

THE WORK SHEET

Employment happenings in Utah for our peeps.

The Employment Partnership results in agencies collaborating and coordinating their policies, resources, services, and training to more effectively serve individuals with disabilities to achieve their employment goals.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Association for Independent Living in Utah (AILU) met with the American Red Cross to assess mass sheltering needs (including people with disabilities) A list is being developed that includes contact information for city and county emergency managers, Independent Living Centers,

DSPD and Mental Health. The Red Cross will provide individual and group/ organization trainings. On 9/22/12 there will be a Red Cross Shelter Boot Camp where the public will see what a shelter situation looks like, what is or is not provided and whether the Red Cross is

able to meet existing needs. Ready Rating is a Red Cross program that helps businesses, schools and organizations become prepared for disasters and other emergencies. You can view more at www.readyrating.org For additional information contact Carol Ruddell.

OCTOBER

Is Disability Employment Awareness Month . . . What can YOU do in October? Contact Carol with suggestions.

Ideas from the Office of Disability Employment Policy at <http://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/>

INTERAGENCY OUTREACH TRAINING INITIATIVE

The Interagency Outreach Training Initiative (IOTI) is gathering input for priorities for the 2014 grant cycle. Please contact your agency representative or Al Romeo (alromeo@utah.gov) by September 14th to share your thoughts about new or recur-

ring gaps, needs or challenges in the system of services for people with disabilities. The IOTI grant supports inter-agency, statewide training projects. They are looking for innovative, sustainable possibilities that serve people with disabilities and professionals.

EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP

MEMBERS: In case you wondered . . .

- Individuals with disabilities
- Parents and Advocates
- Utah State Office of Rehabilitation
- USOR Employer Relations
- USOR Benefits Planning
- Department of Workforce Services
- Utah State Office of Education, Special Education
- Division of Services for People with Disabilities
- Division of Medicaid and Health Financing
- Utah Independent Living Council
- Division of Substance Abuse & Mental Health
- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
- Division of Community and Family Health Services
- Bureau of Children with Special Health Care Needs
- Easter Seals Goodwill Northern Rocky Mntn
- Utah Parent Center
- Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities
- Utah Association of Community Services
- UBET/Chamber of Commerce
- Governor's Office of Economic Development
- Utah Developmental Disabilities Council
- USU Center for Persons with Disabilities
- Legislative Coalition for People with Disabilities
- Work Ability Utah

BRIEF UPDATES

Sharon Cook is headed to jail 8/23 for MDA Help at http://www2.mda.org/site/TR?px=1352882&fr_id=2985&pg=personal

Two must see video clips <http://www.fastcocreate.com/1681237/meet-the-superhumans-in-this-ass->

kicking-paralympics-spot http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEcULfa_Mg
Employment First has developed a rubric for agencies to begin the process of self-evaluation.
USOE is offering Transition Summits to cross train VR and

Educators
Outdoor Retailers—Easter Seals Goodwill is interested in being the non-profit agency "of record" for the OR show booth
Friends Who Care downloadable curriculum from the Easter Seals website www.easterseals.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * 9/11 Employer Workshop, Leah www.usetp.org
- * 9/22 Carnival for Autism www.sarahacares.net or call 801-298-7724
- * 9/22 NAMI Walk www.namiwalks.org/utah
- * 9/24-26 Employment Specialist Training, Clearfield
- * 9/29 Catholic "Can Do" Mass, 2 p.m. St. Francis of Assisi Church, Orem
- * 10/2 Work Ability Career Exploration and Job Fair, Leah,
- * 10/12 Golden Key Awards,
- * 10/18 Meet your Candidate Ogden, LCPD/ILC's (Kris)
- * 10/23 Meet your Candidate Provo, LCPD/ILC's (Kris)
- * Got an event or announcement? Email Carol Ruddell. Check the Work Ability website calendar for details about these and more events www.workabilityutah.org

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Next Employment Partnership meeting September 6, 2012

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