



Keeping you “In the Know...” 7/31/15

Creating and Strengthening Partnerships:

- [Alexis Vinick](#), [Paul Rosenberg](#) and [Joel Zureick](#) participated in the Community Rehabilitation Provider conference hosted by Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) on Tuesday, July 28th at the Parma-Snow Library in Parma, Ohio. Other participating organizations that provide rehabilitation services included United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland, Koinonia, Vocational Guidance Services, LEAP and VocWorks. OOD announced that the State of Ohio has already met its employment goals for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015 and that the average time from a consumer’s referral to the determination of eligibility for OOD services has been reduced to 37 days. [Alexis](#) and [Paul](#) reported to the group CSC’s recent employment outcomes, a review of CSC’s unique services and an update on the collaborative work with Ohio Means Jobs of Cuyahoga County, Westfield Insurance and Lubrizol Corporation.
- On Thursday, July 30th, [Employment Services](#) welcomed Shannon Monyak, Director of Programs at Services for Independent Living. Ms. Monyak was the guest speaker at the [July Job Club](#), which is run monthly by [Nicole Kahn](#), and provided many tips and strategies to help our consumers prepare for job interviews and pass employee screening assessments. Consumers in the group shared their own stories about recent job interviews and Ms. Monyak fielded questions regarding ways to discuss job accommodations with employers and make a positive first impression. She has worked with individuals with disabilities, promoting independence and community participation for more than eight years. She has additional experience conducting vocational training in computer and retail settings, designing and

managing assistive technology and accessible computer labs and providing support for high school youth with disabilities transitioning from school to post-secondary education.

- The [Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency \(NOACA\)](#) has created the Northeast Ohio Mobility Coalition to focus on innovative solutions to transportation issues that face individuals with disabilities, seniors, individuals with low income and those who need transportation for health care. The next Coalition meeting is Tuesday, August 18th from 10:30am – 12:00pm at 2421 Community College Avenue, Cleveland, 44115. More information about the effort can be found [here](#) and questions can be directed to [Sarah White](#), Mobility Manager for the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency.

Educating the Community:

- [Lisa Cellura](#) presented the “[Aging Eyes](#)” program to the Bethany Baptist Church Senior Ministry on Wednesday, July 29th. Also on Wednesday, [Amy Mullen](#) spoke of the services provided by the [Low Vision Clinic](#) on the Lake County Council on Aging’s “Our Aging World” radio program and [Tom Sawyer](#) attended the North Olmsted Senior Center Health Fair.
- Thursday, