

PIKE COUNTY PATHFINDER

June 2021



RESOURCE OF THE QUARTER: CAMP WONDERLAND

Camping season is here, and many campgrounds throughout the state are packed to capacity. Camp Wonderland is no different, especially since this camping destination for persons with special needs was closed last year due to COVID. Camp Wonderland has provided their campers with memories that last a lifetime. Check out Camp Wonderland online at www.wonderlandcamp.org. Champ Clark Service Coordination has a limited amount of funds available for campers who need financial assistance to attend camp. Contact them at 573- 324-6226 for more info.

PCADD'S COMMUNITY LIVING SKILLS PROGRAM LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD CLASSES

The Pike Co. Agency for Developmental Disabilities' (PCADD) Community Living Skills program is seeking volunteers willing to share their time and talent in leading hobby and recreational classes for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). If you have skills and experience with arts & crafts, music, cooking, gardening, or adaptive fitness, and are willing to share your talents to enhance the lives of persons with IDD, we would like to hear from you.



Our fall session of classes will start the week of August 30th and go through December 3rd.

Volunteer instructors will be responsible for leading classes once a week for about an hour at a time during the three month fall session. PCADD staff will provide support to enable individuals with IDD to effectively participate in the classes. PCADD will purchase supplies needed for classes within budgetary limits. Call PCADD at 573-324-5493 for more information.

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PCADD ACHIEVES THREE YEAR CARF ACCREDITATION

PCADD has received word that it has obtained a three-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or CARF. PCADD was surveyed by CARF in December 2020. CARF is a nonprofit international accreditation organization that accredits human services organizations in areas such as employment and community services, behavioral health, medical rehabilitation, child and youth services, and opioid treatment. Organizations accredited by CARF must adhere to high standards of quality in both administrative and programmatic areas.



LEGISLATURE APPROVES FUNDS FOR IDD SERVICES

The Missouri state legislature has approved a new budget that provides increased funds for providers of intellectual and developmental disability (IDD) services. Included in the budget are funds that enable the Missouri Division of Developmental Disabilities to standardize rates for residential services across all provider agencies throughout the state, and provide for rates that are more closely tied to market rates. In addition, organizations that provide day habilitation, employment, personal assistance, and other community-based services have been approved a rate increase as well. Providers of IDD services throughout Missouri are facing a crisis in their ability to recruit and retain quality direct care professionals that provide front-line assistance to persons served with IDD. Labor shortages are everywhere, and provider agencies must implement mandatory minimum wage increases. The funds approved by the state legislature will go a long way to help providers recruit and retain quality staff to support persons with IDD.

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS: NORMA CRIM

It doesn't take too long to figure out what Norma Crim's secret to success in life is... she has a great sense of humor! Yes, Norma is a very talented artist, and has made many wonderful paintings, drawings, and created many tissue paper garlands, but she is a regular cut-up. As a matter of fact, she was making funny faces for the camera when taking her picture for this article (we did not use any of these!). Norma does not talk very much, but her vocabulary has improved quite a bit and she is expressing herself more, according to Deann, her PCADD support staff. Norma is a very compassionate person, Deann says, and genuinely cares for her peers. If you ever are in need of a hug, Norma is your go-to person. Norma was a bit more shy at one time, but is now more outgoing, and may even try to get you to work with her on her craft activities, Deann says. Way to go Norma!



Above: Norma does some painting with her support staff Deann.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS TORCH RUN A SUCCESS

The cold, dreary weather of May 27 did not dampen the spirits of several Special Olympics athletes and NECC personnel who participated in the annual Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run in Bowling Green. After a two-year



Above: Special Olympics Torch Run participants

postponement due to a tornado and the COVID-19 pandemic, the State Summer Games are scheduled for Saturday, June 5, at Hickman High School in Columbia. Three weeks after that, on Saturday, June 26, the Training for Life Campus in Jefferson City will host a 50th anniversary bash and the start of the Team Missouri Selection Camp for the 2022 USA Games next summer in Orlando.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPICS STATE SUMMER GAMES

Saturday June 5th Hickman High School, Columbia MO

PEOPLE FIRST VIRTUAL STATE CONFERENCE

June 11-June 12

COMMUNITY INCLUSION PROGRAM WATER FUN DAY:

July- Days/times TBD. Call Jody at 324-5493 for more info.

Contact PCADD at 324-5493 for more info. on any of these events.