CSC Department Spotlight: Employment Services

- The Employment Services team at Cleveland Sight Center helps clients achieve rewarding employment in a diverse range of competitive jobs. To meet the training and employment needs of clients, the team must meet them where they are, so the focus can be on what clients can do and not what they can’t. They strive to provide clients with individualized support to become successful workers.

Employment Services Success Story:

After many job development activities including job search, online application assistance and interviewing skills, a placement in a community employment setting was achieved for an employment client. Soon after, the client expressed to his Employment Specialist that he wanted to buy a watch to remind him when to go to lunch and when to take breaks as he would often work straight through his shift without breaking! The Employment Specialist determined a watch would help him stay on task timely with breaks and lunches, return to work on time and also help him to become more independent.

Working with the client’s Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, the Employment Specialist received authorization to purchase a watch that fit the client’s needs from CSC’s Eyedea Shop. When the watch arrived, the Employment Specialist picked up the watch and delivered it to the client by leaving it on his front doorstep.
The client was extremely grateful for the special care received. Although now considered stabilized and no longer requiring On the Job Supports, the Employment Specialist continues to remotely communicate with him and his immediate supervisor to continue to support them as the client moves into the job retention phase.

By providing stellar services, emotional support and equipment or tools remotely, CSC’s Employment Services team assists clients in living a more independent life.

**Golf to Support CSC at Westfield Country Club on July 20th**

-The annual Cleveland Sight Center Golf Classic, presented by Westfield, is planned for Monday, July 20th at Westfield Country Club. A modified schedule and format than years’ past is in the works but we are excited to offer this annual fundraiser for CSC. To register as an individual golfer, foursome of golfers, sponsor a hole or make a donation to the event, click here: clevelandsightcenter.org/golf-classic-registration. Contact Steve Frohwerk (x4562) for additional information.

**What’s Happening at CSC**

-The Children & Young Adult Services (CYAS) Department began their summer sessions for younger children this week with Melissa Kraus as the lead teacher for both the Bright Futures and ABCs programs. Playground time, individual therapy sessions and instruction are being provided either individually or in very small groups.

-Summer Youth Foundations, a new OOD (Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities) program option for young adults, continued this week. Goals of the program are to provide the basics of career exploration and job seeking skills. This week, the program attendees were instructed on informational interviewing by Employment Specialist Hugh Littleton and participated in a volunteer overview and activity with Manager of Volunteer Services Melissa Mauk. A second session of the program for a new group of participants is scheduled to begin on Monday, July 6th.

-The Leisure and Lifestyle Services Department began some virtual programs for CSC clients this week including Dance Lessons and Coffee Chat. Ongoing activities like weekly yoga classes continue. If you know of an interested client, please contact Vince Williams at vwilliams@clevelandsightcenter.org for more information.

-Volunteer Services is now seeking donations to help add more music to the Music Mobile – a fun and interactive outdoor toy made by Tony Becker - used to make musical memories in the outdoor playground of the Empowerment Park. If you or someone you know has items such as pots and pans, wooden spoons, maracas, bells, drums or any other noise-making items that can be added to the mobile, simply turn in your items or reach out to Melissa Mauk (x4581). Let the music making begin!
-Book Discussion Group’s next session will be July 14th and will be a virtual tea party to decide on the 2020-2021 book readings. Come join the fun by expanding your love for reading! Need more information please contact Alicia Howerton at 216-658-4587 or by email at ahowerton@clevelandsightcenter.org to learn more.

*Image of the Music Mobile with various instruments and sound makers*

**Items of Note**

-Face masks in colors including black, grey, blue and pink with the CSC logo in white are available for purchase through July 13th. A portion of each sale is donated back to Cleveland Sight Center! To check out the selection or place an order, please click here: https://bit.ly/2NuK73F

-Cleveland Sight Center will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

-The sidewalk project on East 105th Street (on the CSC property side) is complete and has been re-opened.

**Did You Know?**

-Did you know there are 31,557,600 seconds in one year?