October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

Did you know October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)? NDEAM offers opportunities to celebrate the many contributions of America's workers with disabilities. To learn more about NDEAM and some of the many other resources available, visit: US Department of Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy - https://www.dol.gov/odep/topics/ndeam/.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development; Vocational Rehabilitation Services - https://mn.gov/deed/job-seekers/disabilities/
Minnesota Vocational Rehabilitation Services provides a wide variety of counseling, training, job skills, and job placement services.

Disability Solutions - www.disabilitysolutionstalent.org Disability Solutions at Ability Beyond is a national, non-profit consulting practice working with corporate leaders to leverage the engagement of talented jobseekers with disabilities. Here you can search for open jobs posted from employers looking to hire people with disabilities.

CAREERwise; Services for People with Disabilities - https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/guide/disabilities/index.html
CAREERwise provides employment resource information on programs, products, and services for people with disabilities.

Minnesota Department of Human Services - https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/people-with-disabilities/ The Minnesota Department of Human Services strives to help people live as independently as possible so they can continue to be a part of the communities in which they live.

Disability Benefits 101 - https://mn.db101.org/
Disability Benefits 101 gives you tools and information on health coverage, benefits, and employment.

Administration for Community Living (ACL) - https://www.acl.gov/ The mission of ACL is to “Maximize the independence, well-being, and health of older adults, people with disabilities across the lifespan, and their families and caregivers.”

UPCOMING EVENTS AND JOB FAIRS

Looking for a job? Career fairs offer a great opportunity to connect with employers. They could lead to a job interview, expand your network, or result in a job on the spot. For more information, including a list of employers and locations, visit http://mn.gov/deed/jobfairs.

Upcoming WorkForce Center Job Fairs

Wednesdays; October 3rd, 17th, and 31st
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Burnsville WorkForce Center (2800 County Road 42 W)

Tuesday, October 16th
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
West St. Paul WorkForce Center (1 Mendota Road W, Suite 170)

Thursdays; October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Shakopee WorkForce Center (752 Canterbury Road S)
Have you checked out Traitify? Traitify is a visual personality assessment tool that recommends careers, jobs and areas of education based on personality and preference data while providing immediate results in approximately 90 seconds. The Dakota-Scott Workforce Development Board launched Traitify in April of 2018, setting a goal of 2000 users by the end of July 2019 (15 months). Information about Traitify’s availability has been shared with various county departments, community organizations, and service providers resulting in meeting/exceeding the 2000 user goal within the first 5 months of the launch! One user stated, “This assessment is SOO simple and easy. I think it has high value/reach to so many different populations including ELL speakers, people with a disability, youth, and more.”

Traitify is free to residents of Dakota and Scott Counties and accessible on any mobile device, tablet or desktop computer. For more information about Traitify, contact Amber Higgins at amber.higgins@co.dakota.mn.us or #651-554-6875.

WORKSHOPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

Did you know…the WorkForce Centers offer job search classes at multiple locations? In addition to offering classes at the WorkForce Centers in West St Paul, Burnsville, and Shakopee, staff also present workshops at several libraries in Dakota County (locations vary by month). Workshops include Resume Rescue/Resume How To’s, Interviewing, and Cover Letters to name a few. These workshops are free and open to any and all job seekers.

Register online at: www.mn.gov/deed/dakotascottworkshops

NOW HIRING

www.minnesotaworks.net – Minnesota’s largest free online job bank. Post your resume and search for jobs by matching keywords in your resume to keywords in job postings. You may also search by occupation/keyword or by location.

NOW HIRING - Recently Posted – Locations in Dakota & Scott Counties

Allina Health  https://jobs.allinahealth.org/
Aramark  https://careers.aramark.com/ListJobs/All/Search/state/mn/
Anthem  https://careers.antheminc.com/
BTD  http://www.btdmfg.com/employment
CVS Health  https://jobs.cvshealth.com/
Dakota County  https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Government/Jobs
Pepsi  http://Pepsi5.CandidateCare.com
Presbyterian Homes  https://careers-preshomes.icims.com/jobs/intro
Scott County  https://www.scottcountymn.gov/834/Employment
Target  https://corporate.target.com/careers/
UTC  http://www.utc.com/Careers/Work-With-Us/Pages/default.aspx