

Disability Matters Tuesday at 11 AM Pacific June 1st 2021: Mission of the Bender

Leadership Academy

Joyce welcomes to the show Scott Hammerstrom, manager of programs and partnerships for Bender Leadership Academy. This non-profit organization has been serving students with disabilities since 2001. It accomplishes the mission of competency-based workforce development through a continuum of learning. Its goal is to increase long-term competitive employment for youth with disabilities. The Bender Leadership Academy delivers competency building programs that enable students with disabilities to engage in educational, empowerment and work opportunities, celebrate successes, and set and achie

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Scott Hammerstrom

As the Manager of programs and partnerships, Scott Hammerstrom oversees 12 competency building programs that enable students with disabilities to engage in educational, empowerment, and work-readiness opportunities with a focus on setting and achieving career journey goals. Scott has served as the regional coordinator for Disability Mentoring Day for the past 14 years. Scott is the product manager for Bender Consulting Services, Inc.'s workplace mentoring program, supporting employees with disabilities in creating their brand and developing successful work habits. He has over 16 years of experience supporting for-profit and non-profit organizations focusing on disabilities. Prior to joinina

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