

BRIDGEWAY WEEKLY MONITOR

News Briefs from Human Resources

March 19, 2010



FIRST DAY OF SPRING - Saturday, March 20, 2010

U.S. CENSUS

The U.S. Census form should arrive this week. Be sure the form is completed and submitted since this is one way Illinois gets money from the Federal government. Encourage everyone you see!

April 1, 2010 is National Census Day. Use this day as a point of reference for sending your completed forms back in the mail!

NEW BRIDGEWAY INC. EMPLOYEES



Pamela Ross
Day Program Asst Trainer
Pekin



Sue Nelson
Community Support Specialist
Galesburg

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amber Terry, HCBS Outreach Worker Keokuk had a baby boy Tuesday, March 16th at 3:01 p.m. at Keokuk Area Hospital. Brayden Michael weighted in at 8lbs. 7.6 oz. and was 23 inches long. Congratulations to the parents Amber Terry and Caleb Pattison.

Kim Shipman, Residential Assistant in Pekin, has completed DSP training!

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Deepest sympathy to Anna Goff, HCBS Outreach Worker Keokuk on the loss of her mother.

BTS ACTIVITIES

From: Tom Colclasure

- We are performing a special packaging project for Griffin Wheel in which we are preparing 5 pallets of 31/2 oz. rice hull bags. This is a larger size bag we are processing.
- Kewanee Workshop is assembling 5,000 coffin handles per week. We are talking with Dixline Corporation about the prospect of assembling a different type of coffin handle.
- Negotiating with Dadant & Sons about performing an additional contract to repair frames that have been damaged in their assembly process. We are currently busy packing bee food and bee fuel for Dadant & Sons.
- Due to more spring like weather the Keokuk Workshop can redemption has dramatically increased.
- BTS employees visited Midland Davis Recycling Operation in Pekin to learn more about their process and how it may be adaptable to our BTS Recycling.

NEW BTS EMPLOYEE



Kyle Grupe
Janitorial Assoc.
Bloomington

**ARE YOU OR ONE OF YOUR LOVED ONES ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE?
Then You Should Know...**

...that you may also be eligible for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program.

QMB Benefits Include:

- Payment of Medicare Part A monthly premiums when applicable.
- Payment of Medicare Part A deductible and co-insurance amounts.
- Payment of Medicare Part B monthly premiums and annual deductible.
- Payment of Medicare Part B 20% co-insurance amounts.

You may be eligible if:

- You receive Medicare Part A,
- Your income must not be more than \$867/month for one person or \$1,167/month for a couple (These amounts change every April.) and
- Your assets do not exceed \$4,000 for yourself or \$6,000 if you have one or more dependents living with you.

How Do I Apply?

Contact your local Illinois Department of Human Services Office (DHS) and a caseworker will help you apply for the QMB Program.

JOB OPENINGS

Janitorial Service Associate – BTS Bloomington
Groundskeeper – BTS Bloomington Rest Areas
Assistant Groundskeeper – BTS Bloomington Rest Areas
Janitorial Associate – BTS Bloomington Rest Areas
Residential Nurse/Community Support Specialist - Kewanee
Residential Community Support Coordinator – Macomb
Driver – Hancock County
Substance Abuse Counselor – Macomb/Monmouth/Galesburg
Accountant - Macomb
Residential Nurse/Community Support Specialist - Galesburg
Community Support Specialist - Kewanee
Female Janitorial Associate – BTS Bloomington Rest Areas
Driver - Macomb
HCBS Outreach Worker-Keokuk/Burlington
Residential Assistants/MI – Kewanee & Galesburg (Pooled Position)
Residential Assistant/DD – Macomb & Pekin (Pooled Position)



GAMBLING AWARENESS

Americans spend more on gambling than all other recreation combined. For most, it's a fun diversion but for a few, gambling can become a serious, life altering problem. Problem gambling is behavior that causes disruptions in any major area of a person's life. It affects as many as six to nine million Americans.

Would you recognize a gambling problem in someone you know? It may be easier if you know the signs. It may be easier if you know the signs. Here are some questions from the National Council on Problem Gambling. If you or someone you know answers yes to any of the following questions, it is likely that gambling has become problematic.

- Have you gambled until your last dollar is gone?
- Have you often gambled longer than you had planned?
- Have you lied about your gambling to friends or family?
- Have you used your income or savings to gamble while letting bills go unpaid?
- Have you made repeated attempts to stop gambling?
- Have you broken the law or considered breaking the law to get money to gamble?
- Have you borrowed money to finance your gambling?
- Have you felt depressed or suicidal because of your gambling losses?
- Have you been remorseful after gambling?
- Have you gambled to try to get money to meet your financial obligations?

Risk Factors

- A stressful life event such as the death of a loved one, divorce, job loss, injury/disability
- An early big win
- Pre-existing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, alcoholism
- Family history of addictions such as alcoholism, compulsive gambling and drug addiction.
- There is hope and help for problem gamblers and their loved ones – and many people who seek help do recover.

Gambling Myths

You have to gamble everyday to be a problem gambler.

Fact: A problem gambler may gamble frequently or infrequently. If a person's gambling is causing psychological, financial, emotional, marital, legal or other difficulties for themselves and the people around them, then they have a gambling problem

Problem gamblers gamble at any opportunity on any form of gambling.

Fact: Most have a favorite form of gambling that causes them problems, some may have a secondary form as well, but they are not as problematic.

Problem gambling is not a problem if the gambler can afford it.

Fact: Problems are not just financial. Some gambling may interfere with a person's ability to act in accordance with their values, lead to relationship breakdown and loss of important friendships.

Problem gamblers are irresponsible.

Fact: Many hold, or have held, responsible community positions. In addition, even people with long history of responsible behavior are vulnerable to developing a gambling problem. When a person is having a problem gambling episode, that person is unable to control their gambling and in this compromised state their actions look like irresponsible behavior.

SOURCE: www.NPGAW.org

Courtesy of Wellness Proposals