



Keeping You “In the Know...” 1/11/19

Cleveland Sight Center Receives Three-Year Accreditation from CARF:

- CSC has been issued a three-year accreditation for the following programs:
 - Vision Rehabilitation Services: Comprehensive Vision Rehabilitation Services
 - Community Employment Services: Employment Supports
 - Community Employment Services: Job Development
 - Comprehensive Vocational Evaluation Services

The accreditation will extend through December 31st, 2021 and marks CSC’s 13th-consecutive three-year accreditation, dating back to 1982. This is a great achievement and is a reflection of the dedication and commitment that the entire CSC staff has demonstrated to provide the best possible services to clients, families and the greater Cleveland community. Quoting the accreditation letter received, “This achievement is an indication of your organization’s dedication and commitment to improving the quality of the lives of the persons served. Services, personnel and documentation clearly indicate an established pattern of conformance to standards”.

Special thanks to the internal CARF team of Charlotte Fornal, Marcia Houston, Susie Meles and Judith Weyburne for their leadership throughout this process. Congratulations and thanks to all staff members for their hard work and support in making this a collaborative and successful achievement.

An Update on the Electronic Medical Records Project:

- The Electronic Medical Records (EMR) project continues to progress forward as the project management team has recently received an updated version of the Compulink software. The team is reviewing the updates, upgrades and integrations and will connect with any impacted areas of the agency prior to implementing the upgrade. The team also continues to work on accessibility and the integration of the two modules of Compulink being used at CSC. The Low Vision Clinic uses a module of Compulink called EyeCare, which has been in use for the last couple years. Children & Young Adult Services, the first department to begin using the new EMR software, and other areas of the agency to be implemented in the near future, uses a slightly different version of Compulink. Going forward, this version of Compulink will be referred to as ClientCare.

CSC Partners with Westfield Insurance for Done-in-a-Day Volunteer Event Focusing on Job Club:

- Volunteer Services and Employment Services partnered to offer a unique “Done in a Day” volunteer event at CSC on Friday, December 14th. During the event, eight volunteers from Westfield Insurance’s Human Resources team provided rich content for 16 attendees, covering topics like reasonable accommodations, available job opportunities and interview techniques. Following the panel, the team also offered mock interviews to participants. Thank you Westfield Volunteers for making this event so impactful and to all CSC staff and volunteers who helped the event run smoothly.

Some notable event outcomes include:

- Westfield’s feedback that the event “presented a real value” for them as a staff. “It helps us understand the applicant pool from a holistic angle” explained volunteer Bob Taylor.
- One attendee is now pursuing the possibility of employment with Westfield, exploring the chance to work with the company as part of the grounds crew.
- Related to another participant, a Westfield staff member reflected that this individual is “quite bright.” As this individual is looking to pursue

employment opportunities within the next year, it is possible that she might further connect with Westfield staff to continue to explore and understand her own personal reasonable accommodations questions.



Westfield panelist presents to event participants



Volunteer Shannon F. smiles with event attendees



Westfield Volunteer conducts mock interview with attendee

What's Happening at CSC:

- Cleveland Sight Center was mentioned in Youngstown's The Business Journal for the agency's work with the Secretary of State's Business Services Call Center. To read the article, [click here](#).
- There has been a new addition to the Recreation program offerings at CSC as piano lessons began this week. Thanks to the generosity of Board Trustee Steve Willensky, keyboards have been purchased and clients now have the opportunity to learn piano. The initial sessions of lessons are full but a wait list has been created for those interested. Contact Alicia Howerton for more details (216-791-8118).
- Greetings from Bright Futures Preschool! The season of winter is fun at preschool...whether indoors or outside, the students always find a way to have good time together and learn new skills!



Students color the snow on the playground



Student and volunteer hide together



Students practice their alphabet letter writing in shaving cream



Students play with a large bin of ice with buckets and cups

- Members of the Children & Young Adult Services team and Transportation team participated in a CPR/AED and Blood Borne Pathogens training at CSC conducted by the American Red Cross this week.
- Thanks to the group of 30 staff members who attended this week's presentation on vision therapy featuring Dr. Samantha Zaczyk from Grant Vision Care in Cuyahoga Falls. Afterwards, Dr. Zaczyk spent time with various CSC departments to learn about services and how to better collaborate and support each other's work.
- Volunteer Services is recruiting! Do you know someone who loves working with people or who has a passion for making a difference?

Refer them to help out as a [CSC Volunteer](#)! This term (January- May), Cleveland Sight Center is recruiting for several rewarding volunteer positions that range from working directly with clients participating in rehabilitation and recreation programming to career building opportunities like developing communications for Volunteer Services or managing an array of different agency projects. Individuals interested in learning more or applying to become a volunteer can visit CSC's [Volunteer Opportunities](#) page or contact Melissa Mauk at mmauk@clevelandsightcenter.org or x4581.

To watch a heartwarming video about volunteering, click [here](#).

- Nicole Kahn will be representing CSC at a LeadDiversity class on a panel discussing Institutional Inequities at FirstEnergy at their Northern Region Headquarters in Brecksville on Wednesday, January 16th. LeadDiversity is a program of the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio that brings leaders from across the area together to approach diversity and leadership issues from a no-fault interactive foundation with the goal of affecting positive social change.
- Participants in the Anthem/USABA National Fitness Challenge are participating in a bowling event on Saturday, January 26th at 1:30pm at Spin Bowling (5619 Brecksville Rd, Independence, OH 44131). The activity was chosen as many members of fitness group participate in a weekly bowling league at the venue. Members of the league will be able to bowl with their team, while those attendees who are not in the league will bowl together. RSVPs to the event can be made by calling 216-658-4596.
- Check out the recently updated Highbrook Lodge webpages on CSC's website, including updated content, pictures and additional pages of content! [Click here to access](#) and for more information on Highbrook Lodge contact Camp Manager Jenny Schaeffer (216-658-4596).
- Adult Winter Weekend will take place at Highbrook Lodge the weekend of February 22nd – 24th. Campers will arrive to Highbrook Lodge at 6:00 p.m on Friday evening and depart at noon on Sunday. Cost of the

weekend is \$75/camper. Transportation to/from CSC is provided for an additional \$15/camper. To register please call the Camp Department (216-658-4596).



The grounds of Highbrook Lodge covered in snow

Items of Note:

- The Lorain Public Library System is holding an annual book sale featuring many used audiobooks. The book sale is January 10th – 17th with the last day (the 17th) being “penny day” where everything is a penny each. For more information, call (440) 244-1192.
- Author David Wanczyk will discuss his book Beep: Inside the Unseen World of Blind Baseball at an event at the Baseball Heritage Museum in Cleveland’s Hough neighborhood on Saturday, February 23rd from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. The event is free of charge. For more information, [click here](#).
- The American Council of the Blind has a great opportunity for students who are legally blind to earn a scholarship, whether he/she is going to a technical college, an entering freshman, undergraduate or a graduate student. Over \$55,000 in scholarships are awarded to students each year. To be eligible, students must need to be legally blind, maintain a 3.0 GPA and be involved in your school/local community. The form must be submitted no later than February 15th,

2019 at 11:59 p.m. Central time. For more information, contact Nancy Christine Feela at (612) 332-3242 or (800) 866-3242. To apply, please visit <http://acb.org/2019-scholarship>.

- A runner who is blind was recently featured on CBS News. To read the full article, [click here](#)