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MRCI New Ulm offers new program to help individuals with disabilities transition into workforce

There is a need in the community. Individuals with disabilities struggling with the transition from school to work. So MRCI found a solution. We developed two programs to address this issue; Bridge to the Future and Track to Success.

MRCI recognizes the value in offering programs that support people in navigating into the world of work. These person-centered programs provide those necessary tools at different stages in life. They are grounded in the concept of building meaningful and productive partnerships with participants, their teams, families, school staff, Vocational Rehabilitation Services, State Services for the Blind, and the private business sector.

MRCI New Ulm is offering its first-ever Bridge to the Future program. The four-week Bridge program is in line with MRCI's mission to provide genuine and innovative opportunities for individuals with disabilities or disadvantages.

This training course strives to improve communication and interpersonal skills, as well as situational judgement and problem solving for each participant. Each day, participants will practice and develop the skills they have learned in class, at a number of community employers for on-the-job training. Those include Hy-Vee and Walgreen's.

"We are thrilled to be able to bring this program to New Ulm," says CEO Brian Benshoof. "We are thankful for the New Ulm employers who have stepped up to provide a place for these individuals to hone their skills and prepare for community integration into the workforce."

The Bridge program in New Ulm runs April 24 – May 22. The inaugural class will serve seven.

About MRCI

MRCI provides innovative and genuine opportunities for people with disabilities and disadvantages to participate in their community. With a staff of 436, we empower more than 5,000 individuals through our locations in Chaska, Fairmont, Mankato, New Ulm, Rosemount and Shakopee. For more information, please visit our website at www.mymrci.org.