



Keeping you “In the Know...” 8/7/15

Strengthening Partnerships and Programs:

- A CSC contingent of [Alexis Vinick](#), [Susie Meles](#), [Judy Post](#), [Deborah Ruffin](#), [Paul Rosenberg](#), [Carleton Toppin](#) and [Joel Zureick](#) met with Brandon Wray, the regional Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor of the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI), and area BSVI Counselors and staff members at OOD’s office in Lakewood, Ohio on Monday, August 3rd. This is a quarterly meeting hosted by OOD to promote enhanced collaboration with OOD’s community rehabilitation providers. Protocols for service provision, billing and service reports were discussed. Mr. Wray asked that [Alexis Vinick](#) and CSC [Supported Employment](#) team members meet with Jessica McKee, an OOD Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, to discuss the accommodations that will be needed for those who are blind or have low vision and who wish to participate in OOD’s Cleveland/Akron Job Fair on October 26th in Independence, Ohio.
- On Monday, August 3rd a group of [Share The Vision](#) volunteers met to continue Skills Enhancement/Motivational Interviewing training. Share The Vision coordinator [Moreed Kamal](#), Social Work Manager [Jim Hlavaty](#) and Nicole Clevenger from the Center of Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University provided training to Share the Vision volunteers to enhance their skills of reaching out to CSC clients. This was the last of six scheduled training sessions. Participants voiced enthusiasm for this opportunity to learn skills that will help them as volunteers, providing 100% positive feedback regarding the program.

- Mark Biro, a third-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University Medical School, visited CSC on Monday, August 3rd to demonstrate his hands-on model for teaching the visual pathway to the brain. He is interested in improving his model and eventually providing one to CSC for use with clients and staff.
- First-year students at Case Western Reserve University Medical School met one-on-one with volunteers with vision loss to discuss their experiences and provide advice for the future doctors. The interviews and information sharing sessions were held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week as part of the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine's Chronic Conditions field experience. The goal of the Chronic Conditions field experience is to begin learning about medicine by hearing the patient's perspective about living with a chronic condition. Students may learn what having a specific condition means for someone's life, for the life of their family members or what they wished their doctors knew. CSC thanks the 15 volunteers and 13 students who visited the agency this week.

Educating the Community:

- [Lisa Cellura](#), [Cathy Javorsky](#) and [Avenue](#) visited Westfield Insurance on Thursday, August 6th for a staff lunch and mini-health fair to provide information about the agency and learn about eye health and guide dogs. The program came about during discussions of CSC's Golf Classic being held at Westfield Group Country Club on Monday, August 17th. A few foursomes remain...[click here](#) to purchase tickets and learn more!
- CSC hosts a workshop on Wednesday, August 12th for educators who will be working with children with limited/no vision during the 2015-16 school year and will feature strategies, technology and demonstrations. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (x8768).

Highlights from Highbrook Lodge:

- Friend of CSC and Eagle Scout Daniel Kilroy recently completed his Eagle Scout project at [Highbrook Lodge](#). Daniel has been working for over a year in the idea building, planning, implementing and evaluation of new guide ropes from the fire pit to [Tall Timbers](#) lodge. He replaced the old, frayed rope with covered steel, which is proving to be much more durable and safer for campers. In addition, Daniel continued the guide wires all the way to the entrance of [Tall Timbers](#), where previously they went only about half way. Highbrook Lodge is thankful to Daniel for considering CSC when choosing his Eagle Scout project!



Guide ropes along the walking path



Picture of frayed guide ropes that have been replaced

- The new bowling alley accessible entrance was completed this week with the addition of a swing gate in front of the new concrete walkway. This was a part of the work [Lubrizol Corporation](#) did during their June day or service on the grounds. Below are photos of the bowling alley before the upgrade and after the accessibility project.



Bowling alley entrance from the steps sidewalk



Bowling alley's new swing gate and concrete

A Champion Among Us:

- Congratulations to [Brian Peebles](#) on his team's 1st-place finish in last weekend's 2015 North American Challenge Cup sailing regatta in Chicago, IL! [Brian](#) was named co-winner of the event's Rookie of the Year award. Way to go, [Brian](#)! [Click here](#) to check out the daily updates from the regatta.



Brian Peebles aboard the vessel



Brian Peebles with crewmates Bridget and William

Summer CYAS Activities Conclude:

- The [Summer Youth Career Exploration \(SYCE\)](#) students wrapped up their three-week program this week. They completed site visits to many places in the area including: Executive Caterers, Ohio School of Broadcasting, Ohio Library for the Blind, Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Highbrook Lodge. The group also put in volunteer hours at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, the American Red Cross and the 25th anniversary ADA celebration. The students shadowed various staff members throughout the agency, completed work tasks for the [CYAS](#) department and held both a [Bake Sale](#) (which raised about \$170!) and [Car Wash](#). Students concluded their program with a pizza lunch and received certificates of participation. It was a very busy but fun-filled 15 days.
- [ABCs Day Camp 2015](#) for youngsters ages 5 – 8 ended on Thursday, August 6th. The program was beautifully orchestrated by area Teacher of the Visually Impaired Maureen Bruder. Eight children participated and had a terrific time.
- It was a busy summer and the [CYAS](#) team is gearing up for the start of the school season when [Bright Futures Preschool](#) opens the week of August 24th. Enrollments are still being accepted – contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (x8777) for additional information.
- There is another opportunity for [Bright Futures Preschool](#) to earn Labels for Education Bonus Points. CSC can receive 50 points, instead of the usual 5, for each offer sheet submitted. Each sheet requires 2 Pepperidge Farm and 3 Campbell's labels. Up to 25 sheets can be submitted by the September 15 deadline. Please see [Lorie Marsalis](#) (x8768) in [CYAS](#) with any questions and bring in those labels!



Example of Labels for Education UPC label

CARF Corner:

- **Rights of Persons Served.** How do we as an organization deal with allegations of infringements of a person's rights? CARF surveyors will wish to understand how the organization identifies protocols related to formal complaints, including grievances and appeals, or it may include these in a common policy and procedure covering complaints, grievances and appeals. Written guidelines for practices include procedures for levels of review and the rights and responsibilities of each party involved. Procedures are explained to persons served in a way that meets their needs.

Item of Note:

- For those that may travel to "that state up north," be sure to avoid the hogweed plant in Michigan. The sap on its leaves, roots, flower heads, seeds and stem hairs can cause blistering and scars if they touch bare skin. And if it gets in your eyes, it can cause permanent blindness. [Click here](#) for the full article.