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Eastway Corporation Matches Workers with Jobs

Community employers call Eastway for workers who are “enthusiastic” and “reliable”

Dayton, Ohio. July 1, 2009. Louis* worked for over 15 years in Eastway’s sheltered workshop doing piecework. As a severely mentally challenged man living in a group home, he didn’t have the capabilities to compile a résumé, network, or demonstrate his capabilities on his own. But just last week, Eastway’s Supported Employment services found Louis a job on a janitorial staff – the first job in his life outside of sheltered workshops. **Client’s name changed for anonymity.*

Supported Employment is available to clients receiving community support services through Eastway. The program integrates employment with treatment, provides personalized benefits counseling, and offers continuous follow-along support. People who may not otherwise have an opportunity for employment receive the needed support to become competitive in the workforce. A high value is placed on client interest - clients have worked in many different types of positions at companies across the region. One client even achieved the dream of working as a professional pianist because Eastway matched him with a local church in need.

Community employers are so confident in Eastway’s ability to provide appropriately skilled labor that they are now calling the Supported Employment offices directly to avoid the time and financial costs of a job search. Rochele Burnette, Eastway’s Supported Employment Manager says, “We are the first call for many employers because they can count on us to provide workers who are dedicated, enthusiastic and reliable for job openings which typically have very high turnover.”

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Eastway is the largest, private, not-for-profit provider of mental health, substance abuse, housing, employment and educational services in the Miami Valley area. Eastway serves adults, children and families throughout Montgomery County and beyond – teaching people the life skills they need to take care of themselves – instilling HOPE by providing people with the opportunity to lead fulfilled lives, to feel wanted, productive, safe, secure and loved.

Eastway is a partner with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board for Montgomery County and the Family and Children First Council of Montgomery County.