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Helping People with disabilities since 1965

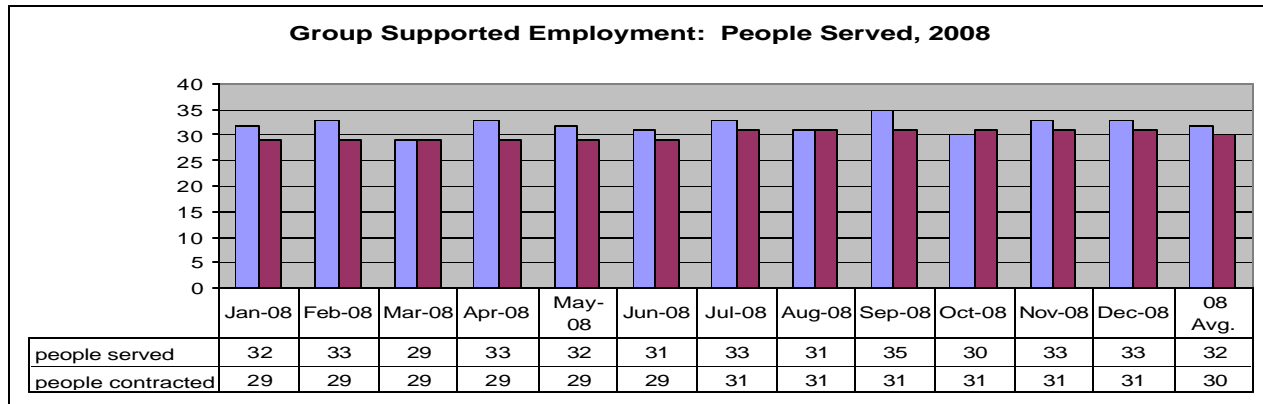
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Just Look at What is Done



Vocational Services is lots of things to many people. Most of all it means work. Thirty-two people worked on crews—recycling, janitorial, lawn services. More people were working through group supported employment (Supervised crews run by Elmview) than we were contracted to serve.

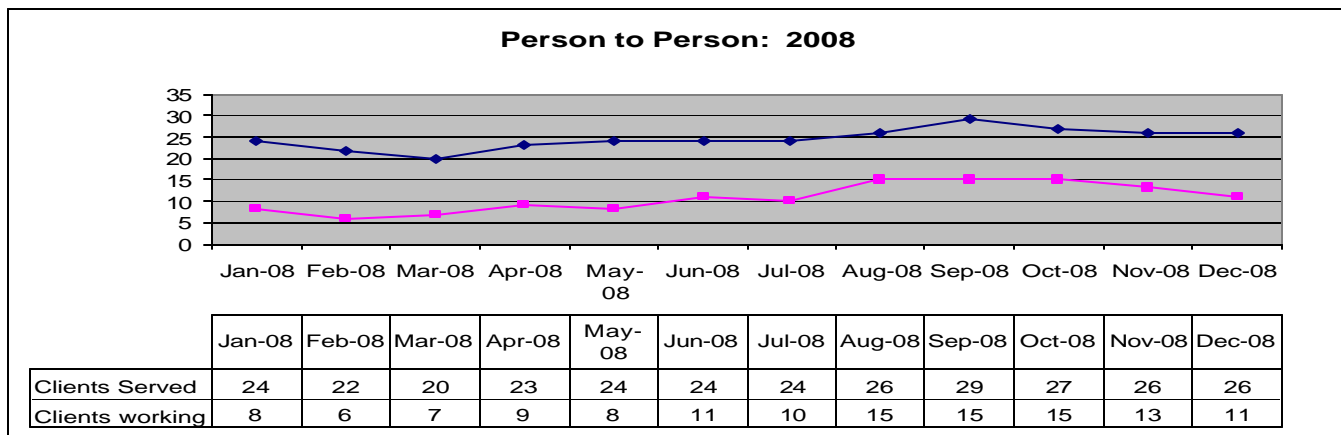


Individual Supported Employment (people working in community jobs with Elmview's support) increased the number of people employed in the community by 19% over the year. People receiving support from community employment staff made \$99,192 last year in their jobs.

Individual Supported Employment: Averages, 2008

| Clients Served | Clients working | Client Hours Worked | Average hours worked/person | Average wage of Working client | Total Dollars Earned | Staff Hours Worked | Hours billed | % Clients Working |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 19 | 18 | 945 | 54 | \$8.30 | \$8,266 | 329 | 219 | 91% |

Person to Person is designed to provide services which assist people to attain community employment. Job Exploration, Community-based assessments, employment which builds skills, stamina, and awareness are some of what is offered. There was a 38% increase in the number of people working in 2008.



Good stuff for all. Thanks for all who made this happen for people! ...and there is so much more
Bruce Tabb

Thank you for your dedication!

Staff April Anniversaries



7 years

Jeanne Malinosky

6 years

Michael Hougardy

5 years

April Beach

4 years

Cole Haberman

3 years

Storm Stires

2 years

Trista Oliver

1 year

Ashley Amador
Heather Clerf
JoAnne Lockhart
April Lofton
Jennifer Stiner



April Birthdays

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|------|---------|-----------|------|---------|----------|
| 4/2 | Susan | Mashburn | 4/25 | Maria | Vazquez |
| 4/4 | Jeanne | Malinosky | 4/25 | Randi | Wright |
| 4/19 | Deborah | Neuroth | 4/26 | Michael | Hougardy |
| 4/22 | Kira | Turner | 4/27 | Bary | Hunt |
| 4/23 | Chris | Dirks | 4/30 | David | Rossi |
| 4/23 | Heather | Clerf | 4/30 | Corrina | Rew |
| 4/25 | Angelia | Deckard | | | |



Stay In The Loop



Elmview has a great way for you to stay informed about what's happening.

If you would like to receive information via email just send your name and email address to rickr@elmview.org and he will add you to the Elmview list.

1st Aid & CPR Training



Every month
1st Wednesday 9am
3rd Wednesday 1pm

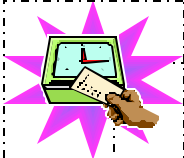


Timesheets

are Due by 9 am

Friday & Monday

3/16 & 3/30



Ever wonder if you can better the lives of 113,000 people in 12 days?

Here's one way...

Become a member of the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council.

The Council is looking for people with developmental disabilities and/or family members to fill 3 open positions. You can print an application by going to the Council's website www.ddc.wa.gov or by calling the Council office 800-634-4473.

For more information contact Ed Holen, Executive Director or Linda Walling, Membership Coordinator



A Powerful Voice

To the editor—

I am 18 years old and I would like to make a difference in the community by fighting to keep the Yakima Valley School in Selah open.

It may not seem like much to others, but it means more to me than you will ever know. You see, I am one of those kids. When I was a baby, I passed away for 10 minutes and I am now handicapped. I am strong and I want people to listen to me.

All it takes is one voice, one voice to make a difference and I will be that voice.

Yakima Valley School is there for special needs kids and adults, when no one is there to help them and be their friend. Most of the people who live at Yakima Valley School don't have the manpower it takes to take care of their unique needs. It needs to remain open for them, so they can have the right to live in a place where they are loved and well cared for. And the staff is just wonderful. Not only do they care, they are willing to come and do it every day.

That's why I am willing to fight and keep Yakima Valley School open. I am going to cry now. I have a voice and I'm willing to advocate for my friends who can't speak for themselves.

Amanda Lawther

Amanda was a client of the YVS until Elmview contracted to provide support to her. There are differing opinions regarding this issue, this is Amanda's. Maybe a little different than you might expect from a client who has experienced both life styles.

From "Letters to the editor, Yakima Herald"

Do WHAT?

- In Individual Supported Employment
 - Elmview makes support payments to the employer to keep a person working
 - Elmview pays support to the client to make it worth working
 - Elmview supports the person, employer, and co-workers to assist the person to be successfully employed
 - Everyone runs around town looking for jobs.
- A Pathway to Employment is,
 - The route you take to work each day
 - Blocked by stupid people who will not give you a job
 - A long and winding road
 - The steps a person receiving vocational services takes to community employment
- Andy and Deb's photos and artwork are now available as,
 - Cards
 - Magnets
 - Wall hangings
 - Post card
- Elmview Recycling recycled
 - 237.938 tons of newspaper
 - 11.5085 tons of cardboard
 - 144.251 tons of high grade paper
 - 57.4465 tons of mixed waste paper
 - A total of approximately 451.9331 total tons of paper last year.