

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, INC.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hello Team,

SES has been unable to assemble as a team in over a year, and are so pleased that we were able to secure a venue big enough to hold our Staff Appreciation Picnic!! Our staff Appreciation Picnic is on July 10th from 12 pm - 4pm at Armitage Park. SES is excited to get to celebrate in person with our amazing and dedicated employees. Unlike the holiday party, everyone is encouraged to bring your families/friends to the event and participate in great food, bingo, fun and great company. This long awaited celebration and is much needed after all the trials and tribulations of the past year. I would like to thank you for all you do each and every day. Without all of your hard work SES would not be able to fulfill our mission on a daily basis.

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 they provide in the field. Team member contributions such as these make all the difference in cultivating success in a supported position.

This month, SES would like to highlight the services provided by,

Scott - Was recently shown how much he is appreciated by the customers he is supporting; one of the customer made Scott a homemade championship belt for being a champion job coach! This shows how Scott's dedication and overall caring mentality goes beyond supporting his SES team, but to our customers as well.

Anthony - Has shown the value and meaning behind supporting our customers to grow in their independence and skill on the job site. With Anthony's support one our customers was recognized with a Safety Award at her worksite. This recognition provided our customer with a huge boost in self-confidence and well earned appreciation in her employment.

Manto - Has provided emotional support and transportation to a customer who in the past had a rocky connection with her employer. She recently received a glowing review from her supervisory team in a formal capacity. She received rankings on her evaluation of 4s & 5s. This helped her with knowing she is valued and that she is fulfilling her employers expectations.

This months spotlight really show how everything you as job coaches do no matter how small has a great impact on our customers and their overall employment goals. Keep up all the great work you do and remember you are appreciated on so many different levels.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Between June 21st and July 20th we have no employee anniversaries.

BREAKING NEWS

THE MENTOR NETWORK IS DISCONTINUING SERVICES IN OREGON

Mentor Oregon Brokerage is discontinuing services. The Mentor Network will end services in Oregon on August 31, 2021. This closure includes Brokerage services to about 1,200 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. What does this mean? It means that change is coming.

ODDS is reviewing a proposal from the Oregon Support Services Association, an organization that represents Oregon's Brokerages, to cover Mentor's existing brokerage services. They will communicate what comes next once details have been finalized.

It is important to keep in mind that many of our customers receive services and mentorship through The Mentor Network, and may ask you questions about the upcoming changes that will occur. As Support staff's we must be mindful not to speak toward what we do not know. We are not be able to provide accurate information about these changes to our customers at this time, and it can do more harm than good provide speculative answers. If they need to talk to someone please direct them to speak with their Personal Agent.

Understand that some of our customers may experience anxiety around these changes and the lack of information that you can provide. You are encouraged to target your support around helping your customers work through this anxiety and to reassure them that ODDS is working with existing Brokerage services to make this transition as smooth and seamless as possible.

Please reach out for guidance from your supervisor if you have any questions, would like more clarification, or would like tips on how to best support your customers through this transitional time.

Heather Newman- Job Developer

CUSTOMERS MILESTONES

- Rebecca S.** - Will be celebrating his second year anniversary with Bayberry Commons on **06/21/2021!**
- Brain G** - Will be celebrating his first year anniversary with SunRiver Brewing Company on **06/24/2020!**
- Malie S.** - Will be celebrating his first year anniversary with Shari's on **07/6/2020!**
- Amber L.** - Will be celebrating his third year anniversary with MOD Pizza on **07/9/2018!**
- TJ S.** - Will be celebrating his second year anniversary with SunRiver Brewing Company on **07/10/2021!**
- Austin H.** - Will be celebrating his second year anniversary with Wal-Mart on **07/10/2019!**
- John S.** - Will be celebrating his third year anniversary with Sheppard Motors on **07/16/2021!**

NEW JOB STARTS

- **Jesse D.**- Began working at Burger King in a part-time 6 hr per week Rush Support Position! Jesse is currently working Thurs-Sat from 5pm-7pm. He is integrating well into his position and is making wonderful connections with his team. Jesse benefits from continual positive feedback and encouragement and is eager to work and do well in his new position. Congratulations, Jesse!
- **Michael D.**- Also began working in a Rush Support position at Burger King on June, 3rd. He supports the lunch time rush from 12pm-2pm, Thurs-Sat. Michael is full of energy and loves his new position. He is proving to be a positive influence on team moral and is making wonderful connections with his new team. Congratulations, Mike!
- **Michael M.**- Will begin in his new position at Tommy's Paint Pot on June, 28th. This is a part-time Warehouse/Delivery Specialist position. This is a part-time position, Mon-Fri from 8:30am-1:30pm. Michael is responsible for unloading freight, organizing the warehouse and maintaining the appearance of the store front. Congratulations, Michael on your new position!

"Employment Services for Business and for Workers with Disabilities"

GET TO KNOW SES IN ALBANY:

Updates

Amber B. and Nathan K. were able to get back to volunteering at Habitat for Humanity after a small COVID outbreak. Fortunately, they remained healthy (along with SES staff members).

Austin W. is pursuing a Produce Clerk position at Fred Meyer.

Brenda J. & Greg J. received a wage increase at Burger King to \$13.00 per hour.

New customer

Orren B. will be working at BEST that contracts employees for events at OSU. He is also entering into Job Development.

I would like to thank all of the staff members in Albany for their flexibility and dedication. Each one of you is valued for your individual contributions which have helped develop the cohesive team we have. We might be small, but we are mighty!

Deb Smith- Employment Services Coordinator

JUST FOR LAUGHS:

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MEET OUR CUSTOMERS!

WHO IS UP NEXT FOR EUGENE JOB DEVELOPMENT SERVICES?

- **Lonnie O.**- Has participated in Job Development services since 07/2020. He is currently working as a Pump Attendant at Chevron in a position that SES found him in 2019. Lonnie is one of the few Job Placement customers that has a drivers license and is particularly interested in finding a driving position.
- **Rachel P.**- Began in Job Development services in 08/2020. She comes from a retail background. Rachel worked with Goodwill Industries for almost 14 years. She is looking for similar opportunities, including stocking and merchandising.
- **Silas M.**- Started in Job Development services in 11/2020. He came to SES after exiting his transition program. Silas has a general job goal of Laborers/Freight. However is particularly interested in gardening and landscaping and this is his target job search.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

Willamette Lane offers ideas and classes to Stay busy and active with NEW at-home:

https://www.willamalane.org/classes_and_programs/index.php

Linn county Pamplin Media Group offers a variety of virtual events and informative classes:

<https://www.pamplindigitalmedia.com/events/>

Event URL for Eugene/Springfield area:

<https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/events/full-event-calendar/>?

or

<https://wheremindsgrow.org/events>

Events In Albany and surrounding areas go to:

<https://www.albany.com/events/>

or

<https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/parks-recreation-advisory-board-97>

