

New Mexico Training Associates



Please join Partners for Employment in congratulating our first New Mexico Training Associate, Chelsea Chairion!

Chelsea has been the instructor for the Farmington Project SEARCH program for the last three years. She contributed to the development of the national Project SEARCH curriculum and has her Certified Employment Support Professional credential. Chelsea is passionate about self-advocacy for job seekers and job development.

*The New Mexico Training Associates program through Partners for Employment (PFE) is a pilot program designed as an opportunity for emerging professionals with a Supported Employment background to share their experiences in the field and gain professional development skills. Associates will receive a stipend as they work with PFE to learn how to develop and implement virtual and in-person trainings.

THANK YOU FOR REPRESENTING NEW MEXICO, CHELSEA!

Going the Extra Mile!

Miles Sam, 2020 Project SEARCH Graduate

Since graduating from Gallup Project SEARCH last May, Miles Sam has held two jobs. His first was as a Houseman at Springhill Suites. While working at Springhill, Miles also completed training for his food handler's permit. With that credential in hand, Miles moved into his preferred job at Del Taco. Miles opens Del Taco every morning, doing all food prep for the day. Gallup Del Taco manager Linda Hernandez says this:



"Miles is truly a godsend, he's amazing! Anything I showed him how to do he totally aces it! I started him out with just sanitizing and cleaning detail work, then one of my prep guys quit so [I trained] Miles how to do prep and he's amazing! If he doesn't remember he asks questions, is super friendly, and gets along with everyone. Everyone loves having Miles around."

Miles hasn't let the pandemic slow him down. He had an employment goal and saw the opportunity for front-line employment in the Gallup community. Congratulations Miles!

A shout-out also goes to the Gallup Project SEARCH Team: David Palenschat, Sharron Torres, Jotham Ippel, Garland Rivera, Jacob Stokes, Bill Nichols, John Overheim (Gallup McKinley School District); Thelissa Becenti, Gloria James, Albert Calamity (NNOERS); Ela Yazzie-King, Marcy Shetima (NMDVR); Orinda Charleston (NMDOH DDSD)

Wising up with Shaun

Wise returns on March 18th.

Join PFE and Shaun Wood for: *Utilizing Technology in Your Employment Approach*.

Shaun uses applied behavior analysis, emerging technology, reflective processes, and mentorship to drive employment outcomes. In his current role, he's available to work in local communities across Washington State and beyond!



[Register Today!](#)

2021 Partners for Employment Conference

2nd Annual Virtual Conference

SAVE THE DATE

Reaching New Heights in
Supported Employment

Conference to be held on the four Fridays in May 2021

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

#DDAwarenessmonth

Since 1987 March has been "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." The past 30 years have laid the foundation for significant social change and opportunities for people with developmental disabilities to

reach their potential.

Career planning, job coaching, and supported employment have emerged as significant supports. The understanding that individuals with developmental disabilities are productive members of the workforce has prevailed. But there is still work to be done.

Please join us in vowing to continue the journey for inclusion, awareness, and support.

Disability Awareness Month Observances:

March 18 - National Trisomy 18 Awareness Day (United States)

March 21 - World Down Syndrom Day (Global)

March 24 - World Tuberculosis Day (WHO) (Global)

March 25 - U.S. National Cerebral Palsy Day Awareness Day (United States)

March 2021 - Brain Injury Awareness Month (United States)

SELL and SWTT

A Meeting of the Minds.

03/03 - SW SELL 9-10:30 AM Social Security Training([must register for credit](#))

03/03 - SWTT Las Cruces 10:30-12 PM

03/11 - [SWTT Ruidoso 1-4:30 PM Virtual Job Fair](#) [Learn more](#)

03/24 - SWTT Northcentral 10-11:30 AM

03/25 - SELL NW 3-4:30 PM

03/31 - SWTT Clovis 1-2:30 PM

*For details on SELL or SWTT meetings email us at CDD-PFEinfo@salud.unm.edu



Welcome to SELL!

CESP and ACRE Updates

ACRE - Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators

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

- *Rachel Sutherlin*
- *Kim LaDuca*
- *Audrey Chaney*
- *and Rebecca Cobos*

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 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 BSharpe@salud.unm.edu.

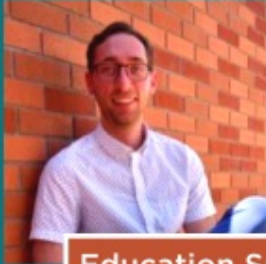


SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TRAINING

March 3, 2021

"What do you mean I can work and still be on Disability?!"

This course provides an overview of the differences between Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).



Wednesday 03/03 | 9-10:30 AM MST

This training has been approved for 1 CEU by the Commission for Rehabilitation Counselor.

*You must register to receive a Certificate of Completion

Education Specialist at Partners for Employment, **Kyle Henderson, MA, CPWIC** will explain how work incentives and safety nets can benefit people who are employed.

**REGISTER
TODAY**

View our complete **Calendar of Events**

Sign up for our Newsletter

Partners for Employment

[Center for Development and Disability](#) | [Partners for Employment](#)