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JET WELCOMES RACHAEL JOHNSON 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 Rachael Johnson. Rachael was hired to serve Adults and Dislocated Workers as a Career Counselor in JET's Virginia, MN office.



Rachael was hired, according to Marie Domiano, JET's Executive Director, "because of her experience having worked with the JET Coordinated Entry team as the Housing Resource Navigator through AMPACT where she received referrals and assisted clients with family stabilization services and finding and maintaining housing. Rachael is passionate and committed to ensuring her clients have the tools and resources necessary to successfully navigate through life to find and maintain stable housing, pursue appropriate career opportunities, and contribute positively to their communities. She has a natural ability to connect with people from all walks of life by making them feel comfortable, valued, and heard. We are very excited for her to join our team!" Rachael has also worked as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor Intern.

When asked, "Why JET?," Rachael responded, "I love JET and the opportunity to grow within the agency. I also enjoy the work/life balance that is part of the JET work culture as well as the open communication that JET leadership has with all employees." Just so you know Rachael prefers phone video calls because she believes that eye contact and facial expressions help to understand people more clearly in conversations. Co-workers of her past, Rachael thinks, would say that they miss having her around the office. And finally a motto that

Rachael works and lives by, "The same boiling water that makes an egg hard also makes a potato soft. You need to dictate your environment and not let the environment dictate you."

Educational Qualifications; Rachael has an A.A.S. in Addiction Studies from Minnesota North College and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work at Bemidji State University. She is also currently interning at Partners Behavioral Healthcare in Virginia, MN, working with those suffering from substance use disorders.

When she's not working, volunteering or studying, Rachael spends time with her husband Michael and their three children Azariya (Zari), Michael Jr., and Malachi. Rachael's selfcare go-to is listening to Christian music. Her fave restaurant is Curry Corner in Minneapolis and fave food is Coconut Curry. A book that Rachael would read twice is Joyce Meyer's "Blessed in the Mess" and next song on her playlist is "We are the Messengers" by Wholehearted.

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 post-secondary education, and financial resources to support job search activities. JET is an equal opportunity employer and service provider.

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