

# Partners for Employment News & Updates

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Dear Colleagues, Partners and Friends,  
In this season of thanksgiving, Partners for Employment would like to recognize yet another Everyday Hero. Since 2012, Yvette Gonzalez has worked selflessly to make a difference in the lives of the youth in her community.

In this edition of our newsletter, PFE Education Specialist Alex Rios sits down with Yvette Gonzales to learn what giving back means to her. Please enjoy.

## School-to-Work Transition Headlines & Announcements

### Community Spotlight: Everyday Heroes



#### Yvette Gonzales, Impacting Lives

Social Worker and the Transition Coordinator for Special Education,  
Cobre Consolidated School

Yvette Gonzales' years working in public education have been rewarding. Of this she says, "I have the opportunity to work closely with each of my students. I always have an "open-door" policy, which allows every student in the school to come to my office when needed."

[Read Yvette's interview here](#)

## Wise Trainings

## Using Customized Employment to Increase Employment Goals

Thursday, 11/19/20 at 1:00 PM

Join Jenny Crook for an engaging session on how to use customized



employment techniques to increase and meet your employment placement goals. She will be covering the elements of customized employment, best practices for employment professionals, and employer engagement, including tips for COVID-19.

With this training, you will:

- Define customized employment
- Apply a business perspective to job development
- List common business needs

**[Register Today!](#)**

### More of Wise to come

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](#)

Thurs. Jan. 21st 1:00-3:00 PM - [Systematic Instruction \(Covid Specific supports\)](#)

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

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

***Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Social Security Income Training by Kyle Henderson***  
***2 Convenient times in November to accommodate your schedule!***

**Morning session: Wednesday 11/17/20 10:00 AM -[Register here](#)**

**Afternoon session: Thursday 11/18/20 3:00 PM -[Register here](#)**

## CESP and ACRE News and Updates



### ***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 October:

*Congratulations to this exemplary professional!*

## Online Trainings Now Available!

Partners for Employment (PFE) at UNM/CDD has created three new online on-demand training options. You can access the videos at your convenience, 24/7! Registration is required to access the skills check and to receive a certificate of completion. The videos can also be accessed through the [PFE website](#).

- **Employment First in New Mexico:** This course provides an overview of DDSD's Employment First policy in New Mexico. [Register here for the skill check.](#)
- **DDSD and DVR Working Together:** This course provides an overview of accessing supported employment services through the NM Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division and the NM Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. [Register here for the skill check.](#)
- **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). It also explains how work incentives and safety nets can benefit people who are employed. [Register here for the skill check.](#)

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