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Children & Young Adult Services Hosts Annual Educators Workshop:

-Cleveland Sight Center and the Children & Young Adult Services team hosted the annual Workshop for Educators at Cleveland Sight Center on Thursday, August 11th. The workshop was designed for professionals (general education, intervention specialists, administrators, therapists and support staff) who will be working with children with low vision, cortical visual impairment and/or blindness during the 2022-23 school year. The presentations and topics were aimed to equip educators with the knowledge, resources and strategies to help them meet their students' needs. The event began with a general introduction and overview of working with students with low vision and blindness. Areas of the expanded core curriculum were then introduced, along with information about recreational, pre-employment and transitional services for students with low vision and blindness.

Image is of various displays including color usage, contrast and spacing

Image is one of the breakout sessions as attendees listen to the presenter



What's Happening at Cleveland Sight Center:



-Summer has come to an end for preschool programming at CSC! The ABCs program for young elementary grade students was challenging at times with severe hot weather and other adventures, but everyone made it through and had lots of fun. Kids participated in various therapies embedded in fun activities such as yoga, music therapy, dance parties, water days, field trips and more. Now it is time to regroup, recharge the batteries and get ready for a brand-new school year starting in September!

Image of a summer program participant and classroom staff member playing a game of "Connect Four"

Image of a summer camp attendee in a yoga position on a bright green yoga mat



-A parent sent the following note to CSC regarding Children & Young Adult Services upon completion of the four-week summer program.

"Who knew four weeks could be so impactful? This experience has been so valuable to our entire family. Each of you has helped our child grow and flourish. We are so grateful for the personal and genuine care you have shown him. You are truly a special team!"

-Outreach received a note this week from the Field Experiences Coordinator in the Office of Curricular Affairs - School of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University as a follow-up to their recent educational program with CSC. Part of the note states:

"On behalf of the Block 1 Curriculum Design Team, we wanted to take the opportunity to formally thank you and all involved from across your organization for hosting via teleconference first year Case Medical Students the week of August 1, 2022 in support of their core required Health Systems/Chronic Conditions Field Experiences.

In learning about your site's unique mission and work, the powerful experiences the students had with you will frame their approach to the rest of their careers, well beyond their first five weeks of Medical School during Block 1, especially in light of continuing constraints of a world with COVID-19.

We know that these visits, whether in-person, virtual, or hybrid format, take time and effort to coordinate and we greatly appreciate your willingness to contribute to the training of our next generation of physicians who will carry this new vision to change our health care system for the better.”

-Dawn Jones (Manager of Employment Services and Performance Management), Alicia Howerton (Manager of Strategic Partnerships) and Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) partnered with the Department of Labor on a virtual event titled “How Federal Contractors/Employers Can Effectively Work with Members of the Blind and Visually Impaired Community,” which was presented by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP) Columbus Area Office in partnership with Cleveland Sight Center. The OFCCP provided an overview and informed attendees of their federally-protected rights in the workplace. The Cleveland Sight Center representatives discussed “when glasses aren’t enough” and provided an overview of the agency's programs and services designed to enhance the independence, education, career and support opportunities of those with vision loss. Dawn also discussed best practices for recruiting and employing persons with vision loss.

Tom Sawyer (Outreach Specialist) connected with a staff member from University Hospitals to fulfill a request for collateral and information regarding programs and services at Cleveland Sight Center.

-As we approach the middle of August, it is not too early to start thinking about getting your Large Print Calendar for 2023 from the Eyedea Shop! Calendars will be on hand in September but the Eyedea Shop is accepting orders via order form and telephone and will fulfill the orders when the inventory is received. The price of the 2023 calendar will be \$12.00 plus tax. We look forward to servicing you in the store and thank you for your continued patronage.

Beloved Cleveland Artists' Bequest Best Art Works to CSC:

Cleveland’s Gilded Age tradition of philanthropy continues with a recent gift of brilliant paintings from the Estate of Joseph and Algesa O’Sickey. Cleveland Sight Center is delighted to partner with Neue Auctions of Beachwood to offer this incredible collection of historic, fine art to the community to raise funds for CSC programming.

The O’Sickey estate donated 22 works by Joseph including many brightly colored, over-sized oil paintings for which he is best known. Two-hundred charming and never-before seen paintings, sketches and studies by Algesa also complete the collection. View the amazing life’s work of these prolific artists online.

This generous donation is an important way to augment the Cleveland Sight Center’s mission and to add a vibrant and colorful work of art to your life. Please call Cynthia at Neue Auctions at (216) 245-6707 regarding availability and purchase.

SAVE THE DATE to Join Cleveland Sight Center and Neue Auctions for The O’Sickey Collection Viewing Party on Thursday, September 22 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Neue Auctions inside the Ohio Design Center in Beachwood. More details will be available soon!

Items of Note:

-What's new in the 2022 JAWS screen reading software? [Click here to learn more!](#)

-Interested in how to make the most of the Android accessibility features? [Click here to read more.](#)

Did You Know:

-Did you know the vast majority of the world's population is in the north? The Northern Hemisphere is home to 90% of the Earth's total population. The Earth is home to 7.3 billion people, yet 6.57 billion live north of the equator in North America, Europe, most of Africa and Asia and even some parts of South America.