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An Update from Cleveland Sight Center

Cleveland Sight Center continues to follow protocols from the CDC and the State of Ohio. CSC’s main office will continue to be closed through Friday, May 1, 2020.

Staff Members Making Connections to Current and Past Clients

-CSC staff members from all areas of the agency have been reaching out to clients - current and from the years 2018 and 2019 - in an effort to check in, say hello, let them know CSC is available if needed and provide general resource information if necessary. Thanks to those who are doing this - many outside of their normal job descriptions - as we work together on this outreach project. Keeping in touch with clients and letting them know we care is so important, especially during these unique and challenging times.
Remote Services Continue to Make an Impact

While the CSC main offices are currently closed to the public, we remain committed to serving our clients through remote and alternative service deliveries when possible. Please share 216-791-8118 or info@clevelandsightcenter.org with anyone in need of CSC services.

Don’t forget the Recreation Line (x4600) is offering programs, tips and more! Clients and staff are encouraged to call 216-658-4600 and the line will continue to be updated periodically with new content - so check it out and be sure to share the number with clients!

Due to the success of last week’s first-ever Highbrook Lodge BONDfire, the team hosted another virtual BONDfire on Thursday evening for youth campers! The group enjoyed sing-a-longs, telling campfire stories and their favorite Highbrook Lodge activities.

A reminder that the 2020 Highbrook Lodge camp schedule has been modified. For more information, please visit the Highbrook Lodge pages of CSC’s website: https://bit.ly/3atICNy As always, if you have any questions or concerns - please contact Camp Manager Jenny Schaeffer by phone (216-658-4596) or email (jschaeffer@clevelandsightcenter.org).

Visit the Highbrook Lodge Facebook Page to hear Assistant Camp Manager and Recreation Specialist Vince Williams read a scary story by the fireplace at Highbrook Lodge! Click here for the direct link: https://www.facebook.com/HighbrookLodge/

Bright Futures Preschool’s online activities this week continued with Facebook group time and YouTube videos!

A virtual yoga session will be led by volunteer Mark on Tuesday, April 28th at 5:00 p.m. Thanks to Vince Williams and Melissa Mauk for organizing this opportunity. For details on how to participate, contact Vince (x4597 or vwilliams@clevelandsightcenter.org).

NFB Offering Performing Arts Virtual Events:

The National Federation of the Blind Performing Arts Division is hosting several virtual enrichment events to keep people engaged and actively performing during this time of social distancing. Save the dates for these upcoming activities. If you have any questions, please email nfbpade@gmail.com
Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 PM Eastern
Improv Workshop with Ryan Strunk and Briley O’Connor
Join us for an entertaining and interactive session on this exhilarating performing art. Anything can happen, and you can be a part of the fun!

Tuesday, May 5, 9:00 PM Eastern
Braille Music Workshop with Julie McGinnity
Have you been curious about how braille music works? Would you like to learn a few basics? Come prepared to write out and take notes in braille during this class for beginning learners.

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 PM Eastern
Percshop - Vocal Percussion with Lizzy Muhammad-Park
Learn the basics of beatboxing at the Performing Arts Division’s Zoom Percshop. Vocal percussion can accompany any genre of music, but this session will focus on pop, rock, and hip-hop.

Join Zoom Meeting
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https://zoom.us/skype/9463272523

Items of Note

-The “Resources” page on CSC’s website continues to add community resource links that may be helpful during COVID-19. Click here for more information: Cleveland sightcenter.org/resources

-Google’s new braille keyboard makes typing more accessible on Android. Called the TalkBack braille keyboard, Google has worked with braille experts and braille users to develop a keyboard built on the standard braille 6 key layout.
It's meant to be familiar to braille users to reduce acclimation time. Google says the new keyboard can be used wherever a keyboard would normally appear on Android and can be invoked and dismissed with the same ease as with alternate languages. It "allows you to delete letters and words, add lines, and submit text" which presumably means it works like a keyboard is expected to. Read more: https://bit.ly/2z3EyoY

- Originally scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at Cleveland Sight Center, this year’s White Cane Walk, CSC’s annual summer fundraising walk, has been postponed to Saturday, August 8th. More details to come on how you can participate (including virtual options!) will be announced soon!

- Did you know what began as an American movement on April 22nd, 1970, Earth Day is now an international phenomenon? In 1990, Earth Day expanded to include countries and peoples across the globe, with 200 million people in 141 nations getting involved. A decade later, at the turn of the new millennium, Earth Day shed light on the emerging Clean Energy movement and expanded its reach, spreading to 184 countries with the help of 5,000 environmental organizations. According to Earth Day Network, now more than 1 billion people participate in Earth Day activities, making it the largest secular civic event in the world.