

Keeping you “In the Know...” 7/10/15

CSC Receives Grant from NOACA:

- CSC was awarded a grant in the amount of \$241,542 from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) in response to an application to enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. The funds will be used to purchase two new vehicles and cover certain operating costs for two years.

Strengthening Partnerships:

- Sarah May, Health Program Associate at the United Way of Greater Cleveland, visited CSC on Tuesday, July 7th to learn more about the agency and the programs United Way funds.
- Nancy Sidell, Rosie Dean and Amanda Collins of Ohio Means Jobs (OMJ) of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County visited CSC on Wednesday, July 8th at the invitation of Alexis Vinick, Manager of Supported Employment/Individualized Placement and Support (SE/IPS) program. OMJ helps Ohio residents assess and improve their skills, post their resume for Ohio employers and find job openings in their area; OMJ helps Ohio employers find workers who meet their needs and improve their workforce. The purpose of the meeting was to foster a collaborative effort by CSC and OMJ to help individuals who are blind, have low vision and/or have other potentially disabling conditions to find rewarding work and take the steps required for career advancement.

CSC's collaboration with OMJ also nurtures our very valuable partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), whose Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors (Ledell McIntyre, Gail Root, Mia Murphy, Jessica McKee, and many others) refer to CSC individuals who need our rich array of services to prepare for and find work and to achieve enduring employment in meaningful jobs.

- Katie Kelly of PRE4CLE, Michelle Bledsoe of Starting Point and Qianna Tidmore of Cleveland Metropolitan School District joined Larry Benders and Sylvia Snyder at CSC on Wednesday, July 8th to tour the agency and visit Bright Futures Preschool as they assess placement opportunities for preschoolers in the Cleveland school district. [Click here](#) for a recent article on the PRE4CLE program.
- CSC has collaborated with the University Circle, Inc. Future Connections program for the past three years. This is an eight-week program offered each summer and is broken into two four-week sessions. Local high achieving high school students are nominated and given the opportunity to intern at organizations around Cleveland. This summer CSC has five students interning with us between the two sessions. During the first session, Adrian Alexander from John Hayes High School and Jon'nae Jackson from Cleveland Heights High School have interned with the Agency Relations & Development department. They have also had the opportunity to help various other departments including but not limited to: Dr. Anthony Easley in the Adult Literacy Program, Randy Knapp in the STORER Center as well as Susie Meles and Louise Miller with various special projects.

Each group of students is asked to complete a project that summarizes their summer experience. They will present that to the AR&D staff Friday. The next group of students arrives on Tuesday, July 14th. If you are interested in having the opportunity to work with these students while they are here, please contact [Megan Koeth](#) (x4581).

- Anna Bowman and Carlyn Kessler, cellists from the [Cleveland Institute of Music](#), visited [Bright Futures Summer Day Camp](#) on Thursday, July 9th. The camp concludes on Thursday, July 16th.



Carlyn and Anna play their cellos



Day campers and staff enjoy a song



Day campers touch a cello



Day camper touches a cello

A Busy Week Educating and Engaging the Community:

- Lisa Cellura provided training in Blindness Basics to 36 Physical Therapy doctoral students at Cleveland State University on Tuesday, July 7th.
- Tom Sawyer attended the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped family day at the Lakeshore Branch of Cleveland Public Library on Wednesday, July 8th.
- On Thursday, July 9th Tom Sawyer, Alexis Vinick, Brooke Dowdy, Nicole Kahn and Dr. Anthony Easley participated in a Disability Awareness Conference at the Intercontinental Hotel

at Cleveland Clinic. Lisa Cellura presented the Aging Eye program to seniors at the Jaelot Apartments in Shaker Heights.



Dr. Anthony Easley, Brooke Dowdy, Alexis Vinick, Nicole Kahn and Tom Sawyer at CSC's info table

Summer Work, Play and Fun:

- CSC's Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) participants enjoyed the 4th of July holiday at Highbrook Lodge – some photos are below. The team will participate in a cookout at CSC the evening of Tuesday, July 14th with some volunteers and members of CSC's young professionals group the Visionaries. The SYWE Talent Show will be held Wednesday, July 15th from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium (all are welcome to attend) and the group will participate in a Job Fair on Thursday, July 16th from 10:00am – 11:00am in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. This year's program concludes on Friday, July 17th.



SYWE participants with Highbrook Lodge staff member



SYWE's Cam holds a sparkler

Shop Til You Drop:

- The Recreation department is planning a shopping trip for clients on Monday, July 13th. The trip is from 9:00am – 4:00pm and will include stops at the Amish Country Flea Market, Cheese Factory and Walmart. The cost is \$20 per person and transportation is provided. Prepare to buy or bring your own lunch. Contact Tamara Flowers (x4593) or Desmond Kennedy (x4595) with any questions.

CARF Corner:

- Individual service plans address the changing nature of some forms of low vision by making provision for how the person served may plan for progressive changes in vision, fluctuating visual function, and, in some cases, improving visual function. The service planning process also addresses not only the current needs of the person served, but also anticipates changes in social, vocational, and personal goals such as movement from school to adult life or from work to retirement.

The CARF surveyor may ask questions surrounding the process implemented to include (as part of the individual service planning) the changing nature of the disability and anticipated and current changes in life roles. How is the service plan documented and shared with the person receiving services?

- The following are some of the significant highlights in CARF history:

November 1973

CARF published a new section of the standards manual for Rehabilitation Facilities, specifically identifying program evaluation standards. These standards became a springboard for extensive future activities by CARF in program evaluation.

April 1981

President Reagan congratulated CARF on its 15 years of service and leadership in improving services for citizens with disabilities and recognized CARF as a national example of the private sector meeting public needs.

From the Consumer Council:

- The announcement that a woman will grace the redesigned \$10 bill is historic. Also historic is a change in the way America's money feels. The new \$10 note is the first slated to have raised elements that will help people who are blind or have low vision distinguish between denominations, an accommodation for which disability rights groups have been fighting for decades. [Click here for more.](#)
- The Food and Drug Administration allowed marketing of a new device that when used along with other assistive devices, like a cane or guide dog, can help orient people who are blind by helping them process visual images with their tongues. The BrainPort V100 is a battery-powered device that includes a video camera mounted on a pair of glasses and a small, flat intra-oral device containing a series of electrodes that the user holds against their tongue. Software converts the image captured by the video camera into electrical signals that are then

sent to the intra-oral device and perceived as vibrations or tingling on the user's tongue. [Click here for more.](#)

- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted new rules under the Twenty-First Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010 ("CVAA") to ensure individuals who are blind or have low vision can gain access to televised emergency information. The new rules require that emergency information be made accessible on a secondary audio stream on tablets, smartphones, laptops, and similar devices when subscription television providers, such as cable and satellite operators, permit consumers to access programming over their networks using an app on these devices. [Click here for more.](#)