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JET WELCOMES JOSIE LAPORTE AS CAREER COUNSELOR

JET, which serves adults, dislocated workers, public assistance recipients, and youth ages 14+ on career paths to employment in a seven-county area of Northeast Minnesota, welcomes Josie LaPorte. Josie was hired to fill a role as Career Counselor serving MFIP clients in JET's Duluth, MN, office.



To the question of why she chose JET Josie stated, "I was drawn to JET because of its mission, "Build Thriving Communities by Guiding and Empowering Individuals." which she finds "powerful, realistic, and person-centered." Josie's commitment to this community is obvious in this statement, "I lived here, worked here, and played here my whole life- I love the Twin Ports!" Marie Domiano, JET's Executive Director, had this to say about her reasons for hiring Josie, "Josie is a skilled Social Worker who has experience with low-income housing, diverse populations, and those facing significant barriers to employment. She is driven, thorough, detailed, and organized - a perfect complement to our Duluth team!"

Josie brings to JET a background in targeted case management services in county, tribal and non-profit organizations. She has served as a Social Worker in Child Protection, a Disability Linkage Line Operator, and also has experience serving clients in the Duluth Public Housing sector. Knowing what to expect from Josie in her work can be found in her favorite excerpt from a J.R.R. Tolkien book "I found it is the small everyday deeds of ordinary folk that keep the darkness at bay."

Educational Qualifications: Josie has a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin Superior (UWS).

When Josie is not at work she is with her husband, Ryan, and their two children, Willow (13) and Owen (9). They also have three "fur children," Trixie and Raindrop, both cats and Daisy their dog. Josie's self-care go-to is swimming and saunas. To answer the question about her favorite food Josie loves anything cooked by her husband who she says is a "phenomenal chef and makes all my favorite foods; no restaurant can compare to his cooking!!" Her favorites are French onion soup and chicken enchiladas, YUM!! For books, Josie's favorite is "The Witcher: The Lady of the Lake" by Andrzej Sapkowski. And finally, at the top of her playlist is Heaven Beside You by Alice in Chains (the live version).

Celebrating almost 50 years in workforce development, JET serves job seekers including dislocated workers, people wishing to enter or re-enter the workforce, adults interested in training and education and youth ages 14-24. Services include career planning and exploration, personalized job search strategies, funding for postsecondary education, and financial resources to support job search activities.

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