



News To Count On

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From the Desk of HR

New Temps

- Kendall Jones
- Jose Ramos
- Landon Orozco
- Mike Gonzalez
- Paola Aguirre
- Maria Barrera
- Nissa Colins

Staff Birthdays



- Shelly Ortega - 3/08
- Daniel Rodriguez III - 3/14
- Isilia Juan - 3/15
- Christian Solis - 3/17
- Alexise Villalpando - 3/21
- Gabriela Rodriguez - 3/22
- Charlotte Garcia - 3/27



Staff Spotlight: Destiny Delgado



This month we spotlight Destiny Delgado ACI: Tell us about yourself.

My name is Destiny Delgado. I've been working for Ability Counts for 2 years.

My favorite thing about Ability Counts is the environment. I also like the positive impact I have on other people's day by making them smile.

My favorite food is Chinese food. I typically like to order orange chicken and steamed rice, with plenty of Sriracha sauce.

While I don't have much time to watch TV, I enjoy Documentaries and Docuseries. The last Documentary I watched was about cave diving.

My favorite kind of music is 2016 Hip-Hop as well as oldies.

Consumer Awards



Grant Miller has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Veronica Salanga. Grant has been continuously improving on money skills and has been helping others to improve as well.



Charles Foust has been awarded Consumer of the month by Leonor Rivera. Charles is currently working at Genesis, he always comes to work with a positive attitude and is always willing to help.

Consumer Awards



Raymond Villalobos has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Michael Rivas.

Raymond works hard during vocational outings, he is improving his money management skills and has great attendance.



Robert Quintana has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Shelly Ortega.

Robert does his best to do his tasks to the best of his ability and works well with all his coworkers.



Madalyn Bowers has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Gema Padilla.

Madalyn is flexible with tasks and has no issues doing extra work when the group is short handed.



Rudy Martinez has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Diane Hensel.

Rudy is a team player. He fills in when needed for Vocational Training, does all his work, respects his job coaches and fellow consumers.



Jasmine Negrete has been awarded Consumer of the Month by Diane Hensel.

Jasmine always follows directions and has been socializing more with her coworkers. She is always on time, in a good mood and participates in every activity.

A Thank You Note

On February 14th, a Consumer at the Corona building had a frightening experience. He began to choke on a piece of apple, but fortunately received prompt medical attention from Briana Cabanas. She knew the correct procedure to dislodge the object stuck in his throat. Briana's quick thinking and her courageous attitude made all the difference in a critical situation, saving someone from harm.

Giving credit where it's due! She did an exceptional job in this situation and for that, we want to say THANK YOU Brianna!



Governor Gavin Newsom has proposed to delay a \$1 billion investment in critical supports and services for Californians with developmental disabilities. Our community has endured underfunding for decades. It weakened the direct support workforce, making it harder for people with disabilities and their families to access reliable services. State leaders know how urgent it is to stabilize the disability services system. That's why they planned a funding increase this year. The impact of delaying this desperately needed funding will be nothing short of a cut to services.

Your heroic advocacy efforts in 2022 resulted in overwhelming bi-partisan support from our Senators and Assembly members to ensure services through regional centers are more adequately funded by July 1, 2024.

we need ALL OF YOU – individuals with developmental disabilities, their families, support staff, service providers, regional centers and advocates – to TAKE ACTION!

To learn more, open this link in your browser. <https://p2a.co/u4miflr>

From The Desk of HR: Years of Service Recognition

First	Last	YOS
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January

Damien	Fisher	1
Briana	Cabanas	1
Ruby	Ortiz	1
Alexise	Villalpando	1
Claudia	Medina	4
David	Salinas	6
Christian	Solis	6
Ingrid	Hernandez	14
Brenda	Corro	14

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February

Jorge	Arce	1
Isacc	Taylor	1
Nelly	Toxqui	1
Lupe	Dominguez	4

Happenings around ACI

Taking a look back at the Valentines Day event.



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“Making Ability Count”

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