

The Peoples Press

March 2025
Newsletter



**“Making lives better tomorrow by
what is done today.”**

Honks!

Tanja Ebert for planning the entire Valentine’s Day Party at DH 215B. -
Michaella D.

Adan Iniguez-Rios for taking on the 2428 location on his caseload and
putting it all together. -Corina G.

Emma Judd & Emma Ostdiek for helping out in residential when DH was
closed. -Michaella D

Greg Scott for helping me out for my move to, it has been wonderful! -
Corina G.

Amy Kasperbauer & Jessica Pearson for always being flexible with
transportation changes. -Michaella D.

Isaiah McGrone & Diana Sharp for covering my caseload while I was out
for surgery. -Chaslyn B.

Gina Smith for working with me to get the MARs straightened out at my
new location. -Corina G.

Kayla Kron and Laura Freeman for consistently providing valuable tips in
the group chat. -Sam B.

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desk the next time you are in the office!

Honks!

Baylee Ruffcorn for always having her documentation completed by the end of her shift with zero corrections. -Breanne R.

Joanie Renk and Adam Iniguez-Rios for their assistance and insight! Joanie and Adam are contributing members of the Behavioral Support Plan Taskforce who offer their insights and experience in developing and implementing the new BSP that will be used across all of ASI. -Alex T. LCSR Janelle Rolfes for coming to work with an injured ankle each and every day. Her contribution to the team is so valuable and appreciated. -Joanie R.

ASI II leadership team for always showing up to get things done for our clients. -Jim W.

Rhonda Baldwin for keeping the CSCs up to date with med changes. -Sam B.

Adam Iniguez Rios for assistance with a client's behavior and his willingness to set down with the housemates and come up with a safety plan for the individual. -Joanie R.

Katelynn Jordan for being flexible and helping with other locations due to call outs. -Chaslyn B.

Bri Travis, Lisa Gaunt, and Tonya Carroll for the support they are providing to Day Hab Leadership. -Jim W.

ASI 2 for their help with moving a client to a new house in lead on. -Chaslyn B.

All Lead-On locations for the best MAR audits in February to date. -Bri T.

Jessica O'Neal for training at the last minute and handling communication. -Heather H.

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Honks!

Jessica Pearson for painting and decorating the “HONKS” board in the Con-Ed room! -Culture Taskforce

Day Hab LCSCs, Kilene Lyons, Torre Childers, & Breanne Rea for communicating with Lisa Gaunt on ASI Plans as well as PNPs & completing the corrections and asking questions when needed! -Becky H.

Jake Jones for helping set up a scanner app and fixing Outlook task list for me! -Chelsea A.

Derek Sellers for his work with a very attention seeking client while working at the home during a CSC’s medication review. -Ashely P.

Joanie Renk for working diligently with a client during major behavior incidents and following the BSP to deescalate. -Adan I.

Deana Blunt for always having her spenddowns completed on time and for getting perfect financial reviews over the last 6 months. -Amber S.

Diana Sharp for picking up lead on duties and assisting other CSCs with an emergency client situation. -Amber M.

Emily Rubenking for covering day shift at a home for the first time while day hab was closed. -Breanne R.

Adan Iniguez Rios for supporting a client’s move to Lead On, on a cold Friday morning, ensuring he gets off to a good start with his new opportunity. -Jim W.

ASI 2 for their help with moving a client to a new house in lead on. -Chaslyn B.

Jaymee Talcott for always having great communication regarding the care of all individuals. -Breanne R.

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Dennis Stolz for his excellent work with problem solving at his location. -
Isaiah M.

Christian Soria for picking up extra hours. -Diana S.

Katelynn Jordan for keeping up with consistently keeping the MAR and
medications up to date at her location. -Isaiah M.

Savanna Wiseman for getting a client to make a menu for his goals. -Kelly

Vicki Reed and Madison Rodriguez for picking up shifts when needed for
coverage and being flexible, it truly makes a difference! -Sam B.

Greg Scott for his support with the 1410 transition. -Isaiah M.

Ailish Andersen, Rhonda Baldwin, and Hailey Woodbury for always keeping
us in the loop when it comes to appointments. -Sam B.

Dustin Belt for helping a client with extensive appointments and
medications. -Kelly S.

Annie Jackson for picking up extra shifts. -Isaiah M.

Client Honks!

HONKS to Travis B., Tony K., & Justin S. for working on building
relationships and using their coping skills in order to move to the next
step of less dependency! They have done a great job communicating
and finding ways to work through difficult situations and have moved to
the Lead On Program! -Corina G.

