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Autism Speaks Norma and Malcolm Baker Recreation Grant Awards \$2,017 to Innovative Services NW for the Employment Services Positive Behavior Support Project

Vancouver, WA - Innovative Services NW is proud to announce a \$2,017 grant from the Autism Speaks Norma and Malcolm Baker Recreation Grant fund, in the category of Employment. Individuals impacted with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) have immense potential in the workplace and have shown to use their individual unique talents and characteristics to make great achievements. Challenging behaviors associated with ASD however, can be particularly impactful to an individuals' ability to secure/maintain employment.

The *Employment Services Positive Behavior Support Project* will offer an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) training to our Employment Services staff, participant families, employers and other community stakeholders. By teaching a basic understanding of positive behavior support de-escalation strategies, the goal is to have supportive community members who know how to respond to quickly resolve challenging behavior, maintain the client's dignity, and increase the successful employment of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

Thank you to the Autism Speaks Norma and Malcolm Baker Recreation Grant Fund!

Innovative Services NW is a 55-year-old Vancouver-based nonprofit that offers services including Therapy, Early Intervention, and Early Learning for children and Employment Training and Job Support for adults with disabilities and disadvantages.

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