



State Rehabilitation Council 2025 Partner Awards

The State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) recognizes the hard work community partners and businesses do to help VR consumers achieve their employment goals. The SRC presents its Partner Awards at quarterly meetings.

May 2025

The following Klamath-Falls area businesses were recognized during the May quarterly meeting.

DP Redding

Pam Redding, Cody Redding and Sean Trujillo of [DP Redding](#) were recognized for providing top-notch employment services in this rural area.

“Pam and her team always go the extra mile, literally. They are the only job developer available to support our participants in Lake County. They job develop, job coach and even do community outreach in Lake County. This community is underserved in so many ways, and we appreciate their willingness to step up to the challenge.

"They have established a rapport with employers in the area and have created a culture of trust that enables their ability to place our participants in community integrated employment." – Tammi Kuehn, VR human services assistant

Sean Trujillo thanked the SRC for the honor.

"We're deeply grateful to our local partners, staff and especially the clients who trusted us to walk alongside them on their journey. This



work is about people, not programs—and it's their strength and determination that continue inspire us every day." – Sean Trujillo, DP Redding

[Sean Trujillo of DP Redding receiving his award from SRC Vice Chair Jennifer Cassidy](#)

Running Y Resort

Running Y Resort has been a great partner in hosting a conference for students with disabilities two years in a row. The resort also provides informational interviews and site tours to support VR's Pre-ETS opportunities for students.

“Running Y has been extremely helpful in supporting the Klamath Falls Student Summit. Offering students a conference-like event with all the bells and whistles of a traditional adult conference — from the food to the décor — made this a 100% top notch event. They have offered to support our informational interviews and site tours. They are a wonderful business to partner with in Klamath.” – Michelle Prudden, VR youth services coordinator

“Running Y went over and above to support the Student Summit. ... IT set up, conference set up, breakout room set up was seamless.

After lunch, Running Y assembled all the leads or managers of the different departments and gave small group tours of different employment opportunities and information about the Running Y.

“The students shared that they did not know Running Y existed. They said all the staff were so kind, and they loved being able to tour the facility and learn about different job areas, including housekeeping, event coordination, the golf shop, the restaurant, the commercial kitchen for events and the spa.

“I appreciate Running Y for all the fantastic service I have received. They are the best.” – Cindy Cameron, youth employment specialist with Southern Oregon Education Service District

Sodexo

Klamath Falls VR staff nominated Steven Keppler, general manager of Sodexo. Sodexo holds the food contract for Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls and has hired many VR participants.

"Steven and his staff have made their organization a welcoming environment for both people with disabilities and those that support them. They are always patient and willing to make needed accommodations to fit the needs of our individuals, while maintaining participant dignity. Their communication with both our participants and our job developers is always open and honest, and they are not afraid to have those "hard" conversations when necessary.

Our younger participants love the opportunity to work on the college campus surrounded by their peers and feel included while on campus. Steven is a remarkable asset to our community, our workforce and an advocate for those we support through VR." – Klamath Falls VR team

August 2025

These east Portland businesses were recognized during the August quarterly meeting.

Attainable Employment in Oregon City

VR counselors Rachel Britsch and Markus Fant nominated Joni Foreman, owner of [Attainable Employment](#).

"Best job developer I have ever worked with in my 11 years. Professional, kind, most productive in getting clients jobs and always finds the most creative jobs given the clients skill sets, thinks outside the box, phenomenal at building relationships with any employer." – Rachel Britsch, VR counselor



“They are incredibly good at what they do. Joni runs a very professional company, and her ethics are impeccable. From talking with her, I know the environment she works to create for her staff and the high standards of individualized service she sets for every client, regardless of their support needs.”
– Markus Fant, VR counselor

[Joni Foreman of Attainable Employment](#)

Relay Resources

[Relay Resources](#) was recognized for providing person-centered employment services.

“Their job developers exemplify what it means to walk alongside individuals—not only helping establish meaningful employment goals, but doing so in a way that uplifts each person’s inherent dignity, self-worth, and life journey.

“At the heart of their work is a deep respect for every individual’s unique potential. Relay Resources honors the diverse backgrounds and aspirations of VR participants, ensuring that job development is never a one-size-fits-all service, but a relationship grounded in care, understanding, and unwavering belief in each person’s value.” – Aarynn Cypher, VR Counselor



Megan Almrayatee with Relay Resources accepts her award. She is pictured with VR Counselor Aarynn Cypher (left) and SRC Outreach Committee Chair Susan Collins (right).

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