

WI Employment First Partners

Creating Change One Community at a Time

2016 WI Employment First Conference



What Is Employment First?

- Believing that everyone can work in the community for regular pay - even people with significant disabilities
- Having support to work in the community
- Having Policies and Practices in Place to Achieve this



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Grant Requirements

- Outreach Events with EF Message
- Develop EF Ambassadors
- Take Your Legislator to Work Visit



EF Partner Panelists

- Wendy Jacobs - Luxemburg-Casco High School
- Nicole Gripentrog - Medford High School
- Sheryl Brusse - RCS Empowers, Sheboygan
- Angel Markiewicz - LCS, Racine
- Bobbie Joe Day and Alicia Wittmus - Curative Connections, Green Bay

Luxemburg-Casco High School



- Business Tours
- Parent information session
- Career Fair
- EF Ambassador

Medford High School



- Produced a Video
- Presentations to Businesses and Service Clubs
- Community Conversation
- My Child Can Work Parent Session
- 5 EF Ambassadors

RCS Empowers

- Employer Recognition Luncheon
- Poster campaign
- Business to Business Outreach and Networking (through RCS Business Advisory Board)
- Information event on Integrated Employment for individuals with disabilities and their family members
- Event to connect people with disabilities to their legislators and elected officials



LCS Racine

- EF Community Action Team
- Public Service Announcements
- Business Event in June
- Presentations to Rotary, Kiwanis, RAMAC, Kenosha Chamber, etc.
- Share success stories



Curative Connections

- Employer Roundtable Event
- Parent/Guardian Event
- Presentations to community employer groups



Questions?

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