Scott Forman: A Fulcrum Success Story

Scott Forman came to Fulcrum’s Basic Food Education Training (BFET) program via Rachel at the SNAP Homeless Services office. He is a recent widower from Kentucky with a long and successful work history. His wife was from here, and her cousin extended an invitation to come here for a fresh start. Scott had been diligently searching for work since last fall, but was having no luck finding employment. Worse yet, his savings depleted, he suddenly found himself on the brink of homelessness. Little did he know that one call to SNAP was about to turn his entire situation around.

Even though Scott had lost so much, he was positive and smiling every time he came into Fulcrum. He completed a BFET intake on a Tuesday, completed the two day jobs skills class the next two days, and secured a full-time job with Accra Fab in Liberty Lake within two weeks. Scott tells us he is thrilled to be working for such a great company. He states, “Everyone here is no-nonsense. You did everything you said you would. Thank you!”.

The Many Services We Offer

The Fulcrum main office schedules and facilitates intakes for the Interchange, for many types of mediations, Anger Management, Theft Awareness and Sharing the Children classes. The office also contracts with Stevens County to mediate Small Claims cases in Colville, Washington.

Intakes for the Interchange include private parties and DSHS referrals, and can average between four and ten per week. Mediations can include parenting plans, landlord/tenant issues, real estate conflicts and home foreclosure. On average Fulcrum will have five mediations per week. The Anger Management class is a ten hour class conducted over a five week period, Theft Awareness a five hour class spanning a two week period. Both are held in the evenings. The Sharing the Children class meets one or two times monthly in the evening.

Questions may be addressed to the Intake Specialist at: (509) 838-2799.
New Pilot Business Partnership Program

A friend of Fulcrum Institute DRC approached the Business Outreach Coordinator with an idea to set up a pilot program with a large local concrete company. The idea of the program is to get client’s without their GED or Diploma hired through the companies human resources apprenticeship program. The company will train the clients and potentially help them join the Union.

In the first pilot trial, four of the Education Department clients were chosen to participate. If this pilot is successful, the company will consider hiring more people through the BRT and BFET programs. Other companies maybe willing to try this approach if this trial is successful.

Fulcrum’s Education Department is thankful for the great efforts of everyone involved for bringing this pilot program to life. We are most grateful to the wonderful people at the concrete company for giving second chances to individuals.

If your business is not already partnering with Fulcrum’s Business Round Table please contact:

Tammy Nicks- Business Outreach Coordinator

For information on the Basic Food Education Training Program (BFET) please contact:

Angela Foltz -BFET Program Supervisor/Coordinator

Fulcrum Institute DRC Employment and Education Annex is located at:
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Phone:509-795-8955

A great program is education, mentoring, and employment.
Fulcrum’s Interchange

The Interchange has had the pleasure of a makeover over the last 5 months. Staff members Kayla Webley and Sara Coleman have gone out and retrieved donations, and then volunteered their time to repaint rooms and even donated new toys, games, and movies for the families.

Fulcrum’s Interchange employees transport children involved with DSHS to visitations with their families.

Along with the Interchange on site operations, Fulcrum has been accepting and providing in-home visitation services for 10 months. The Interchange program provides a safe haven for children.

So far in January and February 2015 drivers have driven a total of 46,581 miles average of 23,290 per month.

If you have games, toys, gently used couches, etc. that you would like to donate please contact The Interchange Department at 509-838-2799.

Your donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.
Students Say:

~ “Thank you, Fulcrum, for giving me a leg up on my new journey”

~ “I really liked the 60 second commercial in job skills because it let me put all my skills and qualifications together in one spot.”

~ “The anger management log really helps me not get so angry with others.”

Education Department

This quarter Fulcrum taught the identified core classes at the Geiger Facility; Job Skills and Partners in Parenting, along with a variety of other classes such as Effective Communication, Emotional Intelligence and Stress Management. At the request of inmates and Geiger staff the Education Director developed and implemented a 10 class Anger Management course for men only. This is the only Fulcrum course that inmates are pre-screened by Geiger Program Officers.

This quarter, Sessions (23 and 24) will feature 116 certificates of completion given to 72 inmates; 18 of which attended the two Breaking Barriers evening graduations. Graduation requirements are 30 hours or more of completed course work to attend the evening graduation, 29 or less to attend the daytime celebration.

Top completion honors go to Anger Management with a graduation rate of 57% and Job Skills at 54%.

Fulcrum continued to use the closed class format focusing on curriculum content and class discussion.

During this quarter Fulcrum received 2 MRT referrals. MRT is split into two categories: Veterans and non-Veterans and offered during the day and evening.

For information on the Offender Education Program please contact:

Justin Van Elsberg
Education Program Director

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2nd Annual BRT Appreciation Luncheon
Sometimes starting over takes more than one try!

Our elected officials, valued local businesses, and community leaders who work with Fulcrum Institute Dispute Resolution Clinic have the opportunity to join us for lunch and hear the amazing story of Dave Dahl, Founder of Dave’s Killer Bread!

Date: May 19th, 2015
Time: Noon Hour
Location:
Ash Street Workforce Training Station
1935 North Ash Street
Spokane, WA 99205

The progress on Fulcrum’s Ash Street Workforce Training Station continues to move forward. This project was first envisioned approximately one year ago to address a local need for job skills training and affordable housing. The Ash Street Training Station will occupy the building on the southwest corner of Ash & Shannon at 1925 N. Ash Street. This building was the former home of Nord’s Electric and has been vacant for the past six years.

The Ash Street Training Station building will be upgraded and remodeled to include three one bedroom apartments, retail space, and training facilities. This work is being funded by a grant from the City of Spokane’s Community, Housing and Human Services Department. Currently, two commercial tenants are in the final stages of lease negotiations.

This project is very important for the Spokane community and has the support of many local and regional leaders. We are very excited about the level of support offered and look forward to continuing work at the Ash Street Workforce Training Station.

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