



Arkay Crossing Newsletter April 2019

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Those Who Serve:

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Kelly O'Neill
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Arkay Website: miarkay.org**

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Get Well Soon
We wish all of our consumers, staff, and parents/caregivers who have been ill a speedy recovery. Our prayers go out to all of you.

Happy Birthday



Tina Gardiner 4/8, Bonita Hill 4/23, April Davey 4/24, Amy Litwinski 4/11, Susan Little 4/13, Mitchell LaGrande 4/15, Theresa Smith 4/23, Bryan Taylor 4/9, James Gaylor 4/12, Barbara Holford 4/1 Theresa Smith 4/23, Michelle Manier 4/14 and Kianna Wimberly 4/25 We wish everyone a happy birthday!!!

Anniversary

Ishah Aranda Thank you for your dedication!!!



Thinking of You!!!

Our prayers go out to all families that have had a loss recently. Our well wishes and prayers go out to all of you.



After 18 years of dedication, Robert Abbott is retiring from Payless Shoes. Congratulations on your retirement!

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Case Manager's Corner

Mary O' Brien: A - F **Tina Hassinger:** Burry, Herbst & Tillery
REL Neal: G– La **Kelly O'Neill:** Lb – Re
Tiffani Paschall: Rf - Z

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.

*****Please remember we go out in the community daily so please do not bring anything that needs to be heated in your lunches. We do not have access to a microwave when out in the community. Also, please make sure that your people have an ice pack in their lunches to keep them cold. Thank You.*****

VAN DRIVERS CORNER

We would like to thank those who continue to donate their van transportation. **We would not be able to offer van transportation without donations.** We will be there to pick you up. If for any reason we must cancel van transportation we will call you as soon as possible. **Your individual needs to be ready from 7:30-9:00a.m.**



Business Developers Corner:

Happy Spring Everyone! We are looking forward to new opportunities for jobs this spring. We are now participating at the Garden of Hope in Grosse Ile, where some of our individuals are learning to weed, cultivate and harvest. For those that are not familiar with The Gardens of Hope, it's a green house on Grosse Ile. We are happy to have this opportunity to work and learn about gardening. As always, please let us know if you know of a business that is hiring or of a craft show or church bazaar coming up.

Parents & Guardians, if you were not able to come to our Free Workshop on **Understanding How Social Security's Disability Benefits Are Viewed While Working**, please feel free to contact Kyra or Kim at the business development office if you have any questions. We can give you information to get in contact with a work incentive planning assistance (WIPA) benefits specialist, to get a FREE customized analysis done. This is very beneficial for anyone receiving SSI or SSDI benefits and want to work or are already working.

We also want to invite you to the DCTC (Downriver Community Transition Council) Resource Event at Jo Brighton on Thursday, April 4, 2019, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Arkay Business Developers will be at this event.

Have a Safe and Happy Spring!

Your Business Development Team:

Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan & Tammy

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734-258-8966



Just a reminder: **ALL CHECKS MUST BE 7 DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT FOR PROCESSING TIME.**

*****PLEASE MAKE SURE WHEN SIGNING UP FOR EVENTS TO DO SO AHEAD OF TIME. THERE IS A CUT OFF FOR ALL EVENTS LISTED IN THE NEWSLETTER OR AS SOON AS IT'S FILLED!!!**

IF YOUR CONSUMER HAS CLOTHES THAT ARE KEPT HERE WE NEED YOU TO PURCHASE A TOTE JUST LIKE THIS CLEAR ONE AND GIVE IT TO US SO WE MAY PUT THEIR CLOTHES IN INDIVIDUAL BINS LABELED WITH THEIR NAME ON THEM. PLEASE DO THIS ASAP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!!



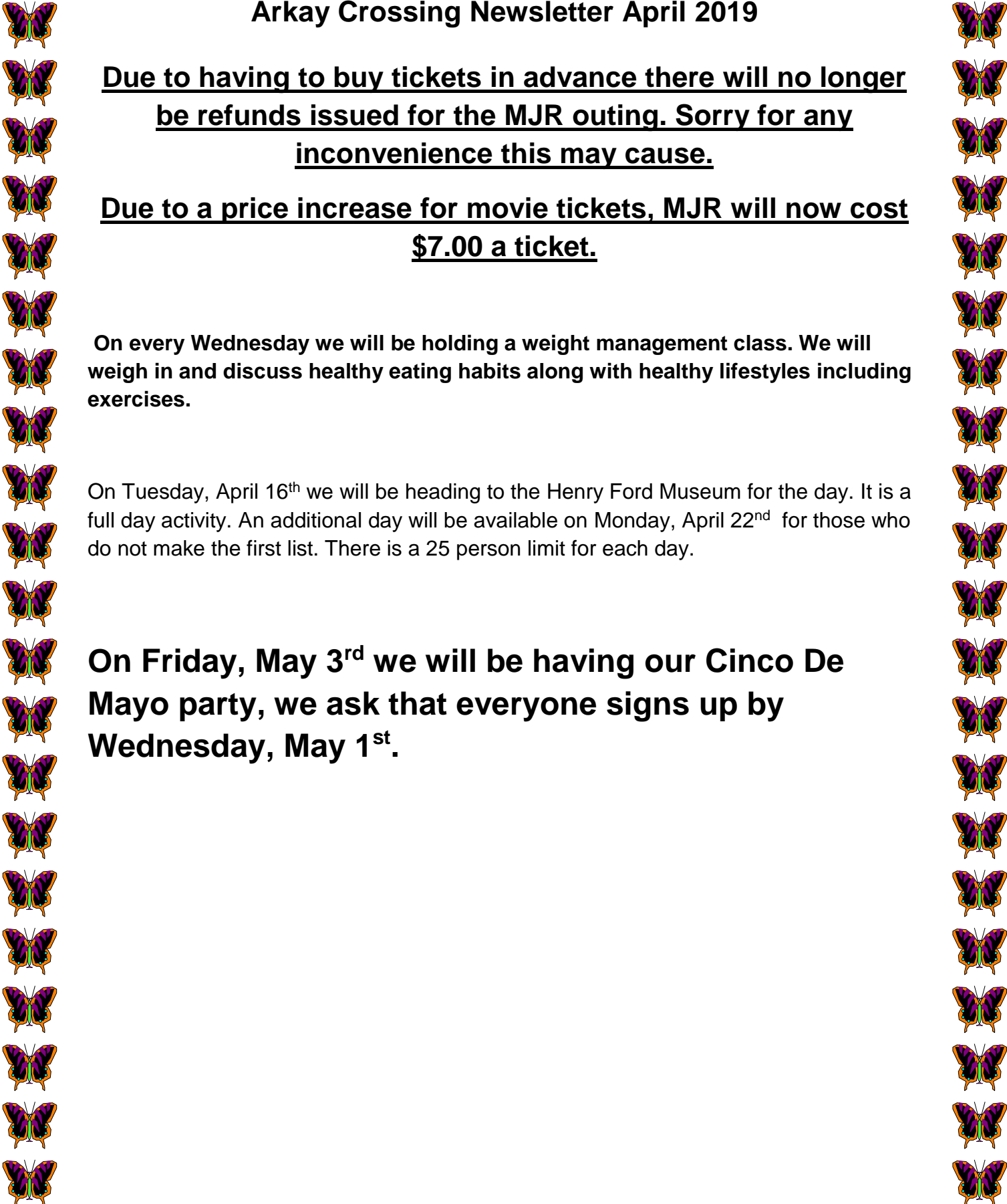
ALL EVENTS ARE PAID INDIVIDUALLY, SO PLEASE HAVE CORRECT CHANGE and SMALL BILLS (IF POSSIBLE) FOR EACH ACTIVITY. We do not have access to change at all times!! Please give all activity money to Amanda. Thank you!!!

WE OFFER SHREDDING SERVICES. IF YOU HAVE ANY DOCUMENTS THAT NEED TO BE SHREDDED, PLEASE LET US KNOW!!!

FOR ANY KIND OF PARTY SUPPLIES (NAPKINS, PLATES, CUPS, SILVERWARE, POP, ETC.) THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!



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Due to having to buy tickets in advance there will no longer be refunds issued for the MJR outing. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Due to a price increase for movie tickets, MJR will now cost \$7.00 a ticket.

On every Wednesday we will be holding a weight management class. We will weigh in and discuss healthy eating habits along with healthy lifestyles including exercises.

On Tuesday, April 16th we will be heading to the Henry Ford Museum for the day. It is a full day activity. An additional day will be available on Monday, April 22nd for those who do not make the first list. There is a 25 person limit for each day.

On Friday, May 3rd we will be having our Cinco De Mayo party, we ask that everyone signs up by Wednesday, May 1st.





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MICRO BUSINESSES

Rachael's Cre8tions by Rachael Chester

Detroit Art by Chelsea Speagle

Rugs by Palma – Palma Goscicki

Hollywood's Goods by LeeAnn Heasley

Danielle's Creations by Danielle Jarbo

Paula's Plastic Creations by Paula Kollar

The Coffee/Snack Shoppe by Michael Martinez, Jack Robinson and Karen Wakefield

Scarves by Kari – Kari Meininger

Latch Hook Rugs by Danny – Danny Szeles

Reco's Ice cream Shop by Reco Nash

Mr. T's Sweets by Michael Thomas

Mr. Z's Chocolate Treats by Haisam Zaban

Healthy Hearts by Danette Koszewski

Jane's Sweet Treats by Jane Curtain

Mr. B's Travel Clean Products by Cliff Bowers

Melissa's Munchies by Melissa Pike

Karen's Creative Cups by Karen Ciullo

Flower Pot Pens by Katie – Katie VanHamme



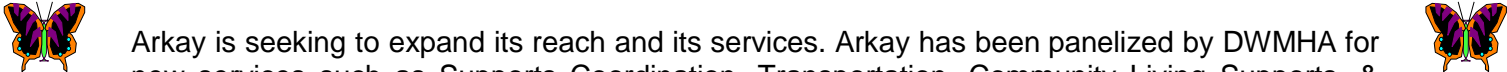


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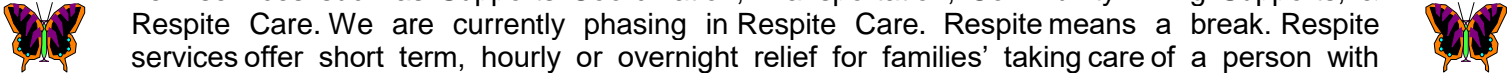
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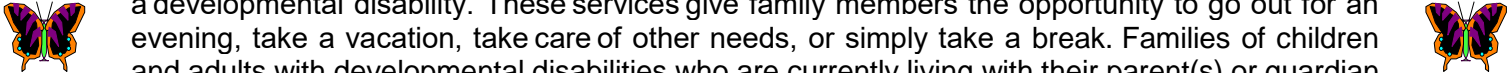
Arkay is seeking to expand its reach and its services. Arkay has been panelized by DWMHA for new services such as Supports Coordination, Transportation, Community Living Supports, & Respite Care. We are currently phasing in Respite Care. Respite means a break. Respite services offer short term, hourly or overnight relief for families' taking care of a person with a developmental disability. These services give family members the opportunity to go out for an evening, take a vacation, take care of other needs, or simply take a break. Families of children and adults with developmental disabilities who are currently living with their parent(s) or guardian in Wayne County are eligible. Please call Arkay and ask for intake.



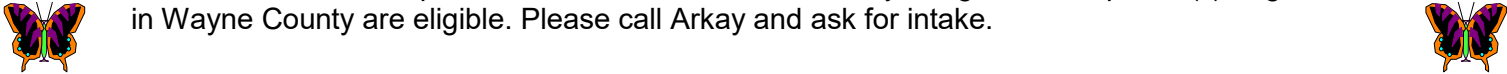
Currently, Arkay is involved in a feasibility study for independent integrated living apartments that could allow families (i.e. aging parents) to live there as well. We are seeking to address a long-standing issue of what happens when a consumer's parents, guardians, and caregivers are no longer able to take care of their loved ones. More to come...



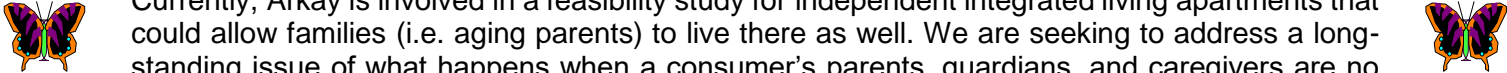
At the Federal level, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a new set of rules for the delivery of Home and Community Based Services through Medicaid waiver programs. Through these new rules, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services aim to improve the experience of individuals 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.



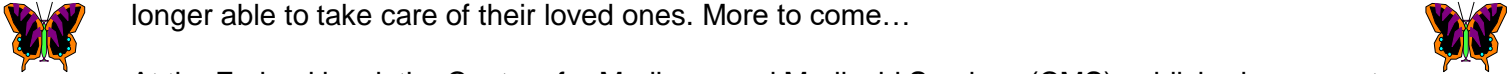
For Oakland County, Arkay has applied for a vocational program with the theme of "Employment First". Employment first, means that employment in the general workforce should be the first and preferred option for individuals with disabilities receiving assistance from publicly funded systems. Simply put, Employment First means real jobs, real wages. Employment in the general workforce means regular jobs like everyone else in society: in typical work settings, working side-by-side with people without disabilities, earning regular wages and benefits and being part of the economic mainstream of our society



Arkay will need to continue to emphasize community integration with our 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 customers.



Best Regards,



Kevin McGuckin

