

HOPE Round Up

October 2022

News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities



Direct Support Professional's (DSP's) enjoyed a meal prepared by Sattler's Meats on September 15th. This lunch was held to recognize all of their hard work and dedication. They also were entered into raffles to win some amazing baskets. Thank-you to everyone that donated to make this possible and to Napoleon Church of the Nazarene for letting us set up there.



Hope News

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The next Board meeting will be held on October 19th at 4PM Location to be determined. Check the HOPE Services Facebook page for updates.

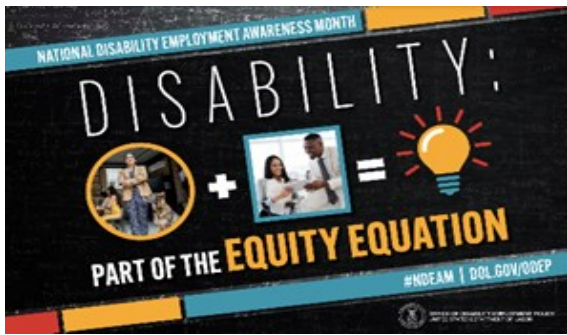
The office will be closed on October 10th due to Columbus Day we will reopen on October 11th at 8:00am

The Voices of HOPE will be *HOSTING Hoops for Hope* at the Filling home gym from 9:00am to 1:00pm on October 22nd .



HOPE Services offices are under Construction!!

Please excuse our mess as we continue to work through the remodeling.



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), and we are excited to spread the word!

#NDEAM

NDEAM is held each October to commemorate the extensive contributions of people with disabilities to America's workplaces and economy.

Henry County Board of DD celebrates NDEAM throughout October in various ways to bring awareness and education to the topic of Employment First.

This year's theme "Disability: Part of the Equity Equation," reflects the growing awareness and focus on disability as part of the larger Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion movement.

HCBDD would like to recognize Partners In Employment, Northwest Placement Services and Supported Employment Services for their on-going commitment to Employment First and for providing exceptional services to individual's entering the workforce.

Individuals with disabilities add value and talent to our workplaces and communities. In addition, we would also like to thank the following employers who have/had employed an individual with disabilities this past year.

Advanced Cleaning	All God's Children	Amcor Rigid Plastics
American Road Diner	Arby's/Defiance	Barn Restaurant
Bil-Jax	Burger King/Napoleon & Defiance	Chief Supermarket
Clean Care Inc.	Cloverleaf Cold Storage	Clubhouse Pizza
Creative Management Technology Inc.	Comfort Inn	It's Not Just Pizza
Colton Post Office	Danuvial Service Solutions	Cooper Standard Automotive Dairy
Queen/Wauseon	Elmwood Staffing	Dollar General
Easy Living LLC	HOPE Services	Enviroscape ECM Ltd.
Fairlawn Haven	Goodwill Industries	Fulton County Health Center
Genacross Lutheran Services	KK Collision	HPJ Industries
Keller Packaging	Little Caesar's Pizza/Napoleon & Defiance	Kroger Marketplace
Liberty Center Post Office	Lowe's Home Improvement	Magna International
Love's Travel Shop	Mama Roses	Ninja Sushi, Hibachi and Thai
Marco's Pizza	Napoleon Party Mart	Open Door of Delta
Mc Donald's/Napoleon & Wauseon	Ollie's Bargain Outlet	Sanoh America Inc.
Northwest State Community College	S&G Travel Center	Service Master by McCann
Pizza Hut/Wauseon	Sauder Woodworking	Wacha & Justen LLC
Sauder Manufacturing	Triple Diamond Plastics	Wendy's
Shafer's Truck & RV Sales		
Wal-Mart Super Center/Napoleon, Wauseon & Defiance		

Driver's Permit Class



TEACH



STUDY

Kenny and Samantha have been working hard to learn the driving laws, safety rules, road signs, and road markings to prepare for their driver's permit test. Being a responsible driver starts with learning all this important information and continues with looking out for your safety and the safety of others. If you are interested in being added to the list for future classes contact your SSA or Melinda Camp at 419-599-2892.



Did you know that the license plate frame, the one on every vehicle from a dealership, can get you a ticket? In Ohio, three things must be visible on your license plate: the license number, the county identification and the current registration sticker.



HOPE Services Foundation, Inc.



HOPE Services Foundation held it's annual Pulled Pork BBQ Fundraiser on September 16th. 227 meals were sold. Thank-you to everyone that purchased a meal, assisted with boxing meals and for all the donations.

If you would like more information about the HOPE Services Foundation you can call the HOPE office at 419-599-2892.

