

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

This newsletter is one of several changes we are implementing aimed at improving communication/connection between the office and staff in the field, including more information sharing between job development and job coaches. I hope that these changes will strengthen the foundation of the SES team.

For the first time ever, SES was forced to cancel both our employee and customer picnic this Summer, two events that I know lots of people look forward to. I am doing my best to determine a responsible/safe way to hold our Holiday Party. I plan to continue the raffle prizes drawing this year. Please send me emails with suggestions for raffle prizes!

I want to acknowledge the outstanding commitment to SES and our customers that you have all demonstrated over the first half of the year. I want to express how valuable it is to have such a dynamic, flexible, and talented team, especially during this tumultuous time. We are all experiencing challenges we never imagined: both professionally and personally, and the future remains uncertain. That being said, I am confident that SES will remain strong and continue to persevere.

Kelly Graves- President

THE EXTRA MILE! SES GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



This month SES would like to highlight a few of our staff members for the exemplary work, and support that they are providing in the field. It is team member contributions such as these that make all the difference in cultivating success in a supported position.

Barry Buchert- Barry has been supporting Robert L. in his new position at Speedway Express. He has proven himself to be a consistent and focused Job Coach. His attention to detail and matter of fact approach to providing Job Coaching services has made for a successful start in this position!

Sandy Adler- Sandy has been supporting Shanna J. in a well established position at Albertson's. However, there has been an important element missing from this job site: A Natural Support Advocate. Sandy was able to cultivate and cement a much needed natural support connection to provide Shanna, her peers, and support staff with information that accurately reflects her awesome work ethic and attitude!

BREAKING NEWS

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) CELEBRATES 30 YEARS!:

The New York Times called the law at the time "the most sweeping anti-discrimination measure since the Civil Rights Act of 1964." Now celebrating it's 30th year of progress and advocacy in access and inclusion.

INDIVIDUALS WITH I/DD HIT HARD BY COVID-19:

Despite regulations barring employment discrimination, even before the pandemic, people with disabilities had an unemployment rate double that of non-disabled people. In June, the unemployment rate for people with disabilities was twice what it was pre-pandemic, at 16.5%.

Naomi Ishisaka- The Seattle Times

LAWSUIT DEMANDS SIGN LANGUAGE AT WHITE HOUSE VIRUS BRIEFINGS:

The lack of American Sign Language interpreters at corona virus briefings violates the First Amendment, the National Association of the Deaf says.

The National Association of the Deaf and five deaf Americans have sued the White House, arguing that the lack of a sign language interpreter at President Trump's corona virus briefings violates the First Amendment.

Aimee Ortiz- The New York Times

CUSTOMERS MILESTONES

- Amber L. had her two year anniversary with MOD Pizza on July, 9th!
- TJ S. just hit his one year mile mark with Sunriver Brewing CO. on July, 11th!
- John S. had his two year anniversary with Sheppard Motors on July, 17th !

NEW JOB STARTS

Ben K.- Recently participated in a working interview at Oregon Roads and accepted a Building Maintenance/ Car Washing position. This position is primarily outdoors and will build up into full-time hours. Ben has participated in Job Development services for close to eight months, and will begin in his new position on Tues. 08/18. Congratulations, Ben!

Robert L.- Began in a pump attendant position with Speedway Express. Robert is a return customer to Job Development services. He has participated in job placement activities since March of 2018. Robert previously applied with Speedway Express earlier in his job search, and after a change in management was able to secure his position. Congratulations, Robert!

Malie S.- Began in a dish washing position with Shari's in July. Malie had been participating in Job Development services for almost 10 months before securing his new job. Prior to this he participated in a working interview with the Relief Nursery, however, a hiring decision was never made due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Congratulations, Malie!

"Employment Services for Business and for Workers with Disabilities"

GET TO KNOW SES IN ALBANY:

The Albany office is currently serving 13 customers. Pre-COVID, we supported 8 people in employment, and are down to two customers that are still working. Two people lost their jobs due to COVID, and additional four were laid off.

JD service has been slow as there are not many people seeking work. Now that our County and VR partners are starting to open up a bit more, we are all excited to get things going again! Most of the contacts have been places like Safeway, Palm Harbor and local eateries. A lot of our local small businesses have closed and/or have very reduced hours.

SES staff have been pulling a lot of shifts. And, the heat has been a challenge. However, staff have proven their resolve, and stuck with it! Their dedication is quite commendable.

JUST FOR LAUGHS



MEET OUR CUSTOMERS!

WHO IS UP NEXT FOR EUGENE JOB DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Lonni O. - Most of us are familiar with Lonnie. He is a charismatic gentlemen who has been working with Chevron as a pump attendant. He is returning to JD services and is looking for a new work opportunity!

Tancy M. - Tancy is returning to JD services due to a long standing lay-off with Head Start. They would like for her to return to work this fall. However, she will be looking for work with a more consistent schedule in the meantime.

Nick C. - Nick is also returning to JD services due to an extended lay-off from his position at Churchill Estates. Although Nick's return to JD services is recent he is currently being considered for a pump attendant position at the Speedway Express in Thurston.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES FOR CUSTOMERS

Virtual Crafting Event- Monroe Public Library:

Hang out and chat with other crafters! Meetups are every 1st Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Crafts are led by library staff or special guests. Craft with items easily found around the home!

Virtual Event URL:

<https://corvallisbenton.librarycalendar.com/event/s/virtual-craft-and-chat-adults-7>

Karaoke Monday/Sunday at The Embers:

Monday, August 24, 2020 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, August 23, 2020 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Located at:

1811 State Hwy 99 N. Eugene, OR

