



# NES Connections

Connecting People • Celebrating Abilities • Building Community

## Client Success Story



For years, Monica's "Oregon or Bust" vibes were legendary. It was the one thing she talked about more than anything else. Read more about her story and other client success stories on **pg 2.**

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## ★ Staff Spotlight

### Meet Jaiden!

Jaiden Gallegos was nominated for the **UDDC Advocacy Award**. Read more about this great achievement and other staff spotlights on **pg. 4**



Way to go!

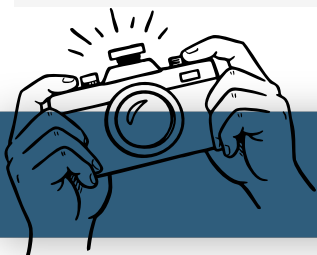
## NES Happenings



From talent shows, to "A Night to Shine", it's been a busy month filled with fun, smiles and connection!

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Take a look, at our photo of the month! **pg. 6**



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much  
-Helen Keller-



## CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

Every accomplishment, big or small, is a step toward independence, confidence, and a brighter future. We're so proud to celebrate our clients!

Monica



### OREGON OR BUST

Monica's dream of visiting Oregon finally became a reality in April when she hit the road with her roommates for an unforgettable trip. They traveled up the coast, explored the Redwoods, and made plenty of fun memories along the way. Although she wasn't able to find her grandmother's old house, Monica still achieved a longtime goal and officially checked Oregon off her bucket list. Congratulations, Monica!

### DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

Alyssa has made incredible progress toward her goals of finishing school, gaining employment, and becoming more independent. She has nearly completed her school credits, secured and maintained a job at Walmart, and earned her driving permit. Alyssa has also shown meaningful growth in accepting support from her team, and we are excited to continue supporting her success.



Alyssa



Taylor



### DREAMS ACHIEVED

On May 19th, we celebrated Taylor's graduation and completion of the Pathway Tools program. Taylor will continue working with the NES employment team and enjoys being involved in her community, spending time with friends, and planning activities with her housemates.

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BIG DREAMS.



REAL PROGRESS.

## CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

Building skills.  
Building confidence.  
Building a bright future.

Roberto



### NEW CONFIDENCE, NEW CONNECTIONS

Roberto was very quiet when he first came to the Day Program and displayed a lot of physical aggression. Since then, he has made tremendous progress. Roberto is now very happy, talkative, and enjoys making friends with both peers and staff. He participates in almost every outing and has become very friendly and social. He is also making more independent decisions, such as choosing which activities he would like to participate in and what items he would like to buy while out in the community. It has been wonderful to see his growth and confidence improve so much.

### THRIFT STORES, TUNES AND BIG SMILES



When Ryan first arrived, he struggled with communication and emotional regulation, which sometimes led to physical outbursts. The team focused on creating a safe, predictable environment using visual aids and redirection strategies to help him better understand and express his emotions. Over time, Ryan gained confidence, his aggression decreased, and he began thriving socially through activities like thrift shopping and music. His journey is a powerful example of the impact of patience, understanding, and support.

Ryan



I would like to recognize the whole team in supporting him every step of the way. Their dedication, patience, and innovative approaches made all the difference in his journey.

-Nevaeh

We rise  
by lifting  
others

-Robert Ingersoll-

## STAFF SHOUT-OUTS

Thanks for all you do!

Our team shows up everyday with compassion, patience and heart. Here are a few of the **amazing** people who make **NES** so special!

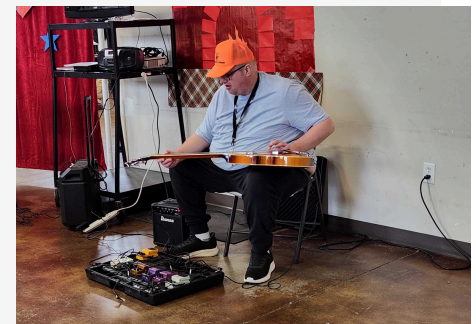
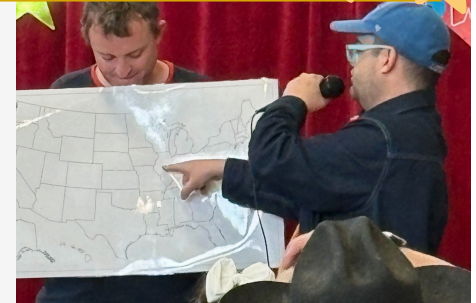


**Jaiden Gallegos** was nominated for the UDDC Advocacy Award. The UDDC Advocacy Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated a significant commitment to improving the lives of Utahns with disabilities. Awardees are recognized for their efforts to help individuals with disabilities lead full, integrated lives and for helping to make their communities inclusive and respectful.



