

# HOPE SERVICES

June 2020

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

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### Our Mission

*HOPE Services is committed to creatively working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families to discover, pursue and achieve what is important to them.*

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

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Encourage  
one another  
& build  
each other  
up



## From the Superintendent



Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
135 East Maumee Avenue, Napoleon, OH 43545

May 22, 2020

### Effective Tuesday, May 26, 2020:

We continue to monitor and follow guidelines issued by the Henry County Health Department in response to the COVID-19 crisis and adjust our operations as needed.

### HOPE SERVICES IS HERE FOR YOU:

- **WE ARE OPEN!** Office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday.
- **USE THE OUTSIDE DROP OFF BOX!** To leave paperwork when the office is closed.
- **CALL FIRST!** Most staff are not in the office right now.
  - (419) 599-2892 Administration Office
  - (419) 592-0126 Early Intervention Office
- **MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!** Most services are being provided by phone or on a virtual basis until further notice. You can ask for a face-to-face meeting.
- **WEAR A MASK!** When visiting us.
- When visiting a HOPE Services facility **HELP US STAY SAFE** by:
  - **WASHING** and **SANITIZING** your **HANDS**
  - **KEEPING YOUR DISTANCE**
- **LET'S KEEP EACH OTHER HEALTHY!**

*Steve*

Steve Tucker, Superintendent

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HOPE Services does not discriminate in employment or the provision of services on the basis of race, color, creed, natural origin, sex (including sexual harassment and sexual orientation), age, disability or veteran status.

### Upcoming Board Meetings

June 17, 2020

July 15, 2020

4:00 PM

HOPE Services  
Activity Center

(virtual meetings will be announced via Facebook while social distancing is still in) affect.



**HOPE Services  
will be closed on  
Friday,  
July 3, 2020,  
in observance of  
Independence Day**

## COVID MOMENT....

## Responsible Protocols

1. **Require face coverings** for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times. This mean you will see peoples with face coverings almost everywhere and it is recommended that you wear them. **If you need face coverings, please contact us!**
2. **Conduct daily health assessments** by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if "fit for duty." If you feel ill, please tell your parent, guardian or staff. It is important to remain home and away from others if you develop a fever.
3. **Maintain good hygiene** at all times – hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing. Some of us like to HUG and get real close, but we need to remember how easily germs can spread. Smile with your face and your eyes - and be vocal about your feelings.
4. **Clean and sanitize** workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.
5. **Limit capacity** to meet social distancing guidelines. Tables in restaurants will be spread apart. You will not be able to have more than 10 people at your table. You may also be asked to wear a mask is you are walking throughout the restaurant. Many restaurants are using disposable products instead of the standard plates and forks.

- Establish maximum capacity - wait times may be longer when you are going to an appointment or eating out.
- And, use appointment setting where possible to limit congestion. Many places are asking you wait in the parking lot for them to come out and get you.

Things are different. If you have questions or need any help at all through this, please contact us. You can also take advantage of the free COVID Careline made available by the Ohio Department of Health to talk to someone about your concerns. They are available 24 hours a day at 1-800-720-9616.

# HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY

Melinda Camp- 27 years

Mel Dachenhaus-21 years

Robin Sinn-18 years

Kellee Downard- 1 year

*HOPE Services appreciates the hard work and dedication of each of its professionals which contribute to the overall success of the agency.*

*Thank you for all you do!*

## CAN YOU FIND THE COUGAR?



Each Newsletter edition will have the Special Olympics Cougar logo hidden within, can you find it?

HAPPY  
**Father's**  
DAY

**Flag Day**

June 14





**HOPE Services**  
**Early Intervention**  
**419-592-0126**

Covid-19 has placed many families in a unique position due to the "Stay Safe Ohio" order. We find ourselves filling shoes that we've never filled before, stretched thin, and isolated. However, despite being alone in our homes, we are still "In This Together". There are local and state resources that can connect us to others who are feeling similar. Locally, the Parent Support Group is meeting via zoom (email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org) for more information). Statewide, there are support groups for parents and caregivers. The University of Cincinnati webpage "Ohio Family 2 Family" has wonderful resources for support that can be found on Facebook or the website [www.uccedd.org](http://www.uccedd.org). HOPE Services SSAs and EI Service Coordinators are here for you as well. We have compiled a list of local resources and supports and are happy to pass these on your way.

