



### *Spotlight on Western Idaho Training Company (WITCO)*

In 1974, Mary C. Miland played a major advocacy role in both the passage of federal law giving children with disabilities legal access to public education, and the passage of the American with Disabilities Act granting legal rights to all people with disabilities.

Similarly, WITCO provides necessary support services to persons with disabilities to enable them to be socially responsible members of their communities and develop their unique skills and abilities to obtain gainful employment and a sense of personal satisfaction. The basic guiding principle of WITCO is that all life has value.

WITCO has developed a variety of services to assist with obtaining employment for persons with disabilities. Gainful work is a key element in developing self-worth and self-sufficiency. These services include pre-employment training, job placement and providing on-site job coaching. ITD-PT helped WITCO acquire the buses they use to take and pick up participants from their jobs.

Thousands of persons with disabilities have participated in WITCO's employment services. WITCO maintains a daily census of 600 participants. WITCO has obtained a variety of commercial and government contracts for services and products to allow persons to be hired and supported directly. These services are provided when a participant has been unable to acquire or maintain gainful employment. For persons not yet ready for any level of employment, WITCO provides developmental services to evaluate a person's strengths and build on them to work toward employment readiness.

Some of the services they provide are WITCO popcorn (fresh, local and with no preservatives), trophy & gift engraving and screen printing, name badges, desk wedges, mousepads, clocks, card holders, pennants, and pens. For personal gifts, puzzles, charm bracelets and many other items. WITCO also offers shredding of your secure documents at a reasonable rate. Please contact them at 208-454-3051 if you could use any of these items or services. 100% of the benefits of the proceeds go to individuals with disabilities at WITCO.

This is a great organization! If you'd like to use their services or donate your time/money to help some folks who are working to help themselves, please reach out to WITCO or stop by for a tour.



