

**BRIDGEWAY**

# Welcome to November!

Wrapping up 2024 with good things ahead.

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## Discover Wellness Summit a Huge Success!

Bridgeway's annual Discover Wellness Summit took place on Friday, September 20th at Carl Sandburg College. Thank you to our nearly 250 attendees who showed up and for sharing the day learning about wellness with us!

The Discover Wellness Summit changed a bit this year, with a shortened schedule but more impact. Featuring two light-hearted keynote speakers, 22 breakout sessions, a wellness fair with resources from 23 local organizations, this conference was exciting.

Events like these wouldn't be possible without the help of our MANY sponsors this year. Thank you to our presenting sponsors- Bridgeway, Carl Sandburg College, and Galesburg Community Foundation.

We look forward to partnering with our sponsors for next year's Summit, taking place on **Friday, September 19th**- mark your calendars now.

We look forward to seeing you in 2025!



### Consumer Spotlight

"Hi, my name is Brandi Gatter. I was diagnosed with Schizophreniform disorder and Autism in 2021. At first getting a job was hard because I was shy and afraid to put myself out there. Then Tracy Blanks, my Employment Specialist, and I worked on interview skills before I went to job interviews. With the skills we practiced I was getting better at landing job interviews. It took some time for me to improve my mental stability, however Tracy and I continued to meet to discuss my mental health and explore my readiness to move forward with getting a job. Once I felt that I was ready (mentally) to pursue finding another job, Rhonda, my DRS counselor, suggested Goodwill. Tracy and I filled out the online application and I had a job interview within a week. Tracy set up the interview with Goodwill and provided support during the interview. I was hired on the spot. Goodwill is my dream job, and I am glad that I have it. I don't plan on losing this job, I plan to keep this job and as my responsibility to grow at Goodwill, I will keep my mental health in check."



### Consumer Spotlight

Meet Jaden- a young man who does not let any obstacles stop him from meeting his goals! He was placed in a job at Walmart while working with his Bridgeway Employment Specialist. He has been employed at Walmart since February 1, 2017. He is very happy in his job where he is responsible for stocking the shelves and straightening up the toys. He gets along well with his coworkers and customers. He continues to receive excellent reviews from his supervisor. Jaden also met and exceeded his academic goals, while employed at Walmart. He attended Heartland College in the Halo department graduating in 2023, then went on for another year for the extended program finishing in 2024. He is still employed at Walmart and continues to take classes at Heartland Community College.

## Events Bridgeway Staff Attended in the last few months!



- Warren County Housing Authority- Strong Families Event (Monmouth)
- Goodwill's Disability Services Fair (Galesburg)
- Knox County Summerfest (Galesburg)
- Warren County Summerfest (Monmouth)
- Galesburg Chamber of Commerce Business Before Hours at YEMM Auto (Galesburg)
- Augustana College Deflection Initiative (Rock Island)
- Monmouth College New Student Walkout (Monmouth)
- Eagle View Health Fair (Stronghurst)
- Boone County Fair- Gate Volunteer (Belvidere)
- National Night Out (Galesburg and Macomb)
- Galesburg Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner (Galesburg)
- Marigold Golf Outing (Pekin)
- West Central Illinois ROSC Narcan Saves Lives and Candlelight Vigil
- Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities Conference (Bloomington)
- Representative Dan Swanson's Veteran and Seniors Fair (Macomb and Galesburg)
- Carl Sandburg College Wellness Fair (Galesburg)
- Knox College Take Back the Night event (Galesburg)
- Recovery Fair at the Center for Human Services (Bloomington)
- Live2Lead Leadership Conference (Galesburg)
- Western Illinois University Homecoming parade (Macomb)
- Macomb Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon (Macomb)
- Galesburg Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon (Galesburg)
- Belvidere Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner (Belvidere)
- SEAPCO Transition Program Event (Pekin)
- Octoberfest event with Knox County Housing Authority (Galesburg)
- Make a Difference Day at WIU (Macomb)
- Treat Street (Galesburg)
- United Way of Knox County Trunk or Treat (Galesburg)
- QC Flex Open House (Rock Island)



## What's Happening at Bridgeway

- Bridgeway celebrated our staff at a Peoria Chiefs baseball game
- Bridgeway celebrated our dedicated Direct Support Professionals during DSP Appreciation Week with the display of yard signs showing our appreciation, as well as gifts and food for the work they are doing.
- We are pleased to announce that based on the evidence presented and interviews conducted, the QSR Audit Team has recommended Bridgeway-Loves Park location for 3-year Certification with ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System.
- Dr. Lourdes Serrano, Psychiatrist at Bridgeway, Some exciting news to share! Bridgeway Psychiatrist, Dr. Lourdes Delgado-Serrano recently had an article published in Cureus, of Springer Nature, titled, Rapid-Onset Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder With Hallucinations in a Post-seizure Four-Year-Old Male. This is a HUGE accomplishment for Dr. Serrano!
- Normal Community Employment Services team received their IPS review. We received "good fidelity". Some of the positive feedback we receive was that this location was:
  - A DRS counselor referred to this as "the strongest team she's worked with".
  - A therapist stated this team has exceeded their expectations.This is a great review and we are proud of our CES team in Normal!

## Bridgeway in the News

Check out some of the articles Bridgeway has been featured in lately!

[Identifying a Mental Health Challenge](#)

[Galesburg's Free Discover Wellness Summit Returns in September](#)

[Knox County Vending Machines Expand Knox County's Push to Curb Overdoses](#)

[Free Narcan, Test Strips in Knox County Vending Machines](#)

## Upcoming Events

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September

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