



A.I.M. for Work News

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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENTS

As of April 1, 2000, A.I.M. for Work entered into its 4th year of operation. The mission of our program is to promote the equality of employment opportunities for persons with physical disabilities by providing a full range of the highest quality Vocational Rehabilitation interventions available, with a special focus on Employment Services. The program has been very successful in fulfilling its mission. It has assisted 250 individuals to secure successful employment placements since its inception.

The A.I.M. for Work staff would like to thank Human Resources Development Canada for funding us through the Opportunities Fund. We also extend our thanks to Manitoba Education & Training for their funding support as well. It is a privilege to run such a successful program and we look forward to offering our services for another year.

THANK YOU EMPLOYERS

A special THANKS to all the employers who have participated in our employment program. Your commitment to *A.I.M. for Work* and our clients have allowed us to continue to be successful in meeting your employment needs!

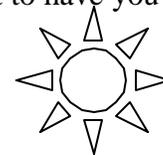
Employers have provided clients with:

- Work Experience and Job Shadow placements
- Feedback regarding work habits and attitudes
- Employment Opportunities

We look forward to continuing to work with you in promoting employment opportunities for persons with physical disabilities in the areas served by Selkirk HRDC.

STAFF CHANGES

The *A.I.M. for Work* staff would like to welcome our new *Program Assistant* **Jo-Anne Dejonckheere** who joined us on May 23, 2000
Great to have you aboard!



A.I.M. for Work bids a fond farewell to **Vera-Lynne Sokoliwski** who has been the *Program Assistant* since April 1998. She will be greatly missed. We wish her well at her new position with the *Selkirk & District Community Learning Centre*.

Minister Responsible for Persons With Disabilities

Premier Gary Doer announced the appointment of Family Services and Housing Minister **Tim Sale** as Minister responsible for persons with disabilities during a ceremony held at the Legislative Building on June 1, 2000. The appointment of a minister to coordinate government policies and services for people with disabilities responds to recommendations from Manitoba organizations representing people with disabilities. The Minister's new responsibilities include improving communication with the community to identify issues affecting persons with disabilities, coordinating policies across government departments to reduce barriers and create more accessible programs and services, promoting positive attitudes, and raising awareness of disability issues.

HELPFUL INTERNET SITES FOR JOB SEEKERS

The Internet can be an extraordinary tool to help you to find employment. There are six locations in Selkirk where you can access the Internet:

- ➔ The Selkirk & District Community Learning Centre
- ➔ The Gordon Howard Senior Centre
- ➔ Growing Years Family Resource Centre
- ➔ The Selkirk Friendship Centre
- ➔ The Selkirk & St. Andrews Regional Library
- ➔ Triple S Community Futures Development Corporation

All of these locations request that you call ahead to book an appointment to use the Internet.

Employment Related Web Sites

- HRDC Job Bank for Manitoba
http://www.jb2-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/mn_e.htm
- Winnipeg Free Press Classifieds online
<http://classifieds.timsite.com/WFP/home.html>
- Manitoba WorkInfoNet
<http://mbwin.org/>
- WORKink
<http://www.workink.com>

★★ Service Canada Access Centre ★★

This is a new site located at the Human Resources Development Canada building at 237 Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk. The Service Canada initiative is the product of joint action by several departments and agencies in an effort to improve access to Government of Canada programs and services. The site boasts an adjustable computer that is specially designed for persons with disabilities. It has a 17" monitor with Magic Screen Magnification to enlarge pictures or text and the keyboard has Braille and larger letters as well. There is a special program called JAWS that outputs a computerized voice. The desk that the computer sits on can be adjusted to various heights that are suitable for standing or sitting.

We encourage all of our clients to access this site. A.I.M. for Work also has a computer that is adjustable to accommodate our clients and is available by appointment to do resumes, cover letters or to practice your typing skills.

DEVELOPING YOUR JOB LEADS

Did you know that:

- ❑ Only 10% of the available jobs are advertised in the newspaper?
- ❑ Less than half of the available jobs are posted?
- ❑ Most jobs are found through personal contacts?

To get and keep a job:

1. Choose a job that you are likely to find satisfying.
2. Decide whether you have the skills, education and training required to do the job.
3. Use effective job search techniques.
4. Understand how employers expect you to behave while on the job.

As always our staff are dedicated to excellent service. Your comments are always welcome. Please contact us at (204) 482-2130, Toll Free at 1-800-494-4179, Fax at (204) 482-9855

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Hope you had a great summer!
- The A.I.M. for Work Staff