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Reaching New Heights in Supported Employment

2021 Virtual Conference



Partners for Employment

May 7, 2021

Welcome to the Second Annual Reaching New Heights in Supported Employment Virtual Conference!

The Partners for Employment program at The University of New Mexico's Center for Development and Disability is excited to host an assortment of dynamic speakers, from both the National and State levels, on a variety of topics during the four Fridays in May!

May 14, 2021

The Conference themes are:

- May 7, 2021 - Making Connections
- May 14, 2021 - Breaking Down Barriers
- May 21, 2021 - Innovative Practices
- May 28, 2021 - Professional Development

May 21, 2021

Click on the tabs to the left to learn more and to register for each event. Certificates of Completion will be issued for each registered session attendee.

May 28, 2021

This conference was brought to you at no cost in thanks to our funding partners: the New Mexico Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD) and the New Mexico Public Education Department/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

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Spanish Language Interpreters, American Sign Language Interpreters and Closed Caption will be available during all sessions.

For additional assistance, please contact Lorena Villalovos at lvillalovos@salud.unm.edu.

FRIDAY - MAY 7, 2021

Making Connections

SCHEDULE

8 -8:30 AM

Conference Kick-Off! Welcome and Conference Overview presented by PFE, DDSD and DVR.

8:30 - 10:30 AM

Building Bridges to Community Life, Peter Leidy

12 - 2 PM

Community Mapping Training, Anna Zollinger and Casey Stone-Romero, DDSD

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Collaborating with DD Waiver for Better Student Outcomes in Transitions to Adult Life, Stacey Duskey, HMS

4 - 5 PM

Centennial Care 2.0 - Home and Community Based Long-Term Care Program, Jeannette Gurule, HSD

*** Registration to these events will close on 05/03/21.**

REGISTRATION LINKS

8 AM - Conference Overview and Welcome! Registration is not required. A Zoom link will be provided soon.

8:30 AM - Building Bridges to Community Life

12 PM - Community Mapping

2:30 PM - Collaborating with DD Waiver for Better Student Outcomes

4 PM - Centennial Care 2.0 - Home and Community Based Long-Term Care Program

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Breaking Down Barriers



SCHEDULE

8:30 - 10:30 AM

Benefits Planning Done Right: Lifting New Mexicans with Disabilities Out of Poverty. Ray Cibula, Cornell University

11 AM - 12 PM

Disability, Employment, and Government Benefits: Lived Experiences Panel. Kyle Henderson, PFE

1 - 2 PM

The Business Case for Employing People with Disabilities. Daniel Eckman, DDPC

2:30 - 3:30 PM

Autism+: Increasing Accessibility for All in Our Community Workforce. Lisa Kalburg, AODD

4 - 5 PM

Assistive Technology Solutions for Employment. Jesse Armijo, NMTAP

*** Registration to these events will close on 05/10/21.**

REGISTRATION LINKS

8 AM - Benefits Planning Done Right

11 AM - Disability Benefits Panel

1 PM - The Business Case for Employing People with Disabilities

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Friday - May 21, 2021

Innovative Practices

SCHEDULE

8 - 9 AM

Diverse IT, Building the Workforce of Tomorrow. Melinda Garcia, Meta C. Hirschl, Jordan Robinson, Adelante

9:30 - 10:30 AM

I BEST and the blooming field of Integrated Education!! Daniel Waldo, ENMU

11 AM - 12 PM

Inspire and Prepare The Future to Own Their Economic Success. Lindsay Humphries, JANM

1 - 2 PM

Cultivating Confidence: Building Self-Advocacy in the Workplace. Alex Rios and Chelsea Charion, PFE

2:30 -3:30 PM

Job Corps Career Training and Education Opportunity! Haydee Romero, Job Corps

*** Registration to these events will close on 05/17/21.**

REGISTRATION LINKS

8 AM - Diverse IT, Building the Workforce of Tomorrow

9:30 AM - I BEST & Integrated Education!!!

11 AM - - Inspire and Prepare The Future to Own Their Economic Success

1 PM - New Mexico Training Associates

2:30 PM - Job Corps Opportunity

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FRIDAY - MAY 28, 2021

Professional Development



SCHEDULE

8 -9 AM

ACRE Certification. Dominique Nunez, PFE and Carrie Roberts, PFE

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Now that I am CESP Certified, What's Next? A Guide to Re-certification. Brittany Edwards-Sharpe, PFE

11 AM - 12 PM

Health Matters. Alex Rios, PFE

1:15 - 2:30 PM

Wise: In the Spirit of Employment

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***Registration to these events will close on 05/24/21.**

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8 AM - ACRE Certification.

9:30 AM - Now that I am CESP Certified, What's Next? A Guide to Re-certification.

11 AM - Health Matters

1:15 PM - Wise

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THANK YOU!

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NEW MEXICO STATE PARTNERS

Partners for Employment is a Statewide collaborative to increase competitive and integrated employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our partners include:

- **The University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disability (CDD)**
- **Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD)**
- **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

Our Mission is to build capacity by providing training, technical assistance and opportunities for networking and collaboration.

We work with state agency personnel, supported employment service providers, educators, family members, self-advocates and employers to advance promising practices for inclusive employment throughout New Mexico.



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