

PARTNERS FOR EMPLOYMENT

Reaching New Heights in Supported Employment Conference







Hello & Welcome

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Together we can help close the gap





Close the gap between employers & individuals with disabilities.

- One of the key focuses on today's workplace is still to create a more equitable workplace for all employees.
- But how much emphasis is being put on learning how to create this type of workplace?
- Employers need to understand the why and how to hire the individuals with disabilities.
- There is a need:

To eliminate unconscious bias from recruitment & workplace practices.

To learn about the person behind the oversimplified label.

- All over the world people with disabilities are working. Any job you can imagine, someone with a disability is performing it successfully.
- Yet employment rates are lower among those with disabilities.



Numbers don't reflect the issue, but does prompt general questions.

Employers

"Are you providing enough opportunities to hire individuals with disabilities?"

Individuals with disabilities "Are you doing enough to get hired?"



Job Seekers:
"Are you doing enough to get hired?"

Need to get support This includes family support Don't do it alone There are many resources Need to get organized Prepare as any job seeker would Disclose with discretion

Employers
"Are you doing enough to hire the individuals with disabilities?"

Need to get rid of outdated misconceptions Address the unconscious biases Seek ways to accommodate Current staff can be a lead – empower them Communication & cooperation is key Embrace the opportunity Improve diversity & inclusion efforts



DWS & AJC OFFICES HELP CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN EMPLOYERS & THE DISABLED EMPLOYEE COMMUNITY.

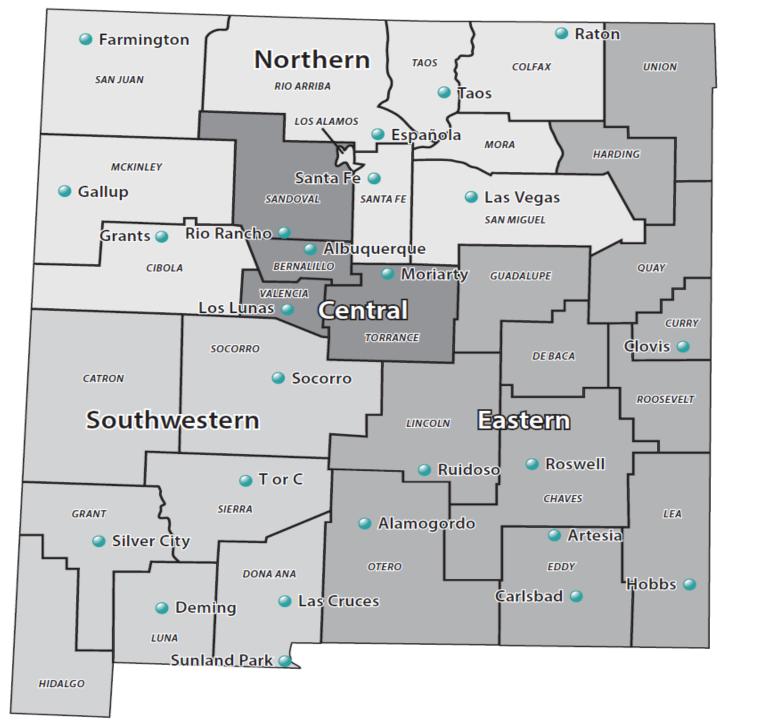
DWS & AJC's integrate disability services with career services and with educational institutions.

Early exposure to career exploration and work experience will help equip individuals with necessary skill.

We foster partnerships and promote awareness about reasonable accommodations.

DWS provides employer training-we can train staff on misconceptions







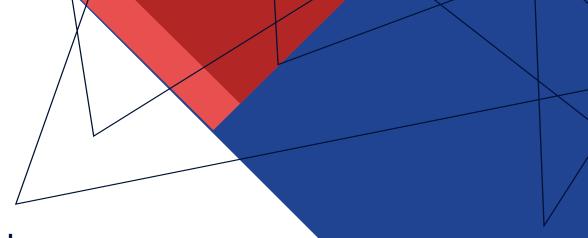
- New Mexico Workforce Connection Center
- Central Area Workforce Development Board
- Eastern Area Workforce Development Board
- ☐ Southwestern Area Workforce Development Board
- ☐ Northern Area Workforce Development Board

Local one stops established to provide a variety of workforce development programs & services

What does our America's Job Center offices do?

We Serve

- Unemployed
- Underemployed
- Youth/Young adults
- Veterans/veteran spouses
- Individuals with disabilities
- Everyone



We Provide

- Assistance with career success
- Center Resources
- Employment Preparation
- Workshops
- Partner Referrals
- Education and Training Opportunities



What we do – the Best Kept Secrets

Employment Preparation

- Career counseling
- Labor Market Information
- Career exploration & planning tools
- Assessments
- Job interview Preparation
- Resume Preparation
- **Job Application Assistance**

Center Resources ADA compliance

- One Stop-Certification
- Language Interpreter Services
- Telephones
- Computers
- Fax and copiers

Job Search

- Job fairs & recruitment events
- Job search assistance
- Job match based on interests & skills

Educational Workshops

- Resume & Interview Skills
- Soft skills
- Job search basics
- Basic computer skills



What we do – the Best Kept Secrets

Education and Training Services

- Funding to cover cost of training
- Serves: Adult, Dislocated Workers and Youth
- Focus on individuals with disabilities and other barriers
- Supportive Services

Types of Training

- Occupational Skills Training
- Pre-Vocational
- Workforce Preparation
- On-The Job Training
- Work Experience
- Pre-Apprenticeship opportunities (16-24)

Tools and Resources Used

- Comprehensive Assessments
- IEPs
- Other Disability Documentation

Types of Supportive Services

- Tools and Supplies
- Uniforms
- Transportation
- Exam Fees



We don't do it by ourselves, we have a network of partners

- WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker
- WIOA Youth
- Employment Services
- Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program
- Reemployment Services and Eligibility Assessments (RESEA) Program
- Veteran Services Program
- New Mexico Works-Wage Subsidy & CareerLink Programs
- Adult Education and Literacy
- NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
- SCSEP (Goodwill)
- Help-NM Community Service Block Grant
- TANF (NM Human Services Department)
- Job Corps
- Unemployment Insurance Program
- Chamber of Commerce
- Business Organizations (SBA & SBDC)
- Economic Development

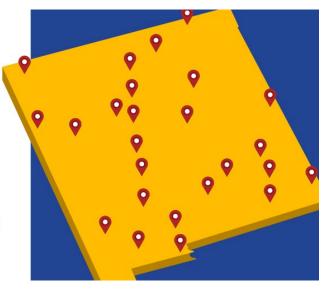


We are committed to helping close the gap between employers and individuals with disabilities. If you have questions about accessibility supports or services, please reach out.



FIND A LOCATION NEAR YOU

Meet friendly staff at America's Job Center New Mexico locations statewide, dedicated to assisting you. Your success is our priority.





Questions?

LET'S DISCOVER WHAT WE CAN DO TOGETHER!







Thank you!