Meet Amanda

Amanda moved to Henry County from Defiance and now lives with her sister in Holgate. She LOVES going to Soaring Arts. She started out only working two days a week but because of her love and interest at the studio she has increased to four days a week. Amanda loves it so much that she didn't want to go on her family vacation because she didn't want to miss any activities. Tonya gave her a disposable camera to work on her photography skills so she would have an assignment to work on while she was away. Her favorite thing about Soaring Arts is her favorite, cool staff Tonya.



We Are Celebrating

October Birthdays

2nd: Sydney Fein

6th: Matthew Flory

15th: Teresa Baser

17th: Nickolaus Wainscott

19th: Brandon Gomez

22nd: Juan Delgado, Jr.

26th Nathaniel Vogelsong

28th: Zachary Wendt

29th: Robert Rosebrock

30th: Holly Helberg



October Anniversaries

Holly Helberg at Marco's Pizza - 4 years

Zach Meister at HOPE Services— 4 years



Check out our Facebook page

@ Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Early Intervention

September Evening EI Playgroup was a hit with over 40 people and several donations from community members. EI Families, visited with new and old friends, and brainstormed future playgroup ideas.





What is It?

Technology First is a statewide initiative to consider **technology** as the first support option for waiver recipients. Providing **opportunities** to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to improve their lives with the use of assistive technologies.

Technology that can support someone in accomplishing a task or provide care from a distance is known as **supportive technology**. Supportive technology includes two services, Assistive Technology and Remote Support.

Assistive Technology is the use of various forms of devices and tech to support someone who wants more independence, like using a device that can turn off a stove when they are not using it, or a cellphone application that provides step-by-step assistance with recipes.

Remote Support is sometimes called remote monitoring. This service offers an individual with a developmental disability the support of a direct service provider even when the provider is not in their home with them. Remote support uses two-way communication in real time, just like Skype or FaceTime, so that a person can communicate with their provider when they need them. Individuals can choose supports like sensors that can call for help if they have fallen, or cameras that can help monitor who is coming and going from a person's home.

Empowering individuals to use supportive technology is important for many reasons. Technology can:

- Improve quality of life
- Increase independence and privacy
- Provide tools that can increase safety and health
- Reduce costs
- Address the direct care staffing shortage

For more information check out these websites:

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/resources/tech-first/Technology-First>

<https://ohiotechambassadors.org/>

<https://toolbox.thearc.org/>

<https://atohio.org>



Expanding Employment and Opportunity through STABLE Accounts

By Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague

Every October, we recognize National Disability Employment Awareness Month and celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of workers living with disabilities. Now is also an appropriate time to acknowledge the many milestones that have contributed to creating a more inclusive workforce that's created new career opportunities for people living with disabilities.

Ohio is proud to be home to a diverse and inclusive workforce, and people living with disabilities play an important role in maintaining a strong economy.

In the Treasurer's office, we have a valuable tool to help eliminate financial barriers and increase access to employment. Through STABLE Account – Ohio's ABLE program – the Treasurer's office plays a key role in the effort to enhance financial independence and stability for people living with disabilities and their families.

Before STABLE accounts, people living with disabilities could only save \$2,000 before losing means-tested benefits such as Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). These regulations discouraged saving, investing, and joining the workforce - and asset limits often kept individuals living in the financial margins.

STABLE accountholders can save up to \$16,000 each year without jeopardizing federal assistance. If the accountholder is employed, they can save an additional \$12,880 each year. Earnings on STABLE accounts grow tax-free, as long as funds are spent on qualified expenses, such as education, transportation, healthcare, assistive technology, personal support services, and many others.

By removing barriers to employment, STABLE accounts help people living with disabilities to build a strong foundation for independence. We've heard many stories of accountholders buying cars, paying rent, and even putting down payments on their first homes. This financial stability is powerful and can provide the peace of mind that comes with having a plan for the future.

Employers can also play a vital role in increasing access to STABLE accounts. Our office has introduced a payroll deduction option that employers can make available to employees, allowing them to put a portion of their paychecks directly into a STABLE account. Additionally, employees who have a loved one living with a disability may also open and contribute to an account on the family member's behalf.

Thus far, we've developed partnerships with the State of Ohio, Edison Community College, and several cities, counties, and private employers to make a payroll deduction option available to employees. This functionality can be replicated in businesses of all sizes, and our team stands ready to help more employers make this option available.

Today, STABLE Account serves more than 30,000 accountholders – triple the number of accountholders we served just over three years ago. By encouraging employment and creating a more inclusive economy, STABLE Account is strengthening the Buckeye State and helping Ohioans reach their full potential.

