

Asotin County Community Services Employment Newsletter

Serving the Lewis-Clark Valley since 1973

All people living, working, learning and playing in a community based on abilities, not disabilities.

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My Entrepreneurship Story

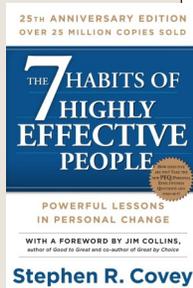
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(continued from the July newsletter)

I knew I was the right person to solve this problem {of accessible traveling accomodations}. With that in mind, I entered Bellingham's 2016 54-Hour Startup Challenge and pitched this problem. Throughout that weekend, I worked with a team of three around the clock and created a business model, the foundation for AbiliTrek. We pitched our solution to the judges and we won first place! It was February 1, 2016 and the journey started!

I dedicated the next 14 months to making AbiliTrek a reality. I networked my way to the partnerships required and hired staff to develop the product. I juggled my IT accessibility consulting job along with running a startup until I went all in at the end of February 2017 and quit my consulting job. We went live on April 25, 2017. I funded the product development myself and soon after launch secured a small investment from the Bellingham Angel Investors.

There will be a continuation of this story on the back page.



Habit 4: Think Win-Win

- Integrity
- Maturity
- Abundance
- Team work
- Confidence



Thinking in a “Win-Win” mentality isn’t about being nice, but it isn’t about just getting rid of your problems either. It is about collaborating and interacting with others around you to reach a common goal.

Win-Win is a way of seeing life in a cooperative way, not a competitive view. Being in a win-win state of mind means that you always looking out for everyone’s mutual benefits in all parts of life and human interaction. Win-Win means that you try to find solutions that are satisfying to all parties involved not just yours. Every one including you and me get the benefits from winning or achieving our goals. It doesn’t just turn out with one winner it turns out with every person involved a winner even if there are compromises that need to be made. Win-Win is a wonderful state of mind to be in, because people work together instead of being against each other.

When you think win-win, you are forced to be empathetic and to think of others. Win-Win means you think not as an individual player, but as a team player who wants to help everyone involved win. You must be confident, but also considerate and ready to listen when others bring their ideas to the table. You must be brave, but also sensitive. You must look out for others in the situation not just yourself.

STAFF FEATURE



Kenna started her professional career as a CNA while attending college to become a nurse. Plans changed when she landed a job in social services and switched her major to social work. She became interested in the field of Job Development, and grew skilled at advocating and assisting individuals with disabilities in finding work in the community.

Kenna Buckner grew up in Oklahoma, and claims to be an "Okie at heart for always!" She is an avid POKES fan (Oklahoma State Cowboys) and by avid she means, "I bleed ORANGE." Kenna has three children, a daughter, Korbyn, and two sons, Kaden and Kameron, continuing the family tradition of picking names for children that start with the letter "K" (her self, her children, her dad, aunt, brothers, nieces and nephews...all named beginning with the letter K.)

Kenna recently became a grandmother (very young grandmother!) to a BEAUTIFUL baby boy, Kindy Brooks Wilson (though the new grandmother calls him Brooks, or actually Boss, breaking with tradition just a little.)

Kenna is fun, professional, and easy to approach. As the levee season winds down, ACCS has never been in a better place to assist our consumers in finding work in the community. If you're interested in meeting with Kenna, please call the office to set up an appointment. (509) 758-8349.

Safety Meeting: 1:30PM until 2:30PM on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (September 20th and October 18th). A must meeting for **anyone working on the levee, social security, or at the Corps.**

Continuation...

Now I need your support. AbiliTrek's goal is to empower the disability community with the Ability to Trek without boundaries. I have dedicated my life these past 18 months to solving this issue and making this solution a reality. To accomplish this goal, the AbiliTrek platform relies on accessibility reviews of hotels by its users. We need our users to help us, help you. The data from user reviews will be available in our hotel search for the next user. We need to get the word out to build up the AbiliTrek user base. The more reviews we get, the more informed our users will be about which hotels meet their needs – improving their travel experience. We also need you to book your hotels through us. Hotel bookings provide us with the funding to keep AbiliTrek going. Anyone can book their hotel stays through AbiliTrek, so please go ahead and book your next hotel now at <https://www.abilitrek.com>.

In observance of Labor Day the office will be close Monday, September 4th.

Check and Notify

It's a good idea to check your timesheet with your calendar or personal planner. If you believe you've found an error call us at (509) 758-8349 by noon on the 27th of each month. Errors called in later than noon on the 27th of each month will be corrected in the next payroll period.

