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Yakima Health District Showcases Employers Leading the Way in Hiring Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Yakima, WA- The Yakima Health District (YHD) is excited to announce its Developmental Disabilities Employer Campaign, aimed at recognizing businesses that hire individuals with developmental disabilities. As part of this campaign, the Yakima Health District has created special window clings that participating employers can proudly display, indicating their commitment to inclusivity and the empowerment of people with developmental disabilities within their workforce.

Hiring individuals with developmental disabilities not only fosters a more inclusive and diverse workforce but also brings unique strengths and perspectives to the workplace. People with developmental disabilities often demonstrate high levels of reliability, commitment, and attention to detail. Their inclusion in the workforce enriches company culture, promotes a sense of belonging, and reflects the values of equity and opportunity. Employers who embrace this initiative also help reduce barriers, challenge stereotypes, and contribute to a stronger, more inclusive community.

The Yakima Health District invites more employers to join this important initiative for October Disability Awareness month. For more information on how to hire and support individuals with developmental disabilities, visit www.SeeAbilities.org.

The Yakima Health District would like to thank the following businesses in Yakima County that are already championing inclusivity by hiring individuals with developmental disabilities:

- Liberty Bottles
- Busy Kids Childcare
- Taylor Tots Childcare
- Jack in the Box
- Legends Casino
- Walmart
- Safeway
- KFC
- Yakima Country Club

- Federal Building Systems
- Interstate Cleaning Corporation
- Department of Ecology
- Mercado de Grandview
- Mod Pizza
- Burger King
- Columbia Reach Pack
- Home Depot
- Powerhouse Grill
- Western Building Maintenance
- Shields
- Olive Garden
- T.J. Maxx
- Yakima Worker Care
- Yakima Valley Mall
- MultiCare Memorial Hospital
- Entrust
- Marshalls
- Little Caesars
- Intermountain Cleaning Service
- Fred Meyer
- Developmental Disabilities Administration
- JNOne Construction
- Seventy x 7 Thrift Shop
- Landmark Care Center
- Old Navy
- Ace Hardware
- Goodwill Industries

Quotes

“Our employers play a crucial role in shaping a more inclusive and supportive community. By hiring individuals with developmental disabilities, they are not only creating meaningful employment opportunities but also demonstrating the value of a diverse workforce. We are proud to recognize these leading organizations and encourage more businesses to join this impactful initiative.” – Cecile Anson, Developmental Disabilities Program Coordinator, Yakima Health District

“When asked what motivates Liberty to hire staff with disabilities, Bill Hitsman, Director of Operations, shared his insight: ‘In our culture, we like to give everybody an opportunity, no matter what their needs are, what their skill sets are ... My experience is we’ve hired very accountable, very dependable individuals.’ This sentiment is echoed across the entire team, where each member appreciates the reliability and positivity Tony, Gavin, Michael, and Sarah bring to the workplace. – [Embracing Inclusivity: A Lesson from Liberty Bottles Blogpost](#)

Employer Window Clings



Additional Information

[SeeAbilities: For Employers | Yakima Health District](#)

[Hiring Someone with a Disability FAQ Brochure | Yakima Health District](#)

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