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LifeWorks hosts guests from First Place-Phoenix and BG Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours

In early September, LifeWorks had the honor of hosting special guests Denise Resnik and Brad Herron-Valenzuela from First Place-Phoenix. For nearly two decades, First Place-Phoenix has been an international leader in offering supportive housing and residential transition programs for individuals on the autism spectrum and other neurodiverse populations.

Denise is the founder and president/CEO of First Place AZ, co-founder of the Southwest Autism Research & Resource Center, and founder and CEO of DRA Collective, a marketing/communications firm. Brad is the director of the Global Leadership Institute's Phoenix IDA Center for Education, Training & Employment.

First Place has been a model program for LifeWorks, which is a licensee of their Learn4Independence curriculum developed specifically for those on the autism spectrum.

Their visit continues years of partnership and collaboration between the Suzanne Vitale Clinical Education Complex and LifeWorks at WKU. As thought leaders on advancing community development initiatives for the neurodiverse population, Denise and Brad updated local leaders on the quality-of-life issues impacting the neurodiverse community, including housing and effective public policy.



Pictured (left to right): John Kelly, Mary Lloyd Moore, Denise Resnik, and Brad Herron-Valenzuela



Business After Hours

On September 27, LifeWorks hosted the Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly Business After Hours networking event. Nearly 70 community members joined the LifeWorks staff, participants, and board of directors to learn more about the LifeWorks Transition Academy and tour the facilities.

Attendees explored the administrative building and classrooms; the Julie & Gary Ransdell Living and Learning Community apartment complex; and the LifeWorks satellite location of the Warren County Public Library.

