



February Update

Message From the President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It appears yesterday's warmth will be short-lived with more snow and cold on the way. But, spring is definitely around the corner!

Do you need your ACRE Employment Specialist Credential? Our annual ACRE class is scheduled for March 19-23, 2018 at the Calumet Club in Augusta. We still have a few seats available. For more information and registration [please see](#).

We are considering adding an additional Fading and Natural Supports in the Workplace topical training in the spring and need to know if there is enough interest. Please let me know if you might be interested (debbie@syntiro.org).

Also, we are seeing an increased interest in our employment trainings by educators. In fact, since community rehabilitation providers are struggling to find Job Coaches, we are excited about the opportunities for Ed Techs and others who work in schools to cross-train and become certified to work part time during the school year and summers.

- Do you work in schools with children with disabilities?
- Are you interested in summer employment or part time after school and weekend employment?

There are many opportunities to pick up part or full-time

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Education & Events

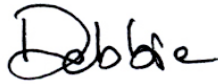


[WDS Training Calendar](#)

Our statewide calendar of events provides information regarding upcoming ACRE Employment Specialist certification opportunities,

summer employment across the state! For more information about the Job Coach Credential point your browser <http://www.syntiro.org/job-coach-credential.html> or contact (debbie@syntiro.org).

Best,



Debbie

Syntiro Staff & Board

Syntiro Board Spotlight

Jean Roesner

When you ask Jean what she teaches, her automatic response is kids. After 16 years of teaching at Maranacook Community High School, Jean commits herself to doing what is best for her students each and every day. The best part of Jean's job is being an advisor, where she can help kids learn more about themselves and their post secondary dreams through relationship building, conversation, and encouragement. Jean wouldn't tell you herself, but she was invited to the Governor's Academy for STEM education, presented at the National Science Teacher's Annual Conference on Education, and has developed innovative ways for teachers to collaborate in order to improve practice within RSU 38. Jean has also served on the College Access Team at RSU 38 and has worked with Maine College Circle to increase post secondary planning awareness for district students grades 5-8. Jean currently resides with her family in Readfield, Maine. She enjoys finding ways to support work within her community, traveling, and spending time with her family.



advanced topical trainings and webinars.

Upcoming Events

03/08/2018

[Webinar 7 -Employment for People Who Have Legal Histories](#)

03/19 - 03/23/2018

[Approved Basic Employment Services Certificate Training: With an Emphasis on Customized Employment](#)

04/10/2018

[Advanced Work and Benefits Navigation for Employment Specialists - Portland](#)

04/13/2018

[Advanced Work and Benefits Navigation for Employment Specialists - Fairfield](#)

Syntiro Staff Highlight

Noelle Federico

Noelle has previously worked with many different education grants including roles such as Data Entry Specialist and Program Assistant for a GEAR UP Partnership Grant. Before coming to Syntiro she was Site Coordinator for a 21st Century Grant. Noelle has lived in Maine her whole life and enjoys spending time with her family, reading, and camping.



News & Events



At MaineCAN we are looking forward to working with schools in Maine to support them, and their students, during the summer. As you may know, summer can be a critical time for students who are first in their family to go to college. Class registration, tuition payments, orientation, shopping for their dorm room... all of it can be so overwhelming and school counselors are often not working in the summer. MaineCAN has been providing the project management for a Summer Melt initiative supported by the Finance Authority of Maine and the MELMAC Education Foundation. The project helps provide support to schools in Maine over the summer that will hopefully have a lasting impact on students. In the few years that we have been working on this project, we have seen great success.

New Technical Assistance Opportunity

Collaborations



Happening Now

At the request of educators and many others, we have compiled a list of acronyms!

Education and special education lingo! Healthcare lingo! Community Resources lingo! And lots more! Download it here: <http://www.syntiro.org/maine-acronym-list.html>

EFSLMP Provider Transformation 2.0 Webinar Series

In March 2018, the Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) will launch the Provider Transformation 2.0 Webinar Series, six (6) ninety-minute sessions led by national subject matter experts from the Employment First State Leadership Mentoring Program (EFSLMP). The webinars are designed for community rehabilitation providers (CRPs) who have already begun to transform their service delivery model to one with an emphasis on competitive, integrated employment as the priority outcome for individuals served. Through this series, ODEP will gather more feedback to create the "Provider Transformation 2.0 Manual" as a supplemental resource for the field. This opportunity is open to all CRPs. The scheduled webinars will be held on Thursdays as follows:

Webinar #1: *Redesigning Your Organization: Board, CEO, CFO, Middle Management, Front Line Staff, Employers & Stakeholders* [Leadership, Strategic Planning, Operations Focus] March 15, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm Eastern

Facilitators: Karen Lee; Thomas "Tom" Wilds

Webinar #2: *Staff Development, Recruitment, and Restructuring: "How To" Examples of Effective Restructuring; Where to Focus Attention on Transformation* [Operations Focus, Workforce Focus] March 29, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Eastern)

Facilitators: Dale Verstegen; Gail Fanjoy

Webinar #3: *Staff Training Specifics: Developing Internal Trainers, Meaningful Day Integration, Best Practices, Transportation Solutions, Sample Job Descriptions/Work Day Schedules* [Workforce Focus] April 12, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Eastern)

Facilitators: Genni Sasnett; Gail Fanjoy

Webinar #4: *Stakeholder Engagement: How to Listen; Considering Real Choices; Working Effectively with Families, Self-Advocates, Employers, Policymakers, and Advocacy Organizations* [Customer Focus]

April 26, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Eastern)

Facilitators: Sean Roy; Pat Rogan

Webinar #5: *The Importance of Effective Advocacy for Better Policy: Collaboration, Coalitions, Communities of*

Is it missing ones you use?
Please let us know and we
will add them

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NEW **Maine Acronyms List**



JOURNEYS FOR WOMEN

Teaching is about meeting the needs of all your students. Taking care of yourself often takes a backseat. Dream about taking time to replenish yourself. Where would you go? What would you do? Create a journey for you or someone you work with and receive financial help and/or support to make it a reality from [Journeys for Women](#).



Job Coach Training and Credential Program

Syntiro continues to offer the Job Coach training and credential. Earning the Job Coach Credential consists of two parts: an 18 module online training from the College of Employment Services and a day long

Practice, and Capacity Building at the Local Level [Leadership, Strategic Planning]
May 10, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Eastern)
Facilitators: Rachel Pollock; Karen Lee

Webinar #6: *Funding Diversification: Local, State, Federal Examples + How to advocate for it; Phasing Out Reliance on Facility-Based Contracts* [Strategic Planning, Operations]
May 31, 2018 @ 1:00pm - 2:30pm (Eastern)
Facilitators: Rachel Pollock; Genni Sasnett

For detailed information regarding the webinar series [click here](#). Complete the [on line application](#) and [Provider Commitment Form](#) by March 5th. Applicants will be notified by March 12th. Please share with your colleagues!

face to face training in Fading Supports in the Workplace. For more information [click here](#).



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GEAR UP Maine Aroostook Scholars Pilot. Over the summer and throughout the fall, GEAR UP Maine Aroostook Scholar Coach Chris Young has been supporting 29 students from Aroostook County High Schools to be successful in the start of their postsecondary journeys. These students are attending campuses across Maine in a variety of postsecondary programs. Chris has been instrumental in helping them make connections to the student support services on each campus as well as helping them troubleshoot unexpected challenges as they arise— such as being faced with needing to purchase additional tools and textbooks for courses. We will be sharing more about this incredible program in upcoming newsletters and videos!



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