

October 2021



Bureau of Rehabilitation Services

National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The theme for NDEAM 2021, “America’s Recovery: Powered by Inclusion,” reflects the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have full access to employment and community involvement during the national recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep/initiatives/ndeam>

[Read the Presidential Proclamation](#)



October 4-7	DJ Ralston, Senior Research Associate, George Washington University	Conversations with DJ Ralston: LGBTQ+ and Disability – DVR/DBVI Staff Development Opportunity with DJ Ralston (They/Them). DJ is a Senior Research Associate at George Washington University’s Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Education and is affiliated with the	DVR/DBVI Staff Development Opportunity
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		National Technical Assistance Center on Transition: The Collaborative.	
October 13, 2021	Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP)	Employment First Webinar - Lessons Learned from COVID-19's Impact on Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)	When: 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Where: <u>***Register for the Webinar Here***</u>
October 13, 2021: 4:00 PM	Christopher Ouellette Northern Light Health Talent Acquisition Specialist	Join us in welcoming Christopher Ouellette of Northern Light Health to discuss the world of work in Healthcare, to include everything from maintenance and administrative, customer service, and of course the Healthcare related fields. Have your questions ready!	When: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 4:00 PM-5:00 PM. Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/89618813207 Webinar ID: 896 1881 3207 This event will be recorded.
October 15, 2021	National White Cane Safety Day	National White Cane Safety Day annually celebrates the achievements of people who are blind or visually impaired. The day marks the importance of recognizing the white cane. It also represents the independence of those who are blind or visually impaired.	FMI: https://brailleinstitute.org/white-cane-day
October 18/20, 2021	State Rehabilitation Councils – Annual Meeting	State Rehabilitation Council for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the State Rehabilitation Council (General) hold their annual meetings virtually and open to the public over the course of these two days.	FMI: Cheryl Peabody epeabody@roadrunner.com

<p>October 20, 2021</p>	<p>Virtual Job Club</p>	<p>Virtual Job Club for students ages 14-21 – Fun, multi-week sessions to help youth and young adults build skills and prepare for the world of work!</p>	<p>For More Information: Valerie.Brown@maine.gov</p>
<p>October 20, 2021</p>	<p>ODEP – NDEAM Celebration!</p>	<p>US Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Disability Employment Policy Taryn Williams celebrate NDEAM - 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. This exciting event will feature insightful dialogues and a video showcase highlighting strategies in action for an equitable disability inclusive recovery.</p> <p>Featured guests include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs Director Jenny Yang • Deputy Assistant Secretary for Disability Employment Policy Jennifer Sheehy 	<p>When: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.</p> <p>Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/celebrate-national-disability-employment-awareness-month-2021-tickets-186087802627</p>
<p>October 20, 2021: 4:00 PM</p>	<p>Clark Phinney Goodwill NNE Talent Acquisition Partner</p>	<p>Tune in for a live interview on Thursday, October 20 at 4:00 PM to hear Clark talk about the work environment and culture at Goodwill NNE. Goodwill offers a wide variety of job positions at various locations around the state, to include retail, Community and Employment Support services.</p> <p>Be prepared to ask your questions!</p>	<p>When: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 4:00 PM-5:00 PM. Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83682447678 Webinar ID: 836 8244 7678 This event will be recorded.</p>

<p>October 21,2021: 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Josh Dieckmann Epic Games (FortNite) Video Game Analyst</p>	<p>Josh joins us from EPIC GAMES to talk about what it's like to work as a Video Game Analyst.</p> <p>Tune in for a live interview on Thursday, October 21 at 1:00 PM to hear Josh, a Maine high school graduate, talk about his career as a Video Game Professional - an Analyst for FORTNITE.</p> <p>Be ready to launch your questions!</p>	<p>When: Thursday, October 21, 2021 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/82041593574 Webinar ID: 820 4159 3574 This event will be recorded.</p>
<p>October 26, 2021</p>	<p>MADSEC FALL CONFERENCE</p>	<p>“Pre-Employment Transition Services: Partnering with Vocational Rehabilitation Early to Promote Successful Transition” with Libby Stone-Sterling, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Brenda Drummond, Director, Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired.</p>	<p>Interested in Attending? Go to www.madsec.org</p>
<p>October 27,2021: 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Susan Brunig Pixar Animation Studios Colorist</p>	<p>Susan Brunig fell in love with Cinema studying avant-garde film at Binghamton University. She went on to get her MFA from San Francisco State University and for the past fifteen years she's worked in Color Grading at Pixar Animation Studios. Her credits include such Oscar-winning feature films as <i>Up</i>, <i>Inside Out</i>, <i>Coco</i>, <i>Soul</i> and more.</p> <p>Most recently, her work on Pixar Animation Studio's Luca was featured in Digital Vision World's Artist in the Spotlight:</p>	<p>When: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:00 AM-11:00 PM. Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83122856822 Webinar ID: 831 2285 6822 This event will not be recorded.</p>

		<p>https://digitalvision.world/artist-in-the-spotlight-susan-brunig/</p> <p>A screenwriter in her spare time, she is a NYWIFT Writers Lab Alum, a Cinestory Feature Fellowship winner and an Academy Nicholl Fellowship Semi-finalist.</p>	
<p>October 28, 2021: 1:00 PM</p>	<p>Michael Paradis Retired Civil Engineer</p>	<p>Tune in for a live interview on Thursday, October 28 at 1:00 PM to hear from a Civil Engineer.</p> <p>Michael is a graduate of Fort Kent Community High School and the University of Maine’s Engineering program. Learn about his career path -- from high school to college to professional engineer.</p> <p>Be ready with your questions!</p>	<p>When: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:00 PM-2:00 PM. Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/88138283029 Webinar ID: 881 3828 3029 This event will be recorded.</p>
<p>October 28, 2021 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>BRS Stakeholders’ Forum</p>	<p>Join Leaders from the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services – including Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired – to learn more about services and programs available</p>	<p>When: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>Where: https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/85030661047?pwd=dXpnRXhNREMwRy81bnhySVUramM0Zz09</p> <p>ASL & CART AVAILABLE</p>
<p>October 28, 2021</p>	<p>Employment First 2.0 Forum</p>	<p>Hosted by the Employment First Maine Coalition & Disability Rights Maine. You can register for this event here:</p>	<p>When: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p>

		https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/employmentfirstforum2021	
October 29, 2021: 10:00 AM	Reverse Job Fair Direct Care Positions	<p>After a great month of learning and exploration, we invite Job Seekers and Employers to participate in a Reverse Job Fair. Job Seekers who want to work in direct care positions will share their interest, knowledge and skills and discuss opportunities with businesses who hire for these positions and have openings. The employers will be given the chance to ask questions, meet with you privately, or schedule a formal interview.</p> <p>This is your chance to shine, so dress to impress, and bring your best selves!</p> <p>Job seekers & Explorers, you can register for the Job Fair here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7CG6G6J</p> <p>Employers, you can register here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7QZVP5S</p>	<p>When: Friday, October 29, 2021 10:00 AM - Noon.</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83472035507</p> <p>Webinar ID: 834 7203 5507</p> <p>This event will be recorded.</p>

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