



Easter Seals Posey County

Serving Posey County since 1984



Winter 2016 Newsletter

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



2016 Schedule

February 2016

- American Heart Month
- National Black History Month
- Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day
- Feb. 8 - Valentine Luncheon @ Harvestime Church, 11:30-2:00
- Feb. 13 - Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics
- Feb. 13 - Valentine Dance @ Moose Lodge, 12:00-3:00
- Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 - President's Day
- Feb. 25 - Visit from Mesker Park Zoo

March 2016

- National Women's History Month
- March 12 - Daylight Savings Time - Turn Clocks Forward 1 Hour!
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 25 - Good Friday - Workshop CLOSED
- March 27 - Easter

April 2016

- Autism Awareness Month
- April 1 - April Fool's Day
- April 15 - Tax Day
- April 22 - Earth Day

Congratulations Jackie! Welcome Aboard Chris Imes



January 8, 2016 marked the end of 16 years of hard work and devotion with Easter Seals of Posey County for our Director, Jackie Verville. A retirement party was given in her honor on January 6, 2016 with many coworkers and board members stopping by to wish Jackie well in

this new exciting chapter of her life. Jackie and her husband Tom plan to relocate to Florida to spend some quality time with their grandchildren. Join us in thanking Jackie for all she has done in building our wonderful programs and wish her much happiness in her new adventures!

We also welcome Chris Imes to the Easter Seals of Posey County family as our new Director and Vice President. Chris is an Evansville native and currently resides in Newburgh with his wife and three sons. Chris earned a Master's Degree in Family Life from Concordia University in Nebraska. We're glad to have him on our team!

INDIANA BICENTENNIAL

In celebration of the State of Indiana's Bicentennial in 2016, The Garden Club of Indiana is encouraging citizens and communities to plant blue and gold flowers as a tribute to our state flag. Some flower suggestions are cornflower, pansy, petunia, salvia, marigold, mums, snapdragon, zinnia, sunflower and Dahlberg daisy. What a great idea for celebrating Indiana's 200th Birthday!



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New Frontiers Employment Services (NFES) News

Success Stories

Allison's Story

Allison Oeth began working with New Frontiers Employment Services (NFES) in June of 2013. Allison had worked with another placement program and had been placed in a position that involved customer interaction. As an individual with Pervasive Developmental Disorder, a part of the Autism Spectrum Disorder, working in constant contact with people did not work for her. She came to NFES with the hope that she would be placed in a job that was a better fit. NFES staff worked with Allison for months, getting to know her, her skills, her likes and dislikes, and what works for her and what does not work for her. The better job fit came in July 2014 when Allison was placed at West River Health Campus working in the laundry. Allison has been in this position since that time and, in January 2016, received a \$250 award for Perfect Attendance in 2015. Her mother, Kathy, told her Employment Specialist/Job Coach, Donna Kohlmeyer, "Your encouragement and support has been such a big part of this achievement. I so much appreciate your work with her." NFES staff is very proud of Allison's hard work and her achievement. Congratulations, Allison!

Kendra's Story



Kendra Kirkwood, who was diagnosed with a moderate intellectual disability, has worked with NFES staff since October 2012. Kendra had not worked before and was very shy and reserved. She was placed in a position that fall that would work for her in terms of her skills, but the hours and the uncertainty of the work schedule did not work for her. Kendra was then placed at Sodexo as a dishwasher/utility person. In this position, Kendra blossomed into a confident worker, so much so that she has since been moved from being strictly a dishwasher/utility person to working on the line of Cyclone Salads at USI, serving the students, faculty, and staff. Kendra interacts with everyone and everyone likes her to the point of asking for her when she is working.

On January 12, 2016 Kendra received recognition as Sodexo's November Employee of the Month. She was featured on WFIE-14's Hometown Pride segment aired on January 15. Kendra's mother indicated on the segment that she never thought Kendra would receive such an award due to the many struggles she has had to endure during her young life. Kendra's accomplishments mean the world to Kendra, her family, her Sodexo supervisors and co-workers, and to NFES staff. Kendra has come a long way from the insecure girl to the confident young woman she is now. Congratulations, Kendra!



Please welcome Keith Lender to Easter Seals Posey County / NFES! Keith has been employed with NFES since November 2015. Prior to becoming a Job Coach with NFES, Keith had one year in the Vocational Rehabilitation program with a Ft. Wayne provider. Keith also has seven years of experience as a Technical Career and Training Instructor for Job Corps students. Keith has served the community in the past as a member of the Knight Township Volunteer Fire Department and currently is a Freemason of the Reed Lodge, a Noble with the Hadi Shrine and is a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Keith has his California Teaching Certification from San Diego Community College and was a Certified Master Trainer and Recruit Company Commander in the US Navy from which he retired after 23 years of service as a Chief Petty Officer.

WORK CENTER ACTIVITIES

Halloween Party 2015
Oct. 30, 2015

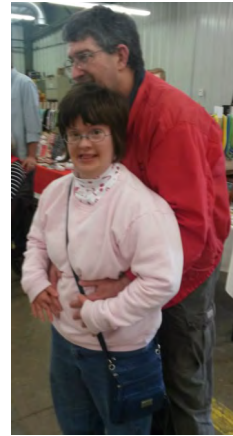


Worker of the Month

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October 2015 - Zack D.
November 2015 - Chris C.
December 2015 - Cooper T.

Every month one of our workers 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.



Christmas Party 2015
Dec. 15, 2015



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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Mission Statement

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



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New Frontiers Employment Services

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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.