



Partners for Employment (PFE) Enhancing competitive and unified occupations for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Who we are:

- ❑ Partner with employers statewide; providing training, technical assistance and prospects for networking and collaboration. Working with state agency personnel, supported by employment services providers, educators, family members, self-advocates, and employers to advance practices for inclusive employment throughout New Mexico

Partners

- ❑ **University of New Mexico Center for Development and Disabilities (CDD)**
- ❑ **Department of Health's Development Disability Support Division (DDSD)**
- ❑ **Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)**

Programs

- ❑ **College of Employment Services (CES)**
 - Support individuals with intellectual development disabilities. 15 Week online course outlined by the Association of Community Rehabilitation Educator's and the Certified Employment Support Professional exam. Cohorts are online; 67 professionals.
 - Free online courses that Combination of real-time and online training with a requirement of 4 live sessions.
 - In 2020 7 cohorts, 87 professionals trained

Programs

- ❑ **Project SEARCH**
 - Initiated in 2013, year to school-to work internship for youth ages 18-22.
 - Program is hosted by business and full collaboration between local school districts, New Mexico Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR), NM Department of Health/Developmental Disabilities Supports Division (DDSD), and UNM Center for Development and Disability Partners for Employment (UNM CDD PFE).
 - 10-week rotations in a year
 - Goal to obtain employment by the end of internship
 - Current agencies: UNM Hospital, Embassy Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, City of Farmington Municipal Services, Presbyterian Rust Medical Center, Las Cruces Project SEARCH, City of Farmington Project SEARCH, Pueblo of Pojoaque and Holloman Air Force-Alamogordo
- ❑ **School-to-work Transition (SWT)**
 - Works with PFE in New Mexico communities supporting local employment for locally
 - Family Transition Resource Guide: resources for families, advocates, teachers, and mentors supporting transition of youth with disabilities to adulthood.
 - School –to work- training and conferences

Programs

❑ Training & Courses

- Free online courses from the Institute for Community Inclusion's College of Employment Services. Blended format online and live discussion.
- Employment First in New Mexico-overview of DDSD Employment First policy in New Mexico two courses
- Working with DDSD and DVR –three courses

❑ Reaching New Heights Conference

- Annual conference brings together professionals in the field to learn new ideas and networking. Topics covered best practices in supported employment and school-to-work transition, along with innovative programming and sharing local resources.

❑ Community of Practice Portal

- Shared space to share ideas and network with fellow colleagues.



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