## SHINING BRIGHT AT NES

**Lehi Day Program** is a force to be reckoned with, transforming the culture of community integration. Last month, individuals auditioned, rehearsed, and performed in a talent show for families, support coordinators, and friends. Performances included piano, guitar, singing, and reciting all 50 states and capitals, featuring music from artists like Nirvana, Garth Brooks, and Ozzy Osbourne. It was a fun and inspiring day filled with talent and connection.



“  
Shine your light and  
make a positive impact  
on the world.  
-Oprah Winfrey-

# STAFF SHOUT-OUTS

Thanks for being the  
**HEART of NES!**  


Our **St. George** and **Vernal** locations would like to recognize some **outstanding team members** for their hard work and commitment.



## Layla Pulufana

For her incredible work ethic and consistently giving 100% to the individuals she supports.

## Ian Curfew

For creating fun, engaging activities and helping individuals build valuable skills in the kitchen.

## Misha George

For her consistent dedication to making every day memorable for the individuals and being a great support for her team.

## Nicole Harvey

For always putting individuals first, whether managing her own home or stepping in to support Day Program, and for taking on additional homes.



## Abdy Zavala

Abdy has been an important part of the NES Day Service family for nearly five years. His positive energy, strong work ethic, and genuine care for the individuals he supports make a lasting impact every day. Through every challenge, Abdy continues to show up with a smile and a heart for others.

## Dawn Tucker

In just four months, Dawn has become a valued part of the NES family. Her compassion, positivity, and dedication shine through in the fun activities she plans and the meaningful connections she builds with the individuals she supports each day.



## NES HAPPENINGS

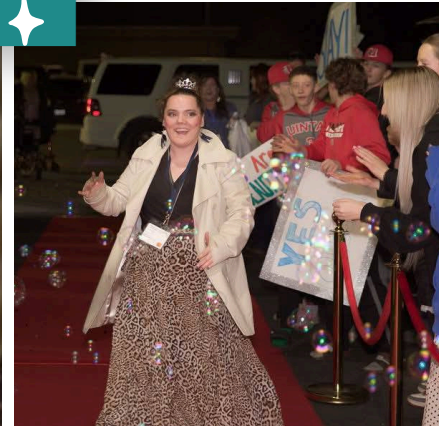
So Much to Celebrate!

From community outings to creative activities, our clients and staff have been making memories and building connections every day. Take a look at what's been happening at **NES!**

Photo of the Month



### A Night to Shine. ✨



The recent "Night to Shine" prom, hosted by Vernal Christian Church and sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, was an unforgettable celebration featuring a red-carpet experience, dancing, and special recognition for local kings and queens in a joyful evening of inclusion and community.

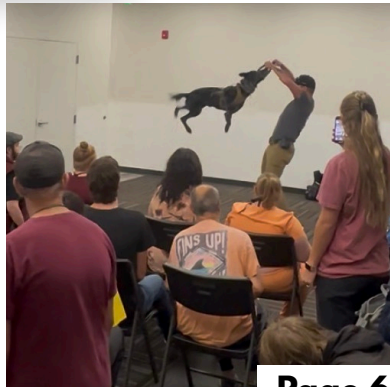
### On the Job!



The Lehi employment program currently supports 18 individuals working successfully in the community, helping them build independence and achieve their personal goals.



### Police and K-9 Visit 🐾



The local Police K-9 unit visited the St. George Day Program, giving individuals a chance to meet officers, ask questions, and learn about their work. The K-9s also delivered exciting live demonstrations, showcasing their scent detection and training skills.

**Empowered • Included • Celebrated** ✨

## NES HAPPENINGS

So Much to Celebrate!

### Every Moment Matters

At NES, every activity, every outing and every smile is a step toward independence, confidence and joy.

Together we thrive.

#### Out and About!



Reel fun in the sun!



#### Trail Adventures!



Hiking at Dinosaur National Monument



#### Community Connections!



Community Scavenger Hunt!



### Upcoming Fun!

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Lehi

Summer Dance Party



June 17th

Layton

BBQ in the Park



Every Fri.

@ 10:30 am

Layton

Zumba



Aug. 20th @ 5pm

Box Elder

Fair Parade



### Salsa Starts Here!



Individuals at our Layton location kicked off a hands-on gardening project, each taking responsibility for their own plants while looking forward to harvesting together and turning their produce into fresh homemade salsa.

Thanks for following along with all the exciting happenings of NES! We appreciate everyone who helps make these moments possible.

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