



2013 Fall Newsletter



October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

Jaime Bordeaux, Service Coordinator

The theme for 2013 is "Because We Are EQUAL to the Task." National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEMA) dates back to 1945 when Congress enacted law declaring the first week in October as "National Employ the Physically Handicap Week." The word physically was removed in 1962 to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of all individuals with disabilities. Congress changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month" in 1988 and expanded the week to a month of awareness activities.

I-REACH 2 Inc. continuously promotes disability employment awareness as a provider of many employment services to our local community. We offer job coaching and development services as a Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) vendor and as a Home & Community Based Waiver provider. We offer in-house piecemeal positions and we operate Felgoodies, a career exploration site. More recently we have been developing volunteer opportunities throughout the Casper community and applying for contract work through SourceAmerica. I-REACH 2 Inc. currently serves 44 individuals and 27 of the individuals in service earn a paycheck; 61% of the individuals we serve. We serve 14 individuals who volunteer on a weekly basis at seven different sites in the community. We serve 15 individuals working at 17 different locations in the community; two individuals work two part-time positions at two different locations. Employment is an integral part of a life's journey and we are proud to be able to offer so many different options to the individuals we serve.

As many of you are aware, the Behavioral Health Division is in the process of revising the Wyoming Home & Community Based Waiver. We are very excited for the changes as they promise to provide additional options in volunteer and employment opportunities for the individuals we serve. An "employment first" philosophy is one of the driving forces behind the changes. Employment increases self-esteem and independence which are both characteristics to self-determination.

We celebrate all of those individuals who are currently employed, looking for employment, the families, case managers, staff and friends who all support the individuals who work and the businesses who employ individuals with disabilities. They have recognized, "We are all EQUAL to the task."

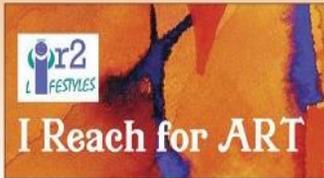
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Upcoming Events

- November 22—
Thanksgiving
Feast
- November 28th—
Day Services
Closed for
Thanksgiving
- December 25th—
Day Services
Closed for
Christmas

I-REACH 2 Inc. would like to thank the following for your support of I-Reach for Art held August 9TH



We would also like to extend a thank you to all who attended and purchased art and silent auction items. We simply couldn't have made this event a success without YOU!

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2013 Live and Silent Auction Purchasers

Billy Meade Shawn Rivett Brian Morrison Jackie King Kathy Bowman Sarah Larsen Joe and Diane McGinley Mary McGill Kent Lundine Jackie Innell Donnie Robinson Bev Bennett Jim Foss Beth Opitz	Kent Lundine Rick McGill Elizabeth Heerd Annie Kepler Deanna Pickering Marla & Peter Wild Bill Schilling Bruce Lawson Janet Mills Dan McGlade Gidget Sansaouie Deb Farris Casey LaMasters Jim Foss	Kathy Bowman Christine Flaherty Sarah Larsen Tim & Val Kulhavy Rocky & Lisa Eades Mark Petrie Nancy Stewart Elise Hawk Kathleen & Tom Thorson Donna Madsen Taylor & Kelsey Schwahn Kathy Bowman Paul Dona Carol Carter	Eric Van Tassel Jim Foss Laura & Phil Nickerson Jennifer Sater Carol Carter Beth Turner Courtney Conley Janet Mills Donny Robinson Jeanne Aro & Rod Kinsley Bruce Lawson Joe Scott John Jorgenson Gary Petley
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Day Services News and Information

Jolene Cummings, Day Services Manager

I-REACH 2, Inc.'s day program continues work towards our Mission by introducing a variety of updated activity options.

Over the course of the summer, participants were able to attend sewing classes, woodworking and cooking class as part of our updated focus of creating a more individualized approach to day service programming.

Participants created one queen size quilt and two hanging quilts that were auctioned off at our fundraising events.

The woodworking group painted and hung new hand rails in the day facility, repainted the kitchen and replaced screen doors at our homes.

Along with teaching basic cooking skills, the class also grew their own garden. The participants used beans, tomatoes, cilantro and zucchini they grew themselves in their recipes.

Participants could also choose courses such as consumer skills; demonstration how to get the best buy for your money; and home care - which teaches procedure for proper laundry care and how to clean and maintain your vacuum.

In addition to increasing the variety of activities and classes we are offering, participants and staff have been volunteering their time and services at the Wyoming Food Bank of the Rockies. Every Tuesday and Thursday, participants and staff complete a variety of tasks which include cleanup, sorting of foods, stacking of pallets, recycling, and building of food boxes for the "Volunteers Weekend". For three to four hours a week, I-REACH 2 has the opportunity to give back to an organization that supports so many and has fun doing it.

