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NMDVR OFFERS “MONEY SMART” TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESS



SANTA FE (April 12, 2022) – The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR) is offering an online Money Smart for Small Business course beginning Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The 13 free sessions will be held every Wednesday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

NMDVR Program Manager Karen Wiley and Benefits Advisor Rebecca Medina are teaching the course, which was developed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Disability Institute, and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

In recent years, NMDVR has been working with more participants who are self-employed in the gig economy. According to Wiley, they often don't know the ins-and-outs of self-employment—such as needing to pay quarterly taxes—making now a good time to begin presenting this curriculum.

“The goal is to help people with disabilities work towards supporting themselves through self-employment, and to provide them with basic financial literacy when running a business,” says Wiley. “We want people to obtain the skills they need to be successful.”

Money Smart for Small Business introduces both aspiring entrepreneurs and current small business owners to skills needed to start and manage a business. The curriculum includes modules about risk management, financial management, record keeping, insurance, tax planning, and more.

The course is currently open to any participant in an NMDVR program. Those interested can register at www.surveymonkey.com/r/R8QSKRJ.

The agency plans to present the modules on a rolling basis, so students who miss a topic of interest to them will be able to virtually attend the class 13 weeks later. Enrollees can join any or all of the 13 classes and can jump into the cycle of classes at any time.

The New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (NMDVR) helps eligible individuals with documented disabilities find suitable employment. To do so, NMDVR partners with companies and agencies seeking opportunities to enhance and diversify their workforce. Vocational rehabilitation is a voluntary program supporting people who want to work. With a long history of success and proven methodology for making the best fits, NMDVR is committed to helping participants thrive in their communities.

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