take the CESP exam.

Follow the links below to reserve your virtual seat today!

Metro, NE and NW Regions:  
[Register Here](#)

SW and SE Regions:  
[Register Here](#)

# Upcoming Events, Training and Networking Opportunities



## Bringing Our Community Together

**School-to-Work Transition Teams (SWTT)** meetings support local efforts to improve employment outcomes for young adults with intellectual disabilities and increase school-to-work interagency collaboration.

**Supported Employment Local Leaders (SELL)** meetings provide a forum for employment support professionals to network, collaborate and discuss supported employment best practices.

**Workshops** - Discovery, Job Development for Customized Employment, Leadership Development, or other best practices.

- July 30, 2020 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM *Southwest (SW) SELL & SWTT - Las Cruces NM*
- July 30, 2020 11:30 AM -1:00 PM *NM Project SEARCH: 'State of the State' Conversation*
- July 30 - August 6, 2020 9:00 AM *Fall CES Open Registration*
- August 4, 2020 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM *Northwest (NE) SELL Meeting*
- August 12, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM *Metro SELL Meeting*
- September 1, 2020 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM *Roswell SELL Meeting*

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