



The Pennsylvania Business Leadership Network (PA BLN) is an employer driven program designed for business leaders to promote hiring practices that enable qualified people with disabilities to enter and succeed in the workplace. The emphasis of the PA BLN is to create opportunities where employers can communicate, peer-to-peer, to provide candid and frank assessments of hiring successes and challenges.

This network not only provides employers with access to a network of their peers, it also provides opportunities for training, positive public relations, an increased number of applicants with a disability, and a centralized source of information.

In 2007, the PA BLN is looking to compile a collection of success stories that represent a variety of employees with disabilities and a wide variety of job types and industries. Preference will be given to such stories that also highlight any special programs (e.g. Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD), Ticket to Work, Plan For Achieving Self Sufficiency (PASS), etc.) utilized to achieve this employment success.

This collection of stories will be turned into a publication that will be posted on the PA BLN website and circulated in print to businesses and others throughout PA and possibly other states.

If you feel you have a noteworthy story where an individual with a disability has found successful employment, please fill out the submission form (on back) and forward to Stacy Kyle, PA Business Leadership Network, c/o AHEDD, 3300 Trindle Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011. Submissions should be accompanied by signed Photography/Publicity Release forms for each individual/company/organization represented in the story.

Please be advised that not every story will be chosen for inclusion in the planned publication. Most stories, however, can still be utilized as examples on the PA BLN website, shared through newsletters, and/or sent through email communications.

If your story has been selected for inclusion in the printed collection, the PA BLN will be contacting you to get extra details and arrange for pictures. The featured employer will also be expected to provide the PA BLN with a \$500 sponsorship. This sponsorship will assist with the expenses of printing and distribution. This is an excellent opportunity for businesses to get low cost promotion of their company.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Kyle at 717-763-0968 ext. 115 or at stacy.kyle@blnofpa.org .



SUCCESS STORY SUBMISSION FORM

1. What is the disability of the employee central to this success? _____

2. What is the name of and industry designation of the business that successfully hired this employee? _____

3. Dates of employment for this successful employee. _____

(Employee must have been successfully employed for at least 3 months and should be employed at the time of submission.)

4. Please write just a few sentences that explain why this story is so noteworthy.

5. Has the employer, employee, and any involved community agency agreed to allowing the PA Business Leadership Network to share this story and related pictures? _____

(A signed Photography/Publicity Release Form (attached) should be submitted for each party involved in this story. Send these signed release forms at the time of the story submission.)

6. Should this story be chosen for inclusion in this PA BLN publication, is the employer aware of the request for a \$500 sponsorship to assist with printing and distribution costs? _____

7. What is the contact information for the person submitting this form? (please print)

Name

Company

Phone Number

Email Address



PUBLIC RELATIONS/PHOTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION RELEASE

I, the undersigned, authorize the PA Business Leadership Network/AHEDD, its officers, agents, and employees to photograph and/or take motion pictures of me. I also authorize the PA Business Leadership Network/AHEDD to use my name in connection with any public relations activity (news release, feature story, exhibit, publication, etc.) for any purpose it may deem proper.

In granting such permission, I relinquish any right, title or interest I may have in the public relations activity and grant unto the PA Business Leadership Network/AHEDD the right to sell, assign, transfer and exhibit said materials.

I understand that the PA Business Leadership Network/AHEDD will exercise discretion in the materials released.

Date

Name (print)

Signature

Witness

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