

JET WELCOMES ASHLEY DIETZ 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 Ashley Dietz. Ashley was hired to fill a role as Career Counselor serving MFIP (Minnesota Family Investment Program) clients in JET's Hibbing MN office.



To the question of why she chose JET Ashley had this to say, "It is obvious how much the staff at JET care for the community members they are serving. I am excited for a chance to be a part of such a supportive and dedicated team."

Randy Back, JET's Director of Operations, explained the agency's reasoning behind offering Ashley this position, "The Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) that JET delivers is about moving families and children out of poverty. The JET philosophy of holistic services for MFIP families clearly aligned with Ashley's experience at working with families and contributing to her community."

Ashley, who has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Bemidji State University, says that she has spent most of her working life in various early childhood education settings. In her words about this work, "I became very aware of the many challenges families face in balancing work and family life. I, personally, benefited from social supports that I found in the school system and the community. Social connection can be life-changing!! My career passion has always been counseling and I look forward to moving into this counseling role at JET where I can apply my professional and personal experience which will be very relevant to my work with MFIP participants."

When Ashley leaves the office she returns home to husband, John, two children, Livia and Jack, and a dog named Baloo. States Ashley when asked about her self-care routine, "My favorite form of self-care is being outside. I am very into birding and nature photography. I always look forward to days where I can spend time in the Sax-Zim Bog nature preserve." According to Ashley her favorite restaurant is Wrestaurant located in St. Paul and owned by a cousin of her's. She encourages all of us to "check it out". Ashley's favorite book is *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy and next on her playlist is Levon or anything by Elton John.

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. For more information about JET, find us at www.nemojt.org. For questions about this news release, please contact: Marie Domiano, Executive Director, at Marie.Domiano@nemojt.org.