

# ARKAY TAYLOR

## MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

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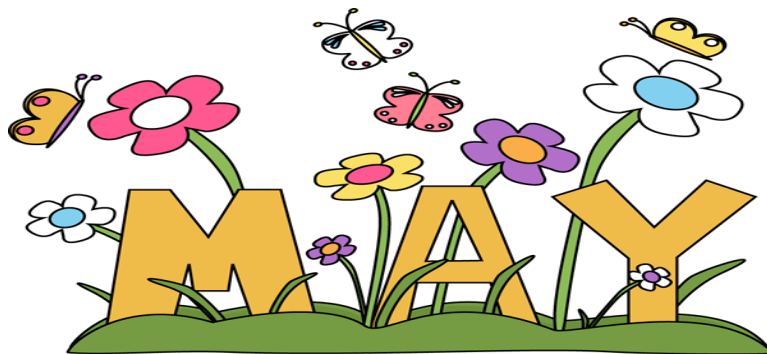
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## Mission Statement

**To assist the Developmentally Disabled and the Elderly Disabled to achieve community inclusion that enhances personal potential, employment opportunities and/or volunteerism.**

**\*If you would like a digital/emailed copy, please let Toni or Megan know**

# Program Directors Notes

Hello Everyone! The Spring season is here one day and gone the next. With that being said, please check the weather each day and dress accordingly for the colder temperatures because we will be in the community as much as possible.

We did start a new Sign-In/Sign-Out policy in April. To help everyone, I ask that you please follow it and make sure that you sign in and out whenever you are with us.

If there is an outing or activity you would like to do on the days you are not scheduled to attend, please make arrangements with myself or Megan to make changes in your schedule.

We do welcome any **donations** to the program at any time!

*Sincerely,  
Antoinette "Toni" Nelson, BSW  
Program Director*



Tiffani O.- 5/28

Congratulations to our Job Coaches that are putting their best foot forward or is making the effort to improve their data. Keep up the great work!

**Best Data:**

**Dominique Davis- March 2018**

**Most Improved Data:**

**Jennifer Koths- March 2018**

**Welcome to the Business Developers Corner:**

Hi Everyone,

Once again we are asking if anyone knows of any businesses that are hiring or in need of volunteers, please let us know.

If you know of any bazaars or craft shows coming up, please let us know. We would like to have the opportunity for our people who have micro businesses to sell their goods.

We are participating in the Wyandotte Street Art Fair again this summer on July 11th, 12th, 13th & 14th. We hope to see you there!

Your Business Development Team:

Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan, and Tammy  
Business Development: 734-258-8966

## Kevin's Corner:

### **The Section 298 Initiative**

#### **Implementation of the Pilots**

On March 9, 2018, MDHHS announced the pilot sites for the Section 298 Initiative as follows:

1. Pilot #1: Muskegon County CMH (dba Health West) and West Michigan Community Mental Health
2. Pilot #2: Genesee Health System
3. Pilot #3: Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority •

On April 6, 2018, MDHHS will host a summit of the pilot participants to discuss the next steps for implementing the pilots.

#### **Implementation of the Demonstration Project**

MDHHS received a draft proposal from the Total Health Collaborative (TTHC) in Kent County. MDHHS has provided TTHC with a formal set of comments on the draft proposal. TTHC will be submitting a detailed project plan to MDHHS within the next few weeks. Implementation of the Policy Recommendations. MDHHS has reviewed and analyzed all of recommendations from the final report of the 298 Facilitation Workgroup. MDHHS is preparing to publish a progress report on implementing the workgroup recommendations.

### **Evaluation of the Pilots and Demonstration Project**

The University of Michigan (UM) evaluation team has been working on identifying performance metrics for the evaluation of the pilots and demonstration project. MDHHS and UM are also reviewing current reporting requirements for the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, Medicaid Health Plans, and Community Mental Health Service Programs to identify how information from these current reports can be used during the evaluation process. MDHHS and UM are beginning the process of soliciting input on the performance metrics from representatives of the current system and external technical experts. Stakeholder Engagement. MDHHS will be providing the following updates this week: o No presentations are scheduled for this week

The Section 298 Initiative is a statewide effort to improve the coordination of physical health services and behavioral health services in Michigan. This initiative is based upon Section 298 in the Public Act 268 of 2016. Under Section 298, the Michigan Legislature directs the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to develop a set of recommendations “regarding the most effective financing model and policies for behavioral health services in order to improve the coordination of behavioral and physical health services for individuals with mental illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and substance use disorders.” MDHHS submitted a final report with recommendations for the Michigan Legislature on March 15, 2017.

The Michigan legislature approved a revised version of Section 298 as part of Public Act 107 of 2017. Under the revised Section 298, the Michigan legislature directed the department to develop and implement up to three pilots and one demonstration model to test the integration of physical health and behavioral health services.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

### **JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

**Program is closed May 28<sup>th</sup> for the Memorial Day holiday!**

### **Penny Wars Fundraiser:**

Let's have a Penny War! We will hold an “Arkay Penny War” from **May 1<sup>st</sup> until June 1<sup>st</sup>**, in which we will be in is a competition against all four Arkay programs. Jars are placed at each Arkay program at the start of the day and at end of the day. For every penny added to the jar, the program would receive one point. For every nickel, dime, quarter, or dollar added, the location will lose points according to the value of the coin or bill. For an example, if a dollar is put in the jar, 100 points will be lost by the program with the \$1 in their jar. You are allowed to place coins and dollars in any jar you want, so you could make a program with the most points that week lose points. However, make sure you place everything but pennies in the jar. Points are posted every Monday after the money is collected and counted every Friday. A money counting class is held during the counting of the jar! At the end of the five weeks' period, the program with the most points wins a surprise! **Let's have some FUN!**

### **Tiffani's Tasty Treat:**

Tiffani is still open for business! She is selling different candy selections for a **\$1**, once in the morning and in the afternoon. Help her reach her goal she sets for herself.

We are here to assist the individuals of Arkay, staff, caregivers, and the MCPN's. Their outcomes, accomplishments, and success are only met with group effort.

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF ANY KIND (napkins, plates, cups, silverware, pop, food, paper, arts and craft materials etc.). Thanks in advance for your support!  
We would like to thank those who continue to donate towards our van transportation. We will be there to pick you up, if for any reason we need to cancel van transportation, we will call you as soon as possible.

**Due to weather conditions and changes that arise, the times may vary for pick up and drop off. PLEASE BE READY BETWEEN 7:45-9:30 am for PICK-UP and DROP OFF WILL BE BETWEEN 2:45-4:30 pm.**