

WHAT MATTERS

TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Staff Spotlight

Nolan Hensel - Regional Development Director



I have approximately nineteen years of professional experience working in the non-profit sector. This experience has been obtained through diverse settings including a school, a church, a residential treatment facility, in the community, and most recently, Child Welfare. Before joining the Marion Matters Team I had spent the last three years as the Kinnect to Family Coach in the Northwest Ohio region where I assisted in implementing the Kinnect to Family program in partnership with seven county Children's Services Agencies in Northwest Ohio.

Serving the people of Marion and our surrounding counties to see lives restored is where I feel like my giftings, and my callings have merged together, and I have the honor of doing that here as a part of Marion Matters. In April I also stepped into the role of Director at Leapin' Outreach Center and have already seen the fruit of good community collaboration as the two organizations serve many of the same people and populations. I am so excited to be a part of Marion Matters and can't wait to see the growth and development that we can achieve as an organization as well as a community.

2024 Getting Ahead Outcomes Final								
GA Group	GAW 3	GA 30	GAGO 1	GAW 4	GA 31	GA 32	GA 33	GA 34
# of Grads	7	1	7	6	14	10	11	9
Year Graduated	Spring 2022	Spring 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024	Fall 2024
Survey after Graduation	18 mos	18 mos	18 mos	12 mos	6 mos	6 mos	Current	Current
Gaind Employment	n/a	n/a	28%	n/a	7%	20%	27%	33%
Improved Financial Position	42%	100%	28%	33%	50%	70%	36%	11%
Continued Education	14%	100%	n/a	n/a	7%	40%	30%	22%

Clearwater COG Emergency Fund Success Story

After 7 years of working with DD providers, the director of the COG approached MM about an expansion in services across the Clearwater region. The Director sees the challenges that DSPs face and she knows there are gaps in financial supports. As part of the agreement with the Clearwater COG, there were emergency dollars set aside to address barriers that DSP face and where there is no community or state funding to help with those barriers. Our ERN coaches who are engaged in these DD providers have access to these funds specifically to fill those gaps. In one particular case, an employee was unable to access other resources to allow her vehicle to be repaired so she could have safe and reliable transportation to and from work. By accessing the funds the ERN coach was able to assist in getting her vehicle repaired!

"Words cannot describe my gratitude for the generous help in repairing my van! This took a huge weight off my shoulders and gave me the piece of mind that my vehicle is safe for me to get to work and transport my family."
-Clearwater COG ERN Employee

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP AFFINITY INSURANCE

Affinity Insurance is proud to sponsor such a fantastic non-profit in Marion. This organization provides multiple classes with proven success to assist those reaching for that next step. When they succeed, we all do in Marion.

- Melinda Johnson



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EMPLOYER RESOURCE NETWORK® BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

FOUNDATIONS HEALTH SOLUTIONS

I first became aware of North Central Ohio Employee Resource Network when we decided to build a new facility in Marion, Ohio. I began meeting key people in the Marion Community and telling them about The Meadows of Marion. One of those people was Natalie Longmeier with Marion Matters. As we were meeting and Natalie was telling me about Marion Matters and what all they do to support residents and Employers in the Marion Community she began to tell me about the North Central Ohio Employee Resource Network (ERN). I had never heard of anything like it but as Natalie was describing their purpose and mission I immediately knew it was a perfect fit for Foundations Health Solutions and our Culture of Care.

Our Culture of Care is not just about providing great care for our Residents but it also involves love, care and support for our employee's. With the North Central Ohio ERN, a Success Coach is provided to the employer. This success coach is onsite at the Facility to meet confidentially with our employee to address issues that they are hindering their ability to do their job.

They help them with things that are hindering their attendance and job performance. Things such as transportation, childcare, housing, debt and money management, and on and on. They have a vast network of resources that are out there and available to help the employee.

We now have the North Central Ohio ERN in six of our facilities in Central Ohio with plans to expand to other Counties in Ohio as they expand their network. We are so thankful for the work they do to support our Employee's. It truly is a Cultural Alignment and they are an absolute blessing to have as a partner.

Robert Speelman
Vice President of Culture
Foundations Health Solutions

Community Calendar

Money Matters Financial Wellness

9:30 - 3:30 (Lunch Provided)

February 12

New Class Starting

Getting Ahead Class

March 4th

MLK Jr. Neighborhood Association

Third Monday of Every Month

at Marion Matters

Visit our website for more events!