## Use a PEER When You Read



**P:** Prompt your child with a question about the story. Prompting your child focuses attention, engages the child in the story, and helps the child understand the book.

Point to something in the picture, for example, a balloon. "What is that?"

**E:** Evaluate your child's response.

"That's right! That's a balloon."

**E:** Expand on what your child said.

"That's a big, red balloon! We saw one of those in the grocery store yesterday."

**R:** Repeat or revisit the prompt you started with, encouraging your child to use the new information you've provided.

"Can you say big, red balloon?" Each time the book is reread, the expanded vocabulary words are verbalized again.



### What Are Employment Supports?

Employment supports are activities that promote learning employment skills, placement and training of an individual to a new job. It often includes job development, job match or adjustment, job coaching, retention, or advancement. These services are based on the individual with a focus on achieving long-term retention of the person in the job.

The level of employment support services is individualized to each employee and the complexity of the job.

Often supports are intensive for the initial orientation and training of an employee with the intent of leading to natural supports and/or reduced external job coaching. However, some persons may not require any employment supports at the job site; others may require intensive initial training with a quick decrease in supports, while some will be most successful when supports are provided for a longer period of time.

Supports can include assisting the employee with understanding the job culture, industry practices, and work behaviors expected by the employer. It may also include helping the employer and coworkers to understand the support strategies and accommodations needed by the employee.

Supports are a critical element of the long-term effectiveness of community employment. They address issues such as assistance in training a person to complete new tasks, changes in work schedule or work promotion, a decrease in productivity of the individual, adjusting to new supervisors, and managing changes in non-work environments or other critical life

**Congratulations!!**  
**Juan recently celebrated**  
**his one year anniversary at**  
**McDonald's in Wauseon**  
**and received his 1 year**  
**pin. Keep up the good**  
**work!**



activities that may affect work performance. Routine follow-up with the employer and the employee is crucial to continued job success.

Finding an opportunity to join the workforce can be challenging without the right support. Henry County is fortunate to have great partnerships with several agencies that provide employment supports. If you are considering community employment and would like more information please contact Melinda Camp at 419-599-2892

## WHY Self-Advocacy?

Speak UP! Voices of HOPE self-advocacy group is looking for someone like YOU . We creatively focus on important advocacy skills like knowing yourself, communicating, problem solving, rights and responsibilities, self-determination and being a part of the community.

There are training, community service and leadership opportunities and we have fun while doing it!

### COMMUNICATION SKILLS CLASS

July 14th 2:00 pm

Get tips on how to communicate so people understand, interview and social media do's and don'ts and handling conflict. Sign up @ [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org).

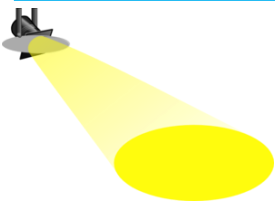
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## DVOCACY Activities and Trainings coming up!

June 9 @ NOWAC Regional Advocacy Meeting on ZOOM. (Flyer attached)

June 24 **We've Got Talent!** Join us for a Virtual Talent Show! Judges and Prizes! Watch your mail and Facebook for more info!

June 18 Virtual Voices of HOPE BINGO Updates on Project STIR Trainings and SYNERGY to come in July!



## Advocate SPOTLIGHT

# KRISTIN

New to the ZOOM world like many, she has taken off running with it. Kristin has been a great representative for Henry County on Mohawk Moment with Milo, OSDA and People First meetings. She speaks up, asks questions and takes notes to share with her peers on their daily chat. Kristin is looking forward to attending Project STIR training in the fall and being an OHIO LEADER. Great job Kristin - keep up the great work!



"I think it's important , it gets a person to be open with themselves and reality. It is good to be a part of something and help others and having a positive experience ." - Kristin

# NOWAC Regional Self-Advocacy ZOOM Meeting

People with disabilities have always had a voice.  
We're just teaching the world different ways to listen.

