



Easter Seals Posey County

Serving Posey County since 1984

Summer 2016 Newsletter

News and information for persons with disabilities and their families, friends and employers



2016 Schedule

September 2016

Sept. 5 - Labor Day - Workshop CLOSED
 Sept. 11 - Patriot Day
 Sept. 17 - 18 - Kunstfest New Harmony, IN
 Sept. 20 - 26 - National Rehab Awareness Week
 Sept. 22 - Fall Begins

October 2016

Disability Employment Awareness Month
 Down Syndrome Awareness Month
 Oct. 10 - Columbus Day
 Oct. 31 - Halloween

November 2016

National Diabetes Month
 National Alzheimer's Disease Month
 Nov. 6 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Turn Your Clocks BACK 1 Hour
 Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day
 Nov. 24 - 25 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Workshop CLOSED

Smile on Downs Poker Run

On August 27, 2016,

ESPC was once again a host location for the American Thunder Poker Run for S.M.I.L.E. on Downs. The riders started out at Lowes on Evansville's westside, making stops at Busler's, ESPC, Jacob's Village and then ending back at Lowes. There was a celebration with lots of good food, a live band, clowns and best of all Star Wars characters! Thanks to American Thunder of Mt. Vernon for another fantastic event!



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES WITH ESPC

Rehabilitation Coordinator/Production

Easter Seals Posey County is looking for a reliable team player to work in an industrial setting supervising persons with disabilities.

Qualifications:

High school diploma or G.E.D. and a valid driver's license. Some background in Industrial Services, working with persons with disabilities, and some fork truck experience and/or capabilities. Safety consciousness is essential. Must meet eligibility to work on site at SABIC, pass physical for production work and be available to work the Saturday SABIC rotation. SABIC Innovative Plastics is a major manufacturing facility in Mt. Vernon, IN. Easter Seals Posey County provides part time employees to work in their warehouse.

Traits Desired: Good interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills. Respectful of all persons regardless of position. Efficient in planning and organizing; accurate and thorough; safety and security conscious; punctual and dependable.

Physical requirements: Ability to assist clients in activities including kneeling, crouching, reaching and bending. Ability to lift and transfer, with assistance, individuals who weigh up to 250 lbs.. Ability to push large adults in wheelchairs. Ability to lift 70 lbs. occasionally and 40 lbs. routinely.

References, background checks, physical and TB test required.

EOE/M/F/Vet/Person with disability

PLEASE SEND RESUME TO:

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You may also come in to our office to complete an application or go to our website: www.easterseals.com/in-sw to submit an online application.



New Frontiers Employment Services (NFES) News

We Accept Ticket to Work Clients

Ticket to Work is a Social Security Administration program for individuals who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and want to get back into the workforce. This program is locally managed by Easter Seals Posey County (ESPC) through a designation called an Employment Network (EN). As an EN, ESPC can assist individuals with determining a work goal, writing a comprehensive résumé, improving interview skills, applications and interviews, and follow along during employment to ensure continued success.

The idea behind the Ticket to Work program is for individuals to eventually work their way off of Social Security benefits. This is accomplished through the use of available work incentives that help individuals test their work skills and stamina while still receiving benefits. ESPC has an accredited staff to explain these work incentives to beneficiaries.

By participating in the Ticket to Work program individuals can learn how to get and keep a job, increase their income, explore work options, build their self-esteem, and feel more confident.

If you or someone you know receives either SSDI or SSI benefits and would like more information about the Ticket to Work program, please contact Cindy Eaton, Employment Services Case Manager at Easter Seals Posey County by calling 812-838-0636.

New Faces at ESPC



Kim Baker

Kim started with ESPC as
Rehab Coordinator in

May 2016

Welcome Kim!



Jim Harris

Jim started with ESPC as
Rehab Coordinator / Truck
Driver in June 2016

Welcome Jim!



Kristen Ries

Kristen started with ESPC
as Rehab Coordinator in

September 2016

Welcome Kristen!

WORK CENTER ACTIVITIES

Cooking Class

In August our cooking class learned to prepare cheesy squash casserole. The clients helped to prepare the ingredients by shredding the squash, crushing the crackers and slicing onion. Everyone enjoyed getting their hands messy and watching the recipe come together and of course, eating the reward for their hard work!



Cheesy Squash Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 6 medium yellow summer squash, thinly sliced
- 1 large Vidalia onion, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 sleeve crackers, crushed medium to fine (recommended: Ritz)

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a 2-quart casserole dish. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Saute the squash, onion, and butter until soft. Transfer to a bowl and stir in the Parmesan, Cheddar, and sour cream. Add salt and pepper, to taste. Place in the prepared casserole dish and sprinkle the cracker crumbs evenly over the top. Bake for 20 minutes or until the top is golden and bubbly.

Worker of the Month

Easter Seals Posey County

May 2016 - Adam K.

June 2016 - Tim W.

July 2016 - Margie B.

Every month one of our worker is awarded the *Worker of the Month* award. Supervisors vote on who they believe is the *Worker of the Month*. The supervisors rate them on attendance, attitude, willingness to follow directions, working up to their abilities, relationships with others in the work center, number of injury reports, overall safety awareness, personal hygiene, and willingness to assume new responsibilities.

In our next cooking class, clients prepared delicious tacos! They learned to cook the beef mixture and then fill the taco shells and add lettuce and cheese on top. We made hard shell tacos as well as taco salads in bowl shells. Yum!



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Mission Statement

Assist persons with disabilities to realize their goals of living, learning, and working in the community.

Get on the List

Get on the email mailing list and receive important information about upcoming events, facility closings, schedule changes, and information about daily activities at Easter Seals Posey County.

Email Jerilyn Erwin at jerwin@pcrsinc.org or call 838-0636 to be added.

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Advisory Board 2016

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A United Way Agency

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New Frontiers Employment Services

a division of
Easter Seals Posey County

Serving individuals in Posey,
Vanderburgh, & Warrick Counties

Our Mission

To help people with disabilities and disadvantages to realize their full potential and achieve their personal and vocational goals.

New Frontiers Employment Services has been accredited by CARF for the following Community Employment Services:

- Job Development
- Job Supports
- Job Site Training

ARE YOU READY TO WORK?

We accept



clients!



Easter Seals Posey County (formerly Posey County Rehab Services) has been providing job opportunities and meaningful day activities to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Posey County since 1984. We have a 7,000 square foot Production Area, warehouse space, a fleet of vehicles, and an amazing workforce that is ready and willing to serve you. In addition to paper shredding services, our capabilities include sorting, packaging, assembly of products, and performing recycling tasks.