



Community News Article –Lakeside Curative Services – March 26, 2013

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Setting the Standard for Excellence

Lakeside Curative Services (LCS) is setting the standard not only in Wisconsin, but nationally for demonstrating commitment to offering best practices in community employment for individuals with disabilities. Recently, LCS Employment Specialists, Angeline Markiewicz, Lorie Miller, Nina Blaisdell and Sue McKeown, were among the first in the nation to become Certified Employment Services Professionals (CESP). The Certified Employment Support Professional (CESP) credential is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated an essential level of knowledge and skill necessary to provide exceptional integrated employment support services. Individuals who earn the CESP credential have demonstrated knowledge of the skills necessary to help expand equitable - community based employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

This national certification was earned through the completion of a rigorous exam developed by The Employment Support Professional Certification Council (ESPCC). Certification was developed for job coaches, job developers, transition teachers, job placement personnel, employment specialists/consultants and others who provide employment support services to individuals with a variety of disabilities (including intellectual, mental health, physical and other disabilities). Being certified increases professional credibility, opens the door to new employment opportunities for people with disabilities, fulfills personal and professional career goals, as well as provides greater assurance of safety and efficacy for the individuals served by employment support professionals. Congratulations to Angel, Lorie, Nina, and Sue on this extraordinary achievement.

Spread the Word - Put an End to the “R – Word”

The advent of spring reminds us of the importance of working together, as a community, to *spread the word to end the Word*. This is something that LCS takes very seriously. The word being referred to is the “R- word” or specifically the word retard (ed). This movement is a youth driven and membership is comprised of youth with and without intellectual disabilities. *Spread the Word* is supported by Special Olympics and Best Buddies International. The initiative is important because respectful language is essential in order for all individuals to have equal regard in their community and to draw attention to the fact that many individuals with intellectual disabilities are hurt and offended by the use of the R-word. Please take the time to inform others and raise awareness that the “R-word” isn’t humorous, it isn’t a joke and share the fact that it is hurtful to many people.

Future Events

Please join LCS on May 10 from noon until 3:00 p.m. as we open the LCS greenhouse doors to the public for our annual Pansy Day Sale. There will be flowers for sale as well as herbs and garden art for the discerning collector and gardener. All flowers and art are grown and/or designed by day service participants. Please join us for an afternoon of fresh air, beautiful flowers and outsider art all of which make delightful personal or wonderful Mother's Day gifts.

Please mark your calendars for June 21...this is the date for this year's annual LCS - Hot Dog Day. The event is locally famous for its delicious food, fun games, and for the best silent auction of the season. Hot Dog Day 2013 promises to deliver the same exceptional family friendly event that it has in previous years. This year the Klement's Racing Sausages will make appearances and great music to listen and dance to will abound plus new games and other opportunities for fun will take place. Hot Dog Day will be held on the grounds of LCS at 2503 Lincolnwood Ct. Please contact Jill at 262-598-0098 for details about this year's event.

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