During the winter months, the day program will expand our curriculum to include leatherworking and crochet class. We are also going to add a class to help create new menus for our Felgoodies Deli, which is located in the Dick Cheney Federal Building.

Medication Transfers

Lisa Roth, Medication Assistance Trainer/Programming Specialist

Hello- Can you believe it is 3 months until the end of 2013? This year has flown by so fast.

I am writing this to remind our guardians, parents, providers and visitors about I-REACH 2's policy on transferring medications to and from our locations. It is written in our Policy and Procedure Manual that each transfer of medications must have a transfer sheet. This not only protects you as a guardian, parent, provider or visitor, but it protects I-REACH 2 and our staff as well.

When bringing medications to an I-REACH 2 facility or taking them from an I-REACH 2 facility, staff will fill out a transfer sheet that allows them to verify what medications are being transferred. Each residential facility will have transfer sheets that have been filled out with the client's current medications. The staff will ask you to verify the medications on the sheet coincide with the medications in the planner or container. You will

then sign that the medication transfer is correct. I know this may seem tedious but it is very important that we have this verification on file. Please take a few minutes to allow our staff to complete the transfer.

Also, if, at any time, you bring medications to our facilities, there must be a prescription label from the pharmacy or a label with the same information on the container or planner. We cannot accept non-labeled planners or containers. If the

medication is an over the counter medication or a supplement, no label is required but we do ask for written monitoring instructions. Our staff has been trained not to accept planners and containers without labels.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these requests, please feel free to call me.

Thank you all so much for your support of our program. We are here to provide amazing customer service not only to our clients but our stakeholders as well.

Residential News

Heather Nielson and Donna Madsen/Residential Managers

Healthy eating is not about strict nutrition philosophies, staying unrealistically thin or depriving ourselves of the food we love. Rather, it's about feeling great, having more energy, stabilizing your mood and keeping yourself as healthy as possible; all of which has been actively promoted at our homes with participants and staff. Over the course of the summer, participants, along with staff help, have created healthy smart dinner menus mixing protein and whole-grain carbohydrates to satisfy our hunger.

Along with healthy eating, participants have increased their physical activity hiking to the falls, swimming at Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park or competing in different Special Olympic activities, such as: softball, soccer, cycling and bowling.

Due to their new found energy, participants volunteered at the Green Acre Corn Maze and the Food Bank of the Rockies. They also volunteered an evening at Casper Women's Roller Derby for Special Olympics passing out popcorn and selling Special Olympics items.

During the winter months, the homes will be working on increasing independence by creating their own shopping lists for the menus they created as well as mastering laundry care. Participants will continue to volunteer in the community at the Food Bank of the Rockies and the Festival of Trees for Special Olympics.

Waiver Redesign Information

Locations to Attend Information Forums Explaining New Waiver Program

Date	Location	City	Time
10-09-13	LOCATION CHANGE! It will now be at Laramie County Community College 1400 East College Dr. - Center for Conference and Institutes UP Centennial Room	Cheyenne	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-10-13	2011 Fairgrounds Rd, Natrona County Ext Bldg.	Casper	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-14-13	350 Baldwin Creek Rd, Lander Valley H.S. Auditorium	Lander	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-14-13	1 College Way, John Wesley Powell Room, Western WY Community College	Green River	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-15-13	671 W Fetterman St, Senior Center	Buffalo	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-15-13	150 S Washington St, Afton Civic Center	Afton	6:00-7:30 p.m.
10-18-13	Webinar and teleconference - Instructions for accessing	Internet & phone	1:00-3:00 p.m.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE CORNER.....

Employee Anniversaries July through December

Sandy Alexander	2 years
Kristen Allison	2 years
Rob Arrowood	2 years
Christina Burk	8 years
Jacqui Ford	2 years
Alaura Garriott	7 years
Kamie Gettings	1 year
Janet Jenson	2 years
Donna Madsen	10 years
Barb Maluchnik	2 years
Allen McConnell	4 years
Kelly McNally	3 years
Lisa Roth	4 years
Kellie Schmidt	1 year
Mai Kou Thao	2 years
Thomas Trank	1 year
Eric Van Tassel	2 years
Hannah Warner	1 year

Amazing Participant Volunteers!

Tawny, Julie, Michael, Rhonda, Kelly—Life Care
 Cheryl, Sam, Roger—Habitat for Humanity
 Kris K—YMCA
 Liz D—Human Society

Amazing Donors

Below are photos from Thankful Thursday
 Sept 12, 2013

It was a great time!

Thank you Beacon Club, Western Distributing and
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