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A newsletter from Think Beyond the Label®

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Hello from Think Beyond the Label. Here's our October Hire Wire, the monthly newsletter that keeps you on top of disability employment news, events, and happenings at Think Beyond the Label. You signed up on our website, ThinkBeyondtheLabel.com, to receive periodic updates. Thank you for subscribing. We'd like to update you on this month's news and as always, we encourage you to check out our online resources like our return on investment calculator, the [Hire Gauge](#); our blog, [Hire Learning](#); and our latest [Success Stories](#). Please visit us online soon and be sure to stay in the loop with Hire Wire.

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TBTL's 2014 Online Career Fair Series a Success!

Businesses connect to hundreds of candidates with disabilities.

Think Beyond the Label, in partnership with Brazen Careerist, hosted a series of online career fairs. We conducted 4 events designed to create new opportunities for businesses and job seekers with disabilities to connect in real-time. More than 1,400 candidates registered for this year's events to meet recruiters from 30 different businesses. The 500+ event attendees made more than 1,500 new connections to businesses who are actively recruiting workers with disabilities. We will build on this success with

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a new event series next year. Be on the lookout for the [2015 event schedule](#) which will be released shortly. Thank you to all our business and job seeker participants this year. We look forward to seeing you at a TBTL event again in 2015!

Illinois Thinks Beyond the Label

Governor Pat Quinn blogs for Think Beyond the Label on the state's commitment to employment for workers with disabilities



Illinois is home to more than one million people of working age with disabilities. These neighbors, friends and relatives too often face disproportionate challenges when it comes to being self-sufficient and meeting their life goals. As a result, only 35 percent of adults with disabilities participate in the workforce, compared with 79 percent of those without disabilities. In addition, those with disabilities experience the highest rate of poverty in the country... [Read more](#)

Think Beyond the Mailroom for Disability Hiring

TBTL's Barbara Otto encourages businesses to hire more educated and experienced job seekers with disabilities this month on Huffington Post

I love the excitement and passion emanating from the new I'm In To Hire Campaign led by Best Buddies. It makes perfect sense to ask businesses to take a pledge to hire people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) for jobs they need to fill, particularly during National Disability Employment Awareness Month in October. But to be clear, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities make up just a small portion of the talent pool of skilled workers with disabilities in America. In fact, the majority of people with disabilities in America are job-ready, college-educated and experienced professionals... [Read more](#)