

Utah County Employee of the Month for March, 2015

Bruce Miller - Counselor I

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It is said that great employees are reliable, dependable, proactive, diligent, great leaders, and great followers. They possess a wide range of easily defined, but hard to find qualities. Some employees are remarkable processing qualities that may not appear on performance appraisals but nonetheless make a major impact on a department. This is our Outpatient Substance Abuse Counselor Bruce Miller.

Mr. Miller has been with our department since July 2011. As a case manager he is an excellent teacher and continues to teach education groups for both day treatment groups. As a case manager he provides and supervises case management including making referrals with multiple community agencies, court systems, public social service agencies, AA/NA, and other drug treatment providers. He greets each day with the positive greeting. If you ask him how he is doing even on a terrible day, he states AMAZING.

The one thing that Bruce does well is ignore his job description and this is why we as a department would like to nominate him. Mr. Miller actively participates with his clients in Addict to Athlete and Addict to Artist. Many times you can see Bruce attend A2A events with his small children in tow. Also if you look closely around Utah County you can see Bruce on "The Way to Quit" billboards throughout Utah and Salt Lake County. He has been a great example to the clients that we work with. He has such a positive personality and he genuinely cares about every client he works with. He's always willing to take the time with anyone that needs him. Just recently Bruce has taken on the responsibility of Phase I treatment. This means Bruce now has a case load of 100+ clients. Other than his messy hair you would never know that Bruce has a case load this big. As an Army Veteran he uses his experiences with PTSD to help clients and will now be assisting with the new Veteran's Court in Utah County.

As co-workers we appreciate that Bruce always keeps his door open ready to assist anyone in need outside in the reception area. Bruce is always willing to lend a helping hand. But the best part about Bruce is that we all enjoy teasing and harassing him, which he takes so well. But he is a fun, enjoyable employee who makes every single client feel like they are number one in his book. This is reason we think he is Employee of the Month.

Nominated by Bruce Chandler
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