

THE EXCHANGE

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of individuals served by Black Hills Workshop*

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Workshop to add Independent Service Coordination

After having our proposal approved by the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Black Hills Workshop is expanding our services to include Independent Service Coordination for people who don't directly receive services from Black Hills Workshop. Independent Service Coordination is consistent with our philosophy of providing self-directed supports and individualized services to people with disabilities.

We are in the process of developing a model for Independent Service Coordination that reflects the tools and skills of Person Centered Thinking and emphasizes collaboration with community resources for work, supported or independent living, and social networking. Self advocacy and community inclusion will be the focal points for service planning. This pilot project encourages full participation by the person as the director of their own services. It includes the selection of external resources and staff, development of their service plan and attainment of their personal goals.

The Independent Service Coordinator will meet the same requirements as other agency staff. All staff resources will be available to them and they will be supervised through the CSS department.

We are excited to explore a new design for the provision of service coordination and assist people with a model that inspires and recognizes the uniqueness of the individual. If you'd like more information, contact Vice President of Support Services Colleen Ronning at (605) 718-6203.

Attention families

The following training opportunities are available for the people we support as well family members:

Age Appropriate Supports & Communication

September 17- September 18, 2008

Kings Inn, Pierre SD

Contact Kristin Kline (605) 352-1008 or Lyndy Britzman (605) 692-7852).

Alzheimer's & People with Developmental Disabilities Plus Care for the Care Giver

November 13, 2008

Kings Inn, Pierre SD

Contact information available later

Person Centered Thinking

Date to be announced

Black Hills Workshop Resource and Support Center
3650 Range Road

For more information, contact
Colleen Ronning (605) 718-6203.

Gala winners selected

Brian Bertsch, Heather Kickery, Eric Rude, and Darlene Running Bear have been selected to receive our Founders Awards for Outstanding Achievement at our Recognition Gala, Saturday, November 1. **Linda Soucy and Pam Rice from Sears** will receive our Employer Merit Awards and **Heather Pickering** from Black Hills Community Theatre will receive our Community Connection Award. For ticket information, contact Joanne Schriver at 605-718-6204.

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Calendar

•**State Softball Tournament**, September 26-28 in Huron.

•**Native American Heritage Celebration**, October 6-9, Black Hills Workshop.

•**Bowling** every Thursday, October 23-March 5, 10:30 at Robbinsdale and 3:30 at Meadowood Lanes and Robbinsdale Lanes.

•**Halloween Dance**, Sunday, October 26 from 2-4:30 in the Black Hills Workshop Gymnasium. Prizes for the best costumes.

For information contact Black Hills Workshop at 343-4550.

You're invited

Open house September 18!

In September, our fiftieth anniversary celebration focus will shift to our in-house businesses and contracts. These supply products and services, while providing work and training to people who have not yet taken the step to employment in the community. More than 250 people perform a variety of jobs in-house at Black Hills Workshop while participating in many learning opportunities. Jobs include food services, manufacturing, packaging, collating, and more.

Find out more by attending our open house September 18 from 1-3 at both our BHW Industries building, 1636 Concourse Court, and nearby at Concourse Enterprises, 1350 Concourse Drive. There will be tours, displays, refreshments, and door prizes.

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