



## Keeping you “In the Know...” 8/28/15

### Strengthening Partnerships:

- The [Supported Employment](#) team has two staff members from Opportunity for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) visiting the agency over the next couple days. Ms. Special Cobb, a new Vocational Rehabilitation Caseload Assistant from the Lakewood OOD office, visits the agency Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. CSC hosts Anita Peeples, a new Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor with the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR), on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. She will be touring the agency and meeting with the Supported Employment team to learn more about vocational testing and other employment services. Ms. Peeples’ caseload will consist primarily of individuals with hearing impairments.
- [Sterling Garrett](#) attended a health and wellness fair at the Federal Building in downtown Cleveland to showcase CSC and [Employment Services](#) on Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

### School Days are Here Again!

- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) opened on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. The class has seven students to start the year and will be led by teacher [Dorota Mrochem-Tomaszewska](#). Returning staff to the classroom include [Miss Jamelle \(Workman\)](#) and [Miss Karen \(Jones\)](#) along with staff members [Andrea Marley](#) (Teacher of the Visually Impaired), [Keith Filip](#) (Physical Therapist), [Colleen Hunter](#) (Speech Therapist) and [Monica Owen](#) (Occupational Therapist). Enrollments for the school year are still being accepted; contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (x8777).

## Recreation Activities:

- CSC's rowing group, [Team V.I.P.E.R.](#) (Visually Impaired Persons Enjoying Rowing) completed their season on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Western Reserve Rowing Association (WRRRA) Regatta. [Alicia Howerton](#), [Stanley Griffin](#) and [Desmond Kennedy](#) competed in the day's races. CSC's teams had a lot of support from all those in attendance, including Board Trustee [Chris Somosi](#), who is excited to bring her friends to engage as volunteers in the rowing program next season! We thank WRRRA, all their volunteers and salute our dedicated rowers for this successful inaugural season. We look forward to growing this program in 2016!



Team V.I.P.E.R. competes in the races



Members of Team V.I.P.E.R. proudly show off their medals

- Heads up: Beginning the week of Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> clients will be returning to [Recreation Department](#) activities scheduled here in the building. The activities will increase during the month of September as programs transition from our outdoor community summer activities to our center-based activities for fall, winter and spring. Be on the lookout for sign-ups and refer clients to the [Recreation programs](#).

### A Note from Highbrook Lodge:

- The following note was sent by camper Miriam to the summer staff at [Highbrook Lodge](#):

Dear Lindsay, Counselors and Highbrook Lodge Staff,

Thank you for all of your help and support during this year's camp experience. I greatly appreciate how nicely you treated me; to the point that you feel like family to me.

I am looking forward to coming back next year and hope to see all

of you there too.

Thank you again. Your friend, Miriam

### Argus II Update:

- **Erin St. Denis** and **Keith Filip** head to the home of CSC's first Argus II patient on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> for a rehabilitation and orientation & mobility session. Recently, the patient stated that the rehab process is just as important to him as having the surgery to have the device implanted. This speaks volumes to CSC's critical involvement in this process, and in many other programs and services, as we provide the necessary bridge to gap where the patient is and where the solutions may be.

### CARF Corner:

- The agency has been notified that CARF survey dates have been confirmed for November 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and the survey team includes:

John F. Dean, BS, MS, MS-Rehab Admin, RN, Administrative  
Surveyor Team  
Coordinator/Report Compiler  
TRADE Industries, McLeansboro, IL

Meaghan E. Johnson, MS, CRC, Program Surveyor  
Goodwill Industries – Knoxville, Inc., Knoxville, TN

Matthew W. Hogel, Program Surveyor  
Broward County VA Outpatient Clinic – Blind Rehabilitation Outpatient  
Specialist  
BROS, Sunrise, FL

- **Developing an Accessibility Plan.** To develop an accessibility plan, an organization first identifies barriers within the organization and

within the community. A self-evaluation is conducted regularly by the organization. An Americans with Disabilities Act checklist may be helpful in conducting this evaluation. Surveys of persons served may also help identify barriers. Agencies have written documentation of potential barriers to services/supports which should be addressed in the accessibility plan. CARF surveyors may ask about the process implemented to identify and address barriers. Surveyors may seek to understand how the organization addresses reasonable accommodations when requested (including how are they reviewed and decided upon).

### Friends in the Bahamas:

- Lorry & Nancy Lee Malm, who reside in the Bahamas, visit the [Eyedea Shop](#) once a year. Lorry is a retired doctor and his wife Nancy Lee is a retired pilot. They have visited other sight centers across the country and have found that we are much better. Not just our products and services, but how we interact with clients and customers. After visiting the [Eyedea Shop](#) they stopped at the front desk to share how superior an agency we are. Keep up the great work team!

### Item of Note:

- [Click here](#) to check out an article from USA TODAY which features a study on bad hygiene being a problem for nearly all contact lens users.