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## **NOWAC Regional Self-Advocacy Meeting**

Location: ZOOM MEETING

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (log on as early as 10:15)

### **Agenda:**

10:30 Welcome and County Roll Call

10:40 Director Jeff Davis, DODD will be joining us to talk about what reopening may look like - bring your questions!

11:00 Olivia Caldeira, PhD Adult Advocacy Centers

11:30 County Advocacy updates

12:00 Close

## **HOW TO JOIN!**

NOWAC Regional Self-Advocacy is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting - June 9th @ 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84132447901>

Please email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org) with questions regarding ZOOM



## 2021 Trip Choices!

These are the choices for the 2021 Trip. Pick 1 and we will then go with the one that gets the most votes.

### Mackinac Island \_\_\_\_\_

5 days 4 nights BUS TOUR

Mackinac Island, Soo Locks, Mackinaw City, Colonial Michilmackinac, Dewadin Sault Casino

### Pigeon Forge \_\_\_\_\_

5 days 4 nights BUS TOUR

Dolly Parton's Stampede (dinner show), Ride the Great Smokey Mountain Wheel, Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Fued show, Visit the Old Mill, Titanic Museum

### Myrtle Beach \_\_\_\_\_

7 days 6 nights BUS TOUR

Three Evening Shows, Barefoot Landing, Myrtle Beach Boardwalk, Amazing L. W. Paul Living History Farm

### New Orleans \_\_\_\_\_

6 days 5 nights BUS TOUR

Historic French Quarter, Riverboat Cruise, Jackson Square, National WW II Museum, Mardi Gras World

### Disney Parks \_\_\_\_\_

6 days 5 nights

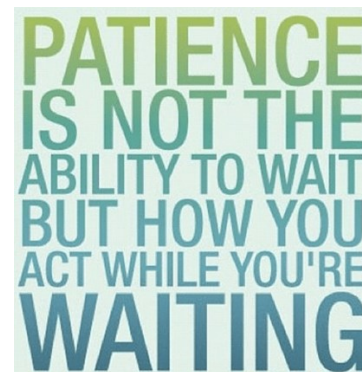
Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studio, Animal Kingdom, Epcot

- Flight departs from Toledo Airport

## HARC Rec. Restart

HARC Rec plans to look at the April, May and June Calendars and see what will be possible to reschedule. Some things are dependent on the company involved (Lion King). Other things will be set up using the guidelines of the State of Ohio, the HOPE Services Board and any local organization/business that we might have been using.

Look soon to see an updated calendar of events for June/July/Aug. We will be accessing virtual options as well as traditional ones. HARC has not forgotten you, just sidetracked for a bit.



Randy is waiting to hear from you!!

Return to Randy at HOPE Services 135 E. Maumee St. Napoleon, OH 43545



We are teaming up with HARC, Inc. to resume a support group for parents with a child or children with special needs. This group is open to the community and will be a time for you to share concerns, questions and problem solving techniques with other parents. During the first meeting we will discuss presenters and speakers that could assist the group.

ZOOM Virtual Meetings will be held until social distancing rules are lifted.

Interested in this Parent Support Group? Please email [tpars@henrydd.org](mailto:tpars@henrydd.org) or call 419-599-2892. You can also email Caryn Tanner at [cnr79@yahoo.com](mailto:cnr79@yahoo.com).





Special Olympics Ohio has said July 6 we can restart our Special Olympics Program. They are formulating and will send us their **Return To Play Guidelines**. With that date in mind, this is what we are looking at in the way of getting things going in July.

Keep in mind that everything we do will be contingent on following the guidelines handed down by the Governor and the State Special Olympics office. We will be wearing masks, social distancing, washing hands, sanitizing things and if you feel sick, don't come. There may be some other things that need to be added.

#### Horseback

We are looking to start the Horse program back up **July 6**.

#### Softball

We are hoping to start Softball up July 14.

#### Cheerleading

We are looking at a possible start to Cheer this summer. We are checking with the filling Home to see when we could get in.

#### Golf

Golf can start this summer. Date to come.

#### Athlete Banquet

The Athlete Banquet is in the planning stages. There are quite a few things that have to be done in order to get this organized and scheduled. It is our intent to hold this event at the earliest possible time.

#### Bowling

River City is open for business. We are exploring the possibility of when we can get back in. More on this later.

# Special Olympics Reboot

We have all missed

## Kent's Korner

It will be returning in July!

The FIT 5 guide is an 11 page guide to healthy living! Get your guide at

[https://sooh.org/wp-content/](https://sooh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Fit-5-Guide.pdf)

[uploads/2020/04/Fit-5-Guide.pdf](https://sooh.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Fit-5-Guide.pdf) or call Randy and asked to have one mailed!

## What is FIT 5?

Athletes want to perform their best at every competition. You can do this by being fit. **Fit 5 is a plan for physical activity, nutrition, and hydration.** It can improve your health and fitness to make you the best athlete you can be.

### Goals of FIT 5



**EXERCISE**

**5**

days a week



**EAT**

**5**

total fruits and vegetables per day



**DRINK**

**5**

water bottles per day

# VIRTUALSPORTS

Virtual Sports are alive and well in Henry County. We hold practices on Zoom. Athletes practice on their own and then come to a set practice time each week and keep working.

Volleyball Tuesdays at 1:00

Cheer Tuesdays at 5:00

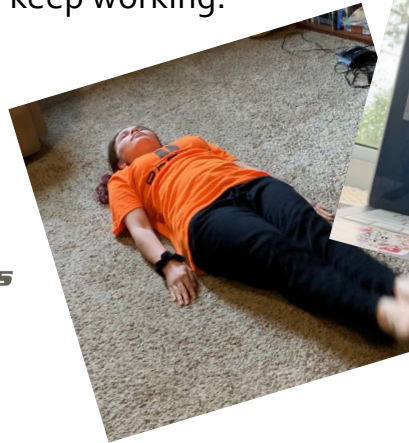
Soccer Wednesdays at 1:00

Tennis Wednesdays at 6:00

Track Thursdays at 6:00

Cycling Thursdays at 6:00

Just use the link below and come join us. In the works, Virtual Competitions are coming soon, with some other counties.



## Virtual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ohio

The Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR) for Special Olympics Ohio is a partnership between Special Olympics and law enforcement agencies throughout the state. Officers join together to bike, run, and walk all across the state. This year, due to COVID-19, the traditional Torch run will be a Virtual Torch Run! Virtual running works exactly the same as any other type of running, but the difference is that the entered race can be run at any location, at any pace, inside on a treadmill or outside on the road!





**The Filling Home is hiring!**

DSP positions in all 4 counties we serve. Availability on all shifts in Supported Living, the Group Homes in Bryan and West Unity and the Base ICF on St. Rt. 108. We have full-time and part-time hours with flexible schedules that include every other weekend. We offer competitive starting wages with an increase after successful completion of the 90-day Introductory period. Sick and vacation hours begin accumulating at the time of hire based on hours worked and can be used for absences after 90 days. Health, dental and vision insurance is available for enrollment to full-time staff after 90 days. For more information contact:

Lori Adams  
 Director of Human Resources  
 Filling Homes  
 N160 St Rt 108  
 Napoleon, OH 43545  
 419-592-6451 X1246

# Kids’ Summer Meal Program

If you or someone you know has children in need of meals this summer, and you live in the **Napoleon Area school district**, we, the Napoleon community, want to help!

All you need to do is to text “Help” 419-379-1964 to let us know, and someone will reach out to you with more details!

This program aims to help provide meals for at least 5 days per week for each child in need!

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45



Phone (419) 599-5545

**COVID SURVEY**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020LocalPulseSurvey>

## Our Community

T	Y	R	T	A	C	D	L	I	W	C	B	R	G
S	O	S	E	C	O	U	R	T	H	O	U	S	E
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- COURTHOUSE
- FIRE STATION
- LIBRARY
- BOWLING ALLEY
- HOLGATE
- WILDCAT
- DENNYS
- JOHNSONS
- HAMLER
- FROSTY BOY
- DESHLER LANES
- GERALD
- PATRIOT
- CHIEF
- MALINTA
- TRAILS

### Contact Us

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HARC Recreation	419-591-6798
Volunteer Opportunities	419-599-2892



### Board Members

**President:** Kent Beilharz, **Vice President:** Monica Atkinson, **Secretary:** Jake Freppel  
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