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Midyear Report Out



- We are a passionate, grassroots chapter of a broad, forward-thinking association
- Founded in 1988, APSE is the only national organization with an exclusive focus on integrated employment for individuals with disabilities
- APSE is a 3,000+ and growing national non-profit membership organization



About Us

It's all about Employment & Connection!

Membership



create a sense of unity, build a strong network

- Launched “Listen & Share” meetings in March as COVID-19 took effect in Wisconsin
- Opportunity to learn from and support each other
- Opened up to anyone and everyone during unprecedented time
- 45 – 60 people attend on average

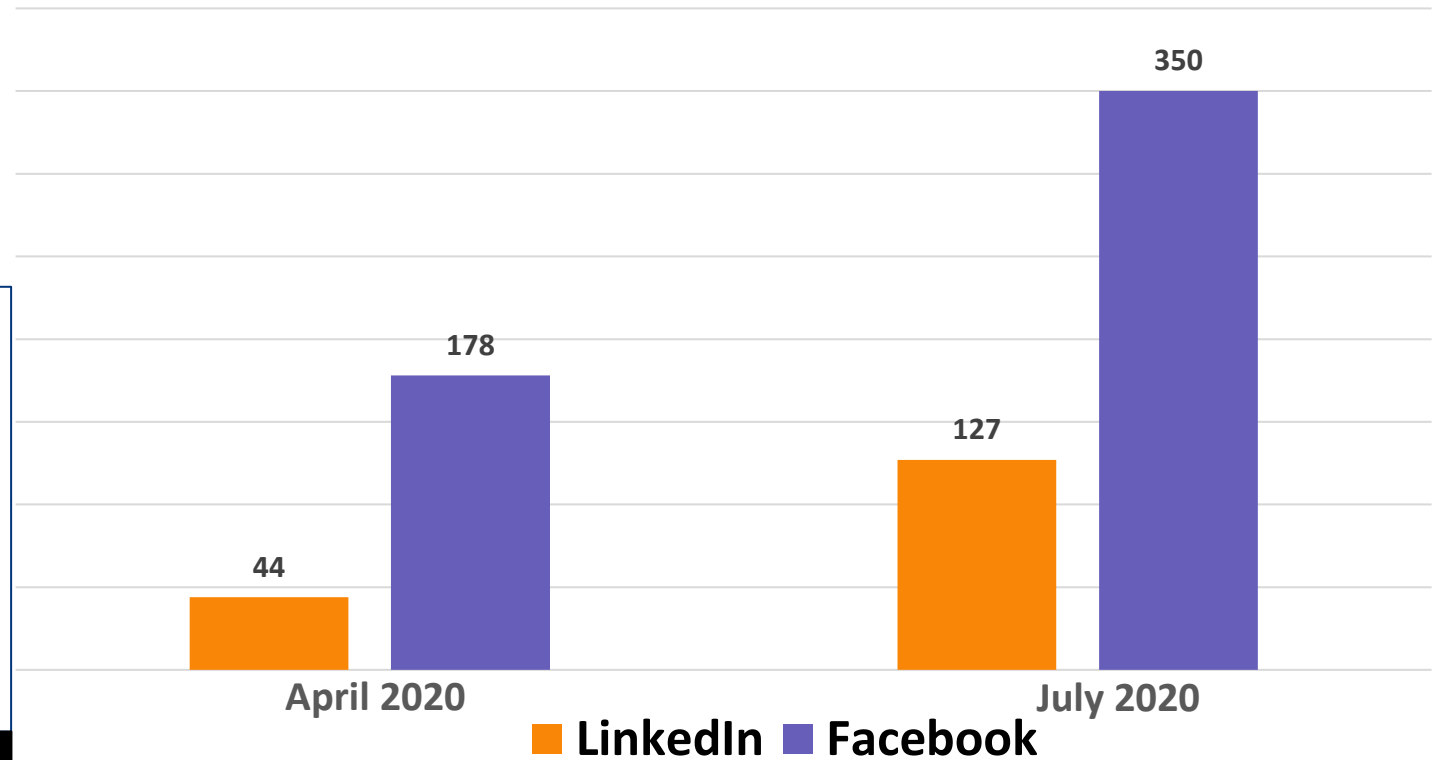
Communications



inspire, inform and connect



Followers on Social Media



- Regular posts on latest news, inspirational stories, topics important to our field
- Stay connected with us!



Training



expand skill-sets, support growth and increase opportunities

- Received **Partners with Business** grant
 - Final product will be an onboarding/skill advancement tool to support and train new or existing employment specialists
- Planning training for October – ***Supporting Individuals in Achieving Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE)***
- **Annual National APSE conference** going on right now – virtual, of course!

Advocacy



collaborate to advance employment & inclusion

- “Stronger together” approach

Teaming with Survival Coalition

- Giving regular input on various communications
 - Equity recommendations for Black Wisconsinites with disabilities - to Lieutenant Governor
 - Employment recommendations for next budget
- Provider Survey

Collaborative advocacy

- With Survival, DSPN, Arc, BPDD, DD Coalition
- Bi-monthly COVID-19 Stakeholder meetings
- CARES Act Provider Program feedback
- May Letter to Lisa Olson, Deputy Assistant Secretary – DHS
- March letter to Governor Evers

Resource Update Emails

- Weekly at start of pandemic, now as needed



Thank You!

