

RNI Chatter



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Ready for Hire gets into full swing

The Ready for Hire summer program assists high school students in preparation for their careers and future independence through hands-on learning and community activities. The program is a collaborative between RNI, Inc., Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. The curriculum is designed to equip students with skills for the workplace and beyond. Some key components include career exploration, money management, restaurant etiquette, basic first aid and CPR, driver permit test preparation, public transportation usage, and navigating essential household tasks for personal independence.

Ready for Hire participants have explored various aspects of the downtown Mansfield while growing their confidence in practical and life skills essential for career readiness.

The program includes community engagement activities providing real-world context to the skills students have learned. Local business visits have included Treeder's, a small business owned by Tammi Black. Though visually impaired and living with cerebral palsy, Tammi has successfully run her business for 17 years. She shared her inspiring story and challenges with the students, encouraging them to pursue their goals diligently.

Photos submitted by Sequoia Bond. Additional photos on page 2.

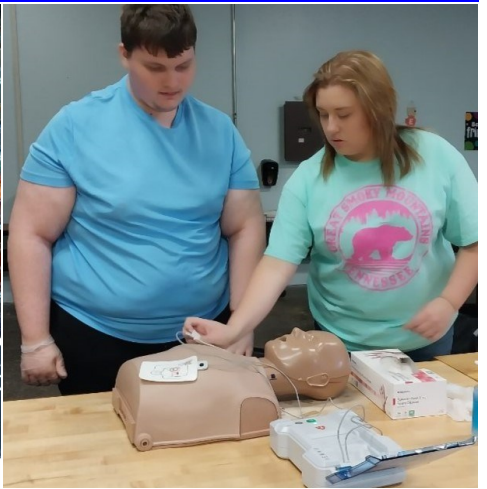
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Additional photos of Ready for Hire program



June Employee Anniversaries

John Westbrook	06/02/1994	30 Years
Kim Thompson	06/26/1995	29 Years
Jenny Echelberger	06/13/1996	28 Years
Amanda South	06/12/1997	27 Years
Ann Ahlers-Cole	06/03/2002	22 Years
Shayla Snelling	06/21/2013	11 Years
Cynthia Russell	06/15/2016	8 Years
Kevyn Morehead	06/12/2017	7 Years
Chris Mitchell	06/29/2021	3 Years
Alecia Howell	06/01/2022	2 Years
Teddy Owens	06/28/2023	1 Year

Congratulations

John, Kim, Jenny,
Amanda and Ann

THANK YOU all for your
years of service!



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Schedule of Events

Element of Art is open to the public Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm. Classes with our contracted artists are currently in session. To schedule a class, give us a call at 419.522.2965, or email gyockey@rniinc.com

Our recurring events/classes are open to the public:

Mixed Media - (Every Monday) \$15/class

Acrylics & Watercolor - (Every Tuesday) \$15/class

Ceramics - (Every Wednesday) \$30 Must attend two classes (building & glazing).

Jewelry - (Every Thursday) \$15/class

Art 101 - (Every Friday) \$15/class

RNI, Inc. Garden Club enjoyed their first harvest

The garden club planted a number of vegetables in mid to late May in a bed outside of our Longview location. Earlier this month they enjoyed their first harvest of the season. Stephanie, Ali, Heather and Daniel were super excited to take home some green onions and lettuce. Gardening is such a rewarding experience, from working in the dirt to having a healthy meal. Just look at those smiles. Here are a couple of photos of planting day and harvest day!



RNI Bucks issued for the month of June

Ken Chang from Sharon Murray for returning to work with Ready for Hire on his summer off from Penn State.

Shannon Ruhl from Kim Thompson for unloading and organizing all of the belts we have been receiving lately.

Kim Thompson from Jennifer Holtz for picking up additional duties of the planner/scheduler and material handler.

SAFETY starts with S, but begins with YOU...

RNI Safety TOPIC for June is: Heat Related Illness

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
 - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
 - Fast, strong pulse
 - Headache
 - Dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Confusion
 - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
 - Move the person to a cooler place
 - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
 - Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
 - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
 - Fast, weak pulse
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle cramps
 - Tiredness or weakness
 - Dizziness
 - Headache
 - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen your clothes
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
 - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems

SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
 - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
 - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
 - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
 - Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
 - Keep the rash dry
 - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



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RNI, Inc. Team: Let's increase our presence on social media and increase our LIKES on Facebook. LIKE or FOLLOW or SHARE us on Facebook to invite your friends to LIKE us too.
UPDATED 7/24/24; we are at:

City Garden Café is at 536 LIKES, can we get to 750 LIKES, 214 LIKES to go?

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 2021 LIKES, can we get 2500 LIKES, 479 LIKES to go?

Richland Newhope Industries is at 2052 LIKES, can we get to 2500 LIKES, 448 LIKES to go?

Trillium Event Center is at 1128 FOLLOWS, can we get to 1500 FOLLOWS, 372 FOLLOWS to go?

Help us increase our social media exposure by liking and sharing our four (4) Facebook pages. City Garden Café, Element of Art Studio/Gallery, Trillium Event Center and Richland Newhope Industries, Inc!



WE ARE HIRING RICHLAND AND CRAWFORD COUNTY LOCATIONS



Locations:

150 East Fourth St. Mansfield, Ohio 44902
1650 E. Southern Ave. Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Do you want to make a difference in people's lives?

Ready for a Change....Join our Team!

WE ARE HIRING

A listing of open positions can be found at

www.rniinc.com

or by stopping in at one of our locations



Our Mission:

“Empower people with developmental disabilities to live their best life by fostering innovative opportunities through community engagement.”

Benefits:

- Flexible Schedules!
- Health, Dental, and Vision (full-time positions)
- Life Insurance (full-time positions)
- Retirement Plan
- Paid Holidays, Vacation and Sick time
- Paid training including First Aid & CPR, Defensive Driving