Elizabeth L. for making the decision to remove nicotine out of her vape
and sticking with her decision. -Joanie R.

Sarah T. for coming up with community activities she wants to do with
team members and for going out to eat with her roommates on two
different occasions. -Joanie R.

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Client



Xander Z.

If you know Xander, you know he's a force to be reckoned with. From the moment he joined the company in the residential program, he quickly demonstrated his readiness to take on more—both within the company and in pursuit of his personal goals. In the Lead On program, Xander has consistently shown his determination and commitment to landing a job, with a clear vision of his future. His dream of becoming a mechanic fuels his drive, and he seizes every opportunity to hone his skills in the field.

Currently, Xander is exploring career options and also has his eyes set on furthering his education at Iowa Western Community College.

When he's not at Dayhab or running errands, Xander is deeply involved in volunteering at a local farm—a perfect fit for his love of animals. With a versatile skill set and a hands-on attitude, he's more than capable of tackling any challenge that comes his way. Whether it's putting on his boots to get to work or enjoying some downtime, Xander is always in action. Outside of his professional and volunteer pursuits, he enjoys playing video games and cherishing quality time with his closest friends.

With his ambitions set high, Xander is determined to reach the Hourly Program in the near future, and there's no doubt that he'll get there with his overwhelming amount of potential.

Client Birthdays

Tami A.

Claire D.

Lillian D.

Angela E.

Emily E.

John H.

Roger J.

Giel K.

David L.

Sabrina M.

Simon R.

Stacy S.

Aaron W.



Client Creativity



Jessica M.



Maysen P.



Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new team members who have joined our team!

Jessica Beaty
Gabrielle Bokelman
Elijah Brown-Jones
Isabelle Devine
Christopher Dunlap
Nakiyah Dunn
Dayzanequie Haynes
Ja'Niya Kyles
Kymberlee Marshall
Jaren Roe
Jennifer Santiago-Medina



Team Member SPOTLIGHT

Rachael is an integral part of the ASI 2 team, serving as a lead in a program that provides daily support to consumers, helping them live the lifestyles of their choice. With a deep commitment to person-centered care, Rachael empowers individuals to set and achieve personal goals, fostering both independence and growth. She tailors her approach to meet the unique needs of each consumer, ensuring they have the tools and support to succeed while encouraging self-expression and exploration of new opportunities.



Rachael Prinzing

As a leader, Rachael also plays a vital role in mentoring and guiding her team, creating a positive and collaborative environment. Her passion for making a difference is reflected in her daily interactions with both consumers and colleagues.

Rachael's dedication and ability to inspire those around her make her an invaluable member of the ASI 2 team, and we are excited to see the continued impact she will have in supporting the growth and empowerment of those she serves.

ASI Birthdays!

March 1st: Sierra Haddix and Jasmine McClymont
March 2nd: Tiffani Hastings and Cynthia Whitehill
March 3rd: Kalease Shelton and Clell Souther
March 4th: Katelynn Malik
March 6th: Linda Sanchez
March 7th: Alicia Mendoza
March 8th: Aaron Gardner and Delvin Thompson
March 10th: Dawn Wilson
March 11th: Annie Jackson and Sarah Smith
March 18th: Abdelaziz Hasan and Derek Sellers
March 19th: Haley Rytter
March 22nd: Kerigan Keefer
March 26th: Scotty Delezene
March 31st: Betty-Jean Holt and Carolyn Lewis

ASI Anniversaries!

Gina Smith 03/05/2007 (18 years)
Kathy O'Neal 03/20/2007 (18 years)
Greg Scott 03/25/2015 (10 years)
Julia Guilliams 03/07/2017 (8 years)
Emma Ostdiek 03/02/2020 (5 years)
Gregory Clark 03/22/2022 (3 years)
Brenna Livingston 03/29/2022 (3 years)
Sierra Ross 03/01/2023 (2 years)
Kaleb Hansen 03/02/2023 (2 years)
Monica Estes 03/16/2023 (2 years)
Lisa Gaunt 03/20/2023 (2 years)
Susan Hastie 03/24/2023 (2 years)
Jessica O'Neal 03/24/2023 (2 years)
Tonya Carroll 03/27/2023 (2 years)
Djenane Lafleur 03/28/2023 (2 years)
Katelynn Malik 03/31/2023 (2 years)
Lorie Wilcoxson 03/14/2024 (1 year)
Caitlyn Kush 03/19/2024 (1 year)



