

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between
**Rhode Island Department of Human Services,
Office of Rehabilitation Services**
And
Goodwill Industries of Rhode Island

Term: November 1, 2008 - October 31, 2011

Purpose:

The purpose of this memorandum is to formalize the partnership between DHS/ORS and Goodwill Industries of R.I in relation to the internship program. Graduate student interns work with mutual clients of ORS and Goodwill to provide a full array of vocational rehabilitation services. The primary goal under this program is to increase the employment options for individuals with disabilities. ORS and Goodwill have had a long successful partnership in assisting people with disabilities to achieve their chosen vocational goals. This agreement will help to foster the supply of Qualified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors in order to provide the many valuable services needed by our mutual clients.

Responsibilities:

Goodwill Industries will perform the following duties:

Goodwill Industries will provide a comprehensive orientation at Goodwill for the interns so that they will learn about the mission and array of services offered by Goodwill

Goodwill will verify the hours that the interns work through timesheets that have been verified and signed by the assigned ORS supervisory staff.

The interns (Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors in training) will receive a weekly stipend of \$11.00 per hour for up to a maximum of 35 hours per week for providing vocational rehabilitation services to our mutual clients.

Goodwill has agreed to accept authorizations from ORS to fund services provided by the interns for the benefit of our mutual clients, and to issue bi-weekly paychecks (funds received through the client authorization process) to each intern.

DHS/ Office of Rehabilitation Services will perform the following duties:

The Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS) will provide an opportunity for ORS Qualified Rehabilitation Counselors to train interns in learning to how to apply the theory that they have learned in their classrooms.

Interns will work under the direct supervision of assigned ORS counselors and their supervisors.

Interns will be assigned a number of cases in order to provide case management and direct vocational rehabilitation services to the mutual clients served.

Interns will be carefully screened by their respective college/or university, by ORS staff and/or by the ORS Community Rehabilitation Specialist.

Interns will be required to complete an ORS vendor application, provide a copy of mal practice insurance, and must show proof of a clean BCI check.

Signatures of Agreement:


Jeffrey Machado
President/CEO
Goodwill Industries

11/26/08
Date


Stephen Brunero
Acting Administrator
DHS/Office of Rehabilitation Services

12/5/08
Date