



PSA Monthly
March 2020

From the President...

Hello Members,

I cannot believe it is already March! Your E-Board is currently in the planning stages for our annual summer retreat. A survey of the membership will be sent within the next few weeks. We want your feedback/ideas to make this event the best yet 😊. For those members taking time off during spring break, have a safe, exciting, and restful time! *Respectfully, Jude*

Stay Healthy...

From the Desk of the Director: State Employee COVID-19 Policy

Dear colleagues,

With the impact of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) expanding across the globe, I want to share a new Division of Human Resources policy designed to protect you and help you navigate the spread of this disease.

First, it is important to emphasize that to this point, no significant risks to the state employee population have been identified and state government continues to operate as normal. While the risk of COVID-19 in our area remains low, it is important to take steps to prevent the spread of illness, including:

- Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Please stay away from work when you are sick;
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash;
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces; and
- If you have not already done so, get a flu shot.

In addition to these measures, we have updated our guidance to help protect the health of our state employees.



Track OT...

If you are required to work overtime, please track your time with the official form available on the HR website... https://www.ccri.edu/hr/persforms/OT_PSABOE.pdf

Get to Know PSA...

Michelle Lussier, Disability Services for Students Coordinator

How long have you worked at CCRI? 4 years

Primary campus location: Providence, PSA member and Area Representative

Education/honors/awards: Masters Reading and Literacy and I am an Orton-Gillingham Specialist

Professional organizations: I belong to the International Dyslexia Association and the NEA

Hobbies: I love camping (glamping) and going to the beach

Personal information you do not mind sharing (i.e. where born, do you have kids or pets, etc.):

I am married with 3 girls Taylor (19), Madelyn (15) and Amelia (5). I also have a boxer named Rosie and a cat named Cheeto.

Erica Baker, Student Development Counselor in the office of Advising and Counseling,

Member and Area Representative for the Community College of Rhode Island Professional Staff Association

How long have you worked at CCRI? Three Years

Primary campus location: Liston

Education/honors/awards: MS in Counseling from San Francisco State University, BS in Business Management from Johnson & Wales University, AS in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Johnson & Wales University. Currently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate program for Human Resources/Labor Relations at the University of Rhode Island.

Professional organizations: Member of the American Counseling Association, Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and Member of the Society of Human Resource Management.



Hobbies: Two of my favorite outdoor activities are biking and hiking with my family.



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