Upcoming Events in the Community

March 4th
Adult Board Game Night
Council Bluffs Public Library
6:00 to 8:45pm

March 8th
Spring Craft Fair
Millard West High School
9am-3pm

March 8th
World of Wheels
CHI Event Arena
10am-8pm

March 8th
Shamrock Shuffle
149 W Broadway
9:30am

March 9th
Casserole Dish (Bring one
and share with others)
Driftwood Inn
1pm

March 11-13th
Drop In! 3D Printing
Council Bluffs Public Library
2:00 to 4:00PM

March 13-16th
Disney on Ice
CHI Health Arena

March 15th
Spring Craft Fair
LIED Center- Bellevue
9am-3pm

March 15th-16th
Omaha Comic & Toy Show
Oak View Mall

March 16th
Swan Lake
2700 College Rd
4pm

March 17th
Adult Coloring Club
Council Bluffs Public Library
6:30 to 8:00pm

March 18th
Game Night- Free
Spielbound
6pm-10pm

March 21st-22nd
Council Bluffs PRCA Rodeo
Mid America Center

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March 21st
Adult Board Game Night
Carter Lake Library
6pm-9pm

March 22nd
Midtown Pickle Party
Midtown Crossing
3pm-6pm

March 28-30th
Heartland National Duels
NEUSA Wrestling
8am-5:30pm

March 28th
Duelling Pianos
2698 College Rd
5pm-7pm

March 29th
Gretna Craft Fair
Gretna East High School
9am-3pm

Other activities all through out
the month:

St. Patrick Fish Frys every
Friday 4:30pm-7pm

Lancers and Omaha Supernova
Games

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and
Aquarium

Joslyn Art Museum

Union Pacific Railroad Museum

Ramadan
Mubarak

St. Patrick's
Day

Eid
Mubarak

Continuing Education Disability Diagnosis Series: Fragile X Syndrome

In the upcoming month of March, we will continue our educational Disability Diagnosis Series, focusing on a condition that is often less recognized: Fragile X Syndrome. This diagnosis, while not widely known, plays a significant role in the lives of many individuals and their families. In this session, we will take a comprehensive, in-depth look at Fragile X Syndrome, exploring its causes, symptoms, and the impact it has on those who live with it. Our goal is to equip you with the knowledge necessary to better understand and support those affected by this condition.

Throughout the session we will cover a wide range of topics related to Fragile X Syndrome, including its genetic origins, the spectrum of symptoms it may present, and how it differs from other similar diagnoses. The session will be structured to engage participants in both small and large group discussions, allowing for meaningful conversations that promote deeper insight into the condition. These discussions, combined with the presentation of factual and research-based information, will foster a dynamic and interactive learning environment.

We will also explore strategies for providing effective support and care for individuals with Fragile X Syndrome, focusing on practical approaches for caregivers, educators, and healthcare professionals. Our aim is to provide participants with the tools and resources they need to make a positive difference in the lives of those affected.

By the end of the session, you will not only have a clearer, more in-depth understanding of Fragile X Syndrome, but you will also gain practical knowledge about the challenges individuals with this condition face and the specific ways we can support them. This session is designed to help you walk away with a deeper sense of empathy and a toolkit of strategies to assist in improving the quality of life for those living with Fragile X Syndrome.

ASI Cookbook Recipe of the Month!

Lucky Leprechaun Parfaits

Ingredients:

- 1 package brownies or chocolate cake.
- 4 double chocolate pudding cups.
- 4 vanilla pudding cups.
- Crushed thin mint or grasshopper cookies.
- Green food coloring.
- Reddi Whip or Cool Whip.
- Sprinkles.



Directions:

1. Cut the brownies or chocolate cake into small bite-size pieces and arrange half of them into the bottom of four parfait cups.
2. Spoon the double chocolate pudding over the brownie/cake. Sprinkle the crushed cookies over the chocolate pudding. Add the rest of the brownie/cake on top of the chocolate pudding crushed cookie mixture.
3. Add a drop of green food coloring to the vanilla pudding and mix well, add until desired color of green. Spoon the green vanilla pudding into the parfait cups on top of the next layer of brownie/cake.
4. Top the parfait with whipped cream and sprinkles as desired, and enjoy!

End up making the recipe of the month? Send pictures of everyone creating the recipe to bhargens@ameriserveinl.com to be featured in the next newsletter edition!