We ask for your partnership in making the payroll deduction option available to employees. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at (614) 466-2160. For more information about STABLE accounts and to sign up, visit www.stableaccount.com.

Special Olympic News

Happy Fall !!

Fall sports have finished up for the year. The softball team finished their season 7-4. We welcomed some new players to the team this year. Our softball team was Jessica Clapp, Juan Delgado, Lydia Kuehner, Tyra Knepper, Alex Eis, Cody Steen, Domenik Neumeier, Nate Vogelsong, Tito Martinez, Skyler Miller, Lydia Knepper, Job Knepper, Vinnie Simon, Tyler Silveous, Jacob Heath, Chad Fritz, Robby Bauer, and Andy Ellerbrock. Our base coaches were Larry Knepper and Joe Kuehner. Everyone is looking forward to next season!!



Golf



Special Olympic News

Our equestrian team was able to compete at The Special Horseman Connection Ponies and Pancakes Horse show on September 17th. Since the state horse show was cancelled this year, Dusty Boots set it up with Ohio Special Olympics to allow any equestrian athletes compete in special classes set up for them. It was a great day. There were hundreds of pictures taken of the equestrians as they competed. You can check them out on our Facebook page. We had a lot of jingling medals given out that day! Congratulations Henry County!



Winter Sports

Esports



POLAR 5K & ATHLETE WALK T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST

WE ARE LOOKING FOR ONE OF OUR TALENTED & AMAZING ATHLETES TO DESIGN THE LOGO FOR OUR NEXT POLAR 5K /ATHLETE WALK SHIRT

DESIGNS ARE DUE TO ZACH OR RENITA BY OCTOBER 18, 2022. DROP THEM OFF AT HOPE SERVICES, ATTN. SPECIAL OLYMPICS OR GIVE THEM TO US AT PRACTICES



- RULES:**
- *ARTWORK NO LARGER THAN 8X10 DESIGN
 - *DESIGN SHOULD BE IN BLACK & WHITE
 - *DESIGNS SHOULD BE DRAWN ON PAPER OR DIGITAL DESIGN CAN EMAIL
 - *DESIGN SHOULD HAVE A WINTER THEME
 - * BE FUN AND CREATIVE
 - *NO LATE ENTRIES

WINNER WILL GET THEIR ARTWORK FEATURED ON THE 2023 - 5K RACE SHIRT, ALL MAILINGS, A FREE SHIRT, AND GET TO OPEN OUR 5K RACE WITH THE ATHLETE OATH.

QUESTIONS? CALL / TEXT US.....

ZACH 419-260-2176

RENITA 419-601-2372

Bowling



SPECIAL OLYMPICS
GAMING FOR INCLUSION

Together with Microsoft



HARC Recreation Events



Some of the HARC Recreation Bridge Walk group made the Daily Telegram Newspaper out of Adrian, Michigan.



From left, Eddie Munro of Adrian, Jan Schwalm of Weston, and Christina Clark and Renita Keuhner, both of Napoleon, Ohio, were among the many walkers who celebrated Labor Day on Monday by walking across Morenci's Silver Creek Bridge during the city's 28th annual Labor Day bridge walk. *Telegram Photo By Brad Heineman*



HARC Recreation Events



October 2022

Contact Randy Barnes at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892 to sign up and Pay **ONE WEEK prior to the event**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	Sign up required
Saturday, October 1, 2022	Garden Club	1-3pm	\$5.00 yes	HOPE Activity Center
Sunday, October 2, 2022	Cleveland vs. K.C. Royals	11:00-6:30pm	\$54 + food \$ yes	Progressive Fields, Cleveland
Saturday, October 8, 2022	Blood Prison (Very Scary!)	11:00-8:30pm	\$25 + food \$ yes	Mansfield Correction Center
Wednesday, October 12, 2022	Mystery BINGO	6:00-8:00pm	\$5.00 yes	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, October 14, 2022	Craft Night	6:00-8:00pm	\$5.00 yes	Mansfield Correction Center
Friday, October 21, 2022	WWE Smackdown	6:00-10:30pm	\$55.00 yes	Huntington Center
Sunday, October 30, 2022	Halloween Party and Dance	6:00-9:30pm	\$5.00 yes	Filling Home Community Center

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:20 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

Contact Us

www.henrydd.org

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Superintendent	419-599-2892
Early Intervention and	
Employment Services	419-599-2892
Family Support Services	419-599-2892
Transportation	419-592-8726
Special Olympics	419-260-2176
HARC Recreation	419-591-6798
Volunteer Opportunities	419-599-2892

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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.

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age.

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