
ARKAY WAYNE/OAKLAND

March 2019 Newsletter

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We are now going into the third month of this new year!!! And that means it is almost spring time! The warm weather brings a certain joy to the spirit of people and it also means outdoor activities and sunshine that just seem to lift the spirit! I am proud to say that Arkay Wayne/Oakland has another year to bring the daily pleasure of being hard dedicated workers for our individuals here at Oakland! We are making sure Arkay is the most beloved place to attend and build productive relationships, job skills, and community intergration. We will keep people posted on the progress of all our goals for Arkay Wayne/Oakland. ***Please be safe and spread love and joy to all, breed peace and kindness to those around you. Most importantly, wake up everyday as if it was on purpose and with certainty for as many great moments to live as you can! Thank you from all of us here at Wayne/Oakland!***



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 Charles know

A message from our Business Developers

We are off to a busy start for January 2019! We have SIX consumers working for Liberty Tax as sign waivers. Two of those six consumers are from our Taylor program and four consumers from our Crossings program.

Business Development participated at WCCCD resource event in January. We also participated at our Oakland locations open house.

We welcome any information on businesses that are hiring and if you know of any church or community bazaars that are coming up. Please feel free to call us at - 734-258-8966. We look forward to hearing from you!

Your Business Development team: Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan & Tammy

Life Long Planning for Your Special Needs Child/Adult? How prepared are you?

Do you have a son or daughter with Special Needs? Do you know how to plan for their future?

Come get the answers you are looking for in a safe and supportive environment from an Attorney Roxanne Chang.

When: March 7, 2019

Where: Jo Brighton Skills Center: Lunchroom

4460 18th St. Wyandotte, MI 48192

(Please enter through exit #7 door closest to the Jo Brighton staff parking lot)

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Presenter: Attorney, Roxanne Chang

Roxanne Chang uses her unique combination of skills as both an attorney and limited licensed psychologist to provide informed, compassionate legal and advocacy services, as well as mediation and conflict resolution services, for older adults and individuals with special needs and their families in southeast Michigan. Her approach promotes choice, individuality, and independence, while ensuring quality of life and care.

Please RSVP to the following:

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JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF ANY KIND FOR PARTIES (napkins, plates, cups, silverware, pop, etc.) WE ARE ALSO ACCEPTING MONETARY DONATIONS TO GO TOWARDS ACTIVITIES FOR THE PROGRAMS.

KEVIN'S CORNER

Arkay is seeking to expand its reach and its services. We are reviewing the feasibility in having a location in Monroe County for Supported Employment, Skill Building, & Respite Care. Further, we have been panelized by DWMHA for new services such as Supports Coordination, Transportation, Community Living Supports, & Respite Care. One of the services being phased in currently is Respite Care.

Soon, Arkay is looking to set up independent integrated living apartments that could allow for families (i.e. aging parents) to live there as well. We are seeking to address a long-standing issue of what happens when a consumer's parents, guardians, and caregivers are no longer able to take care of their loved ones. This need has existed for decades, and Arkay is looking at ways to address that need. Yet, it is more than simply providing housing, these independent living communities will provide much needed supports & social interactions as well. Currently, this project is in the feasibility stage, and the site for this community has been established.

At the Federal level, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a new set of rules for the delivery of Home and Community Based Services through Medicaid waiver programs. Through these new rules, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services aim to improve the experience of individuals in these programs by enhancing access to the community, promoting the delivery of services in more integrated settings, and expanding the use of person-centered planning.

These rules will ensure individuals who have disabilities have the same access to the community as individuals who do not have disabilities. It allows individuals the opportunity to make decisions about the services they receive and who provide their services. The goal of the HCBS Final Rule is to make sure that the services individuals receive, give people the opportunity for independence in making life decisions, to fully participate in community life, and to ensure that individuals' rights are respected. This requires statewide compliance by March 17, 2019.

Arkay will need to continue to emphasize community integration with supported employment and skill building services. Full participation in community life: All individuals are supported to take part in their community and have the same access as other individuals in the community. This requires full participation in community life. Our goal is now to focus on integrated and unsubsidized employment for our consumers.

Best Regards,

Kevin McGuckin

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David

Happy Birthday!!!

HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY MONTH!!!



***The calendar does not include daily outings. *The activities may change without notice. *Your account will NOT be refunded if it's a pre-paid activity.**