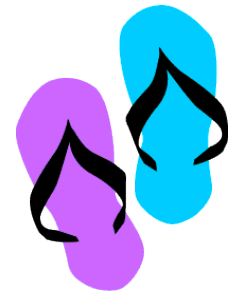




Easter Seals Posey County

Serving Posey County since 1984



Summer 2015 Newsletter

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



2015 Schedule

June 2015

June 14 - Flag Day

June 21 - Father's Day

July 2015

July 3 - Workshop Closed in observance of Independence Day

July 4 - Independence Day

July 17 - New Harmony Nature Center Outing

August 2015

National Family Fun Month

August 2 - American Family Day

September 2015

Sept. 7 - Labor Day - Workshop Closed

Sept. 11 - Stand Up to Cancer Day

Sept. 21 - International Day of Peace

Arts in Harmony



The "Arts in Harmony" festival was held in New Harmony the first weekend of May. We had a booth inside Ribeyre Gym where we displayed and sold artwork made by our clients and

some of our volunteers. This year we featured a couple of new items, namely tee shirt necklaces and Christmas wreaths and swags

made with shatterproof ornaments. To make some of the tee shirt scarfs clients would apply a unique dying technique to strips of white tee shirt fabric and incorporate them with solid colors strips to create a unique necklace. Em-



bellishments made of beads, decorative pins and fabric flowers were

added to some necklaces as well. A special thank you is extended to all our Board members that volunteered to man the booth that weekend!



Like a welcome summer rain,
humor may suddenly cleanse
and cool the earth, the air and
you.

~Langston Hughes



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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.



ESPC NEW EMPLOYEES!!



Sheri Wilsey

Easter Seals of Posey County would like to take this opportunity to introduce our two newest staff additions. Sheri Wilsey joined our team in December 2014 as a Rehab Coordinator. Originally from Noblesville, IN, she is now a New Harmony, IN resident. Sheri owned her

own hair salon for 20 years before coming to ESPC. She is married with two daughters. Welcome Sheri!

Bobbi Slocum joined our team in May 2015 as a Rehab Coordinator / Truck Support. She is a resident of Mt. Vernon, IN and previously worked in the cafeteria at Mt. Vernon Senior High School. Bobbi is married with two sons. Welcome Bobbi!



Bobbi Slocum

WORK CENTER ACTIVITIES

Visitors

On April 23, Farmer Joe from Seton Harvest came to the workshop. Farmer Joe talked to us about gardening tips and talked about their facility. Then



on May 28, we visited the Seton Harvest Farm and Farmer Joe to



see his garden. Boy his garden is huge and is it ever gorgeous! Everyone needs to visit. It is wonderful.

Seton Harvest is a community supported agriculture initiative sponsored by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. The certified naturally grown farm uses the land in a just and environmentally conscious way by sharing locally grown food with shareholders and persons who are financially poor and hungry in our community.

In 2013, Seton Harvest harvested 47,594 pounds of produce with

10,481 pounds of produce going to many shelters, food banks and church pantries. A portion of each week's harvest goes directly to nearly a dozen different charities serving the poor and hungry including: Ozanam Family Shelter, St. Vincent Day Care Evansville Christian Life Center and many others. Since their first growing season in 2006, Seton Harvest has donated over 69,000 pounds of fresh naturally grown produce.

Farmer Joe was kind and brought us several items to grow in our garden: bok choy, cabbage, broccoli, lettuce, several tomato plants and zucchini



plants.

Also a thank you to Nancy Nelson for connecting us with Farmer Joe. What a great friend we have made!



Worker of the Month

Easter Seals Posey County

January 2015 - Kristina W.

February 2015 - Karla F.

March 2015 - Bridget N.

April 2015 - Matthew H.

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.

Cooking Class

During the ESPC Cooking Class, the clients used produce from our own garden to create a dish. They picked bok choy and green peppers to make a yummy slaw. We have lots of vegetables growing in the gardens including tomatoes, zucchini, green peppers, broccoli, squash, bok choy and lettuce. So who knows what the clients will be cooking up next!



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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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.