

CARF Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that following the results of our multi-day, on-site visit in June we have received a three-year CARF accreditation– the highest award possible. CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) is an internationally recognized accreditation association that reviewed us in five key areas and provided a lot of positive feedback and encouraging recommendations. We are inspired about what this means for us as a program, and appreciative of everyone’s efforts to get us to this point!

Minnesota’s Best

Also excited to announce that the Capstone program won the Silver category for the second year in a row this year in the ‘Best Adult Learning’ category. Thanks for your support! Our eternal quest for gold continues next year. We will receive two complimentary tickets to the Minnesota’s Best Bash in October that I will raffle off (for free) to the participants. I went last year and it is both a lot of fun and very sensory stimulating!

New Receptionsit

We are excited to welcome Sara Worthington to our organization as our new receptionist. Sara will be taking a much more active role in supporting the Capstone program, as our administrative needs have grown accordingly with the size of our program.

Consequently, we would please ask going forward that all communication regarding absences, pick-ups, etc., be sent directly to the front desk, which can be reached by phone at 952-737-6900, or by email at office@franklinmn.org. Thank you for your cooperation. Sara is excited to be a part of our organization and support our population!

YMCA Volunteering

This year we will be adding a third volunteer opportunity back to our schedule: the YMCA in New Hope. This builds on an existing relationship we had with the YMCA and we



are delighted to create this formal relationship with an organization that is renowned for employing people with neurodifferences. We will continue our volunteer relationships with PRISM and DoubleTree Hotel, as we continue to find tremendous value in both of those opportunities as well.

We are in the process of soliciting participant feedback and will be assigned spots this week. As a reminder, volunteering is restricted to Full/Flex day participants who are not currently competitively employed. Volunteering will begin on September 16th and alternates bi-weekly on Mondays.

Here’s Johnny!

Big welcome to Johnny Garrido, a new Employment Support Specialist in the Capstone program. Prior to joining Franklin, Johnny oversaw a team of employment specialists for neurodiverse adults, and was recognized within Ramsey County for his attentiveness and creative problem solving. Outside of work, Johnny enjoys spending time outdoors with his dog, cooking, and playing guitar.

With Sincere Appreciation,
Michael Faeth
Director of Adult Education

September

2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Labor Day No Programming 2	3	4	5	World's Biggest Bounce House/ Boom Island Park 6
9	10	11	12	Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden/ Minneapolis Farmers Market 13
PRISM/ DoubleTree 16	17	18	19	Disc Golf/ Phalen Park 20
New Hope YMCA 23	24	25	26	Renaissance Festival/ Movie (The Wild Robot) 27
PRISM/ DoubleTree 30				

Please note: This calendar is subject to change.

*Lunch included: Students will typically have an option to purchase food or other items on community-based trips.

