



Bryson Ponstein

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The Power of Compassion

Don't underestimate the power of Bryson Ponstein or the power of a penny.

"I have nine jars full of them!" exclaims Bryson.

At just five years old, his thoughtfulness and generosity go beyond his years.

"Bryson has been collecting coins to donate for the Fallenstein Playground," explains his mom Beth. "He's been collecting all summer and we'll donate it all when the Fall baseball season ends in September."

The Fallenstein Playground, a playground adapted to meet the needs of children with disabilities, is important to Bryson. He was born with Spina Bifida, a birth defect diagnosed by an incomplete closing of the backbone and membranes around the spinal cord. It can't be "fixed" and even though the condition leaves Bryson in need of aids to help him walk and get around, it sure doesn't slow him down.

Bryson is able to enjoy baseball and other community activities, in part, thanks to a CSG grant managed by MRCI WorkSource. Under the grant, Beth is able to stay home and be the paid parent caregiver. The grant also reimburses the family for some of the medical supplies Bryson needs.

"It's nice that I don't have to figure out the payroll stuff," says Beth. "Our rep, Joel, came in and had it all laid out for us and made it so easy to understand. They've just been wonderful. It allows me to focus on taking care of Bryson's needs."

Bryson, though, is focused on taking care of others, "I want everyone to have a playground!"

245D TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below is an updated training schedule. For additional assistance please contact LaDawn Albrecht, Licensed Coordinator, at 507.386.5715 or lalbrecht@mrciworksource.org

October: CSSPA Review, Person Centered Planning, Communications



**FRIENDS & FAMILY
APPRECIATION
EVENT**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

**THE COURTS AT MAYO CLINIC
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RSVP NEEDED

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OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.MRCICDS.ORG/CDEVENTS.HTML

ELECTRONIC VISIT VERIFICATION (EVV) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR PCA STAFF

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) will be required by PCA staff starting in 2019 and for home care workers in 2023. Department of Human Services is asking for the public to attend sessions related to EVV and its rollout in Minnesota.

The meetings will be held at:

Rochester Public Utilities, 4000 E. River Road, Rochester, MN 55906
Oct. 3, 1 to 3 p.m.

St. Louis County Government Services Center, St. Louis River Room, 320 W. Second St., Duluth, MN 55802
Oct. 6, 1 to 3 p.m.

Brooklyn Park Library, Mississippi Room, 8500 W. Broadway Ave., Brooklyn Park, 55445
Oct. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

REMINDER:

When filling out your timesheets, please include complete dates in the 2 week pay period section of the timesheet. Timesheets that do not have the complete date (including year) cannot be processed and may risk a delay in payment.

BEST PRACTICE TIPS

- Do not photocopy times, initials or signatures on timesheets
- Send timesheets in every two weeks (or weekly, if desired); MRCI should be paying the staff within 30 days of the time worked
- Ensure staff work at least once every 120 days to make sure they are still trained on cares.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

With the holidays right around the corner MRCI CDS would like to remind you of a few things.

- Payday will be on Thursday, November 9, instead of Friday, November 10 in honor of Veterans Day. Because of this change, the due date for PPE 10/28/17 is Monday, October 30, not the 31st.

- MRCI will be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

- Reimbursements need to be sent in early on the week of November 20 and any reimbursements for the week of December 25 should be turned in a week early due to the holiday schedule.



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MRCI FAMILY COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to complete a brief survey to let us know how we can best communicate changes in our industry, processes and other vital information.

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