

The Bridge

“Bridging the Gap Between
Work and Home”

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CESCC Welcomes New Associate Director



Community Enterprises is proud to announce that Caitlin Reynolds has been hired as the new Associate Director. Caitlin was born and raised in Fort Gratiot. She was the four-year Letter Winner at Port Huron Northern in Softball. She then went to college at Trine University in Angola, Indiana and played softball there as well. She graduated with a Business Administration Degree majoring in Sports Management and a minor in Marketing. She then worked in the recreation field for 8 years before coming to CE. She began at the Fort Gratiot Township Recreation Department and then moved to the City of Port Huron Recreation Department. She has been working at Community Enterprises for the last 4 years as the ECL Program Supervisor and she is currently working on her Master's Degree in Recreation Administration at the University of Toledo.

Caitlin is active in recreation activities around the community. She is also still active in the game of softball, playing slow pitch as well as coaching. She started off coaching by helping with Chargers Softball travel team. She was then the JV Softball Coach at Port Huron Northern for three years, she is currently the Assistant Varsity Softball Coach for Marine City while still coaching Chargers Softball 18u in the summer, and volunteers with Fort Gratiot Little League. Caitlin's hobbies include spoiling her dog Ripley who will be 4 in February, enjoying the outdoors hunting, fishing, hiking and taking advantage of all the that the Blue Water Area has to offer!

We are very excited to have Caitlin transition to this new role. We know that she will continue to bring great things to CESCC!

Submitted by: Lisa Renno. Executive Assistant

MOVIN' ON UP

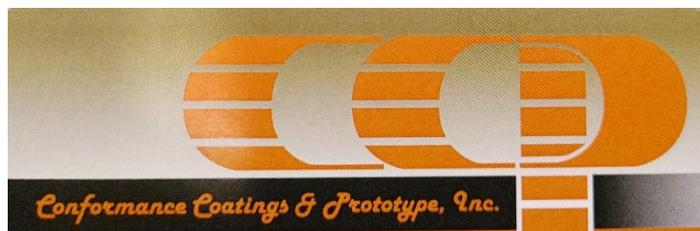
Tina Rowbotham began working at Community Enterprises back in December of 2009. Tina wore many hats while she was here. She worked in our plastic injection pail area and was a great leader. She trimmed the pails and could fill in for any position if needed. When we interviewed her previous supervisor, Dustin Rutherford he said “Tina is really missed. We are so happy for her, but we can definitely feel her being gone every day.”

When we talked to Ann Thornton & Patty Shine in the Life Skills area where Tina used to work at lunchtime with people who needed help eating, they talked about how much she was missed there too. They explained that Tina was so helpful and made great connections with the participants she spent her lunchtime with. She was caring and always eager to help.

When our Community Employment Program approached Tina about a job opportunity in the community, she was a little nervous. She had been here at CE for 12 years and was very comfortable in her day-to-day life. She was able to see her friends here at CE and she loved the work she did here.

Tina was offered the opportunity to take a tour at Conformance Coating Prototype in Marysville. They specialize in painting car parts and parts for medical equipment. The Community Employment Program was able to set this tour up so Tina could better make the decision to move on or to stay at CE. She was able to meet the managers and the people who work there. Tina was able to see the jobs they had available and become more at ease about moving on from Community Enterprises. Tina thought it over and made the decision to accept the position at CCP.

September 27, 2021, was Tina’s first day on the job. She works 3 days a week and her coworkers are so happy she joined their team! Tina is responsible for quality controlling their new contract and she also removes paint from car dashboards and readies them for packaging. I asked Tina how she feels now that she has worked there for a month and a half. She had this to say, “I am excited that I got out in the community to work. I made some good friends at work, and I don’t regret it at all. I have a goal to get my van fixed so I can drive myself to work and be more independent. I really like working there and the people I work with.” Tina is on her way to making her goals a reality. Community Enterprises still misses Tina, but we couldn’t be happier for her and the path she is making towards her independence. Congratulations Tina!



Submitted by: Jill Gorde, Job Recruiter



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The ECL Program is Enjoying Holiday Activities

Fall was a busy time for the ECL program! Our new semester of virtual classes started with Travis Maher being moved to Monday virtual classes which was a great success! We spent time doing fall crafts and began our fall/winter sports classes which include volleyball, basketball, and floor hockey. October 29th was ECL's Halloween Spooktacular where everyone painted their own pumpkin, completed 'Halloween Feel Boxes' where they experienced feeling brains, eyes, snotty noses, and worms! We rounded our day out with the watching movie Goosebumps 2 and enjoyed popcorn and snacks. It was a fun day for all. Everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving breaks and on November 24th we indulged in pumpkin pie with whipped topping to start the holiday out right!

Now BRING ON Christmas!!

Submitted by Shelly Bailes, ECL Supervisor

River District has Gone to the Birds

Our virtual class, Bird Watching, is catching on. Everyone is getting in on the action. Jason Bellhorn (pictured below) is learning about birds in his virtual class with his friends from Port Huron. While in the other room, Joe Depetro, Sherry Richardson, and Dina Janefski are all about birds too. They are painting bird houses for their little feathered friends. Afterwards, Jason also joined the group to paint a bird house!



*Submitted by:
Laurie Karig,
River District
Supervisor*



SAVE THE DATE

The CESCC Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, December 16th in "Christmas Carrie" fashion! We decided that would be a great day to celebrate all things Christmas as it was our previous Associate Director, Carrie Kerbrat's, birthday. Stay tuned for more details from each program!

