



The voice of our community



Via Announces Leadership Promotions



Denise Pioli
Chief Services Officer

Denise Pioli has been named Chief Services Officer. As CSO, Pioli will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of Via's disability services initiative. Her wealth of experience, strategic vision, and collaborative approach will contribute to the continued success and growth of the services Via provides to our community.

"Denise has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to providing exemplary services to individuals with disabilities," said Via President and CEO Lisa Walkiewicz. "Her passion for making a positive impact in the lives of the people Via supports and fostering inclusivity within our community has been evident in every endeavor."

Pioli joined Via in 2001 and has held a variety of roles, including a Direct Support Professional in Via's Pre-Vocational and Community Connections programs, Admissions Manager, Director of Community Connections, Autism Services, and Behavioral Supports, and most recently, Vice President of Services.

She earned two Bachelor of Arts degrees from Cedar Crest College in social work and psychology.



Via has named Jenna Trach Vice President of Human Resources. Trach will lead the human resources team and provide human resource guidance to the organization.

"Jenna's unwavering dedication and passion for empowering our employees have been instrumental in driving our organization forward. Her journey from Manager and Director of Human Resources to this new leadership position is a testament to her exceptional skills and commitment," said Lisa Walkiewicz, Via President and CEO.

Trach earned a Master of Science in Organizational Management with a specialization in Human Resources Management from Misericordia University, and a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from East Stroudsburg University.

Camp Via in Full Swing!



Camp Via 2024 kicked off on June 10 and campers wasted no time diving into the fun, learning, and adventures. So far, campers ages 12 to 21, have climbed, swung, and crept at several local parks including Cedar Beach in Allentown; marveled at the cosmic beauty at Constellation Station in Northampton; channeled their inner newscaster during a tour of the WFMZ TV studio in Allentown; painted with Angie from Out of Our Minds Art Studio in Macungie; practiced yoga; and visited the Allentown Fish Hatchery.

And they haven't yet completed their second week!

Via is very grateful to partner with staff from St. Luke's Sports medicine, who will once again sponsor and host activities for an entire week of camp in July.



Take Steps to Protect Yourself and Those You Love From Extreme Heat



What is extreme heat?

Extreme heat is defined as summertime temperatures that are much hotter and/or humid than average. Because some places are hotter than others, this depends on what's considered average for a particular location at that time of year. Humid and muggy conditions can make it seem hotter than it really is.

Know the signs and symptoms of heat-related illnesses.

Heat-related illnesses, like heat exhaustion or heat stroke, happen when the body is not able to properly cool itself. While the body normally cools itself by sweating, during extreme heat, this might not be enough. In these cases, a person's body temperature rises faster than it can cool itself down. This can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs.

Some factors that might increase your risk of developing a heat-related illness include:

- High levels of humidity
- Obesity
- Fever
- Dehydration
- Prescription drug use
- Heart disease
- Mental illness
- Poor circulation
- Sunburn
- Alcohol use

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

Stay cool, hydrated, and informed to prevent heat-related illnesses.

- Heat stroke
- Heat exhaustion
- Heat cramps
- Sunburn
- Heat rash



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