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DETR to Recognize Nevada's Inaugural Groundhog Job Shadow Day

LAS VEGAS, NV - In honor of Groundhog Day and the National Job Shadow Day on February 2nd, the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation's (DETR) Rehabilitation Division will be celebrating February 4th as Nevada's inaugural Groundhog Job Shadow Day. This special day highlights the importance of providing opportunities for Nevada students with disabilities to explore careers. Nevada's Vocational Rehabilitation program has arranged for job shadowing opportunities for 12 students with disabilities in Las Vegas affording these students an opportunity to experience a variety of careers first-hand, ranging from café management to fire prevention to management of social media outlets.

Job shadowing is about education, information, and involvement and involves having an employee in your business work with a student, allowing them to "step into their shoes." Students will be able to observe and learn aspects of a specific job, or career, learn about the business, and competencies required on the job.

"We are thrilled to be able to recognize Nevada's inaugural Groundhog Job Shadow Day. This initiative encourages professionals to provide job shadowing experience for students and provide these students with a unique look at different industries and careers. We hope this experience will inspire the next generation of professionals to pursue careers and create public awareness of the hard work and economic contributions students with disabilities can make to the community. We hope this recognition encourages businesses to sponsor and participate in this relevant event in the future," said Shelley Hendren, administrator for DETR's Rehabilitation Division.

Participating businesses represent varied industries incorporating communications, education, recreation, and government. Some of these include: Pyramid Café, Federal Lloyd Courthouse-RTS Café, Clark County - Building and Fire Prevention, Clark County - Parks and Recreation, Clark County - Public Communications, Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education, Nevada Department of Education - Educator Licensure, and the Nevada Department of Employment, Training and Rehabilitation - Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

For more information or to enroll as a future participant, please contact DeAnn Stout, Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Coordinator, at (702) 486-5230 or you can email her at d-stout@detr.nv.gov

ABOUT THE REHABILITATION DIVISION

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation is designed to help people with disabilities remove barriers to employment and to help those already employed perform more successfully through training, counseling and other support services.

The Rehabilitation Division is comprised of three bureaus, which include Vocational Rehabilitation, Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired, and the Bureau of Disability Adjudication. The Division also includes the Blind Business Enterprise of Nevada Program, and the Office of Disability Employment Policy. All of these services are designed to address assessment, training, treatment, and job placement for Nevadans with disabilities. The division places primary emphasis on providing necessary services to help consumers become employed and self-sufficient.

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Funding from US Dept. of Education - For Nevada Vocational Rehabilitation (VR): Federal VR grant paid 78.7% of costs. In FFY2018, Nevada VR received \$18,531,753 in Federal VR funds. Non-Federal funds paid 21.3% of costs (\$5,015,583). For Supported Employment (SE): Federal grant paid 95% of costs. In FFY2018, Nevada VR received \$181,159 in Federal SE funds. Non-Federal funds paid 5% (\$3,505) of costs.
