

Using “Skills to Pay the Bills” for Soft Skills Training

Samantha Ninnemann and Sally Scheidegger, the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI) Soft Skills Team, are pleased to offer an opportunity to learn more about how to use “Skills to Pay the Bills” for soft skills training with youth and adults.

This train-the-trainer workshop will include presentations, group work, and hands-on application of the material, designed to provide you with opportunities to practice what you learn.



Why should you attend this training?

The Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA) has opened the door to new opportunities for youth and service providers. The required pre-employment transition services (PETS) include soft skills training to help youth with disabilities prepare for the workplace.

This one-day training workshop will provide you with a framework for providing soft skills training to youth using the “Skills to Pay the Bills” (STPTB) curriculum developed by the Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy. You will also learn how to adapt the curriculum for use with adults.

What can you expect from this training?

You will receive a “Train-the-trainer Toolkit” that was designed specifically for use with this training. The toolkit includes techniques and strategies for facilitation and training, information on the six soft skills covered in STPTB, and information on how to adapt the training for adults. You will be given pre-training exercises to complete that are designed to introduce you to the material in STPTB and to the toolkit, allowing us to get right to work at the training!



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By end of the training you will:

- Have a better understanding of your strengths and areas for improvement as a trainer
- Know how to use evidence-based practices to improve your training including,
 - Motivational Interviewing (MI) type questions
 - Appreciative Inquiry (AI) techniques that will assist trainers the participants they will be training in shifting their thinking from “What’s Wrong” to “What’s Right”
- Have a working knowledge of the “Skills to Pay the Bills” curriculum and how to use it as a framework for soft skills training for youth
- Know how to adapt the STPTB curriculum for use with adults

When and where are the workshops taking place?

This workshop is being offered three times in different parts of the state. You only need to attend one of the following:

- June 14th at North Central Health Care in Wausau, WI
- June 21st at the Easter Seals Workforce Training Center in Waukesha, WI
- June 23rd at UW-Stout in Menomonie, WI

Workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. There will be a one-hour break for lunch, which will be on your own.

How much does it cost to attend?

The fee for the workshop is \$200 per person. This includes continental breakfast, an afternoon snack, parking (where applicable), and workshop materials.

CRC and CEU credits have been applied for. There is an additional \$20 fee for CEUs.

How do you sign up?

Each training will be limited to 25 people. Just use the following link to register for the training that you would like to attend:

[REGISTER HERE](#)

You will receive an email confirming your registration. Additional information, including details about locations, parking, pre-training exercises, and materials will be sent in a separate email.

Disability Accommodations and Dietary Restrictions

If disability accommodations (e.g., communication access, alternate formats) are needed to participate fully in this event, please contact Samantha Ninnemann at ninnemannsa@uwstout.edu at least three weeks before the scheduled training. Every effort will be made to provide requests made after this time, but they are not guaranteed.

Please contact Samantha at the email above if you have a dietary restriction (gluten-free, vegetarian, etc.) at least three weeks prior to the training.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Ninnemann at ninnemannsa@uwstout.edu or Sally Scheidegger at scheideggers@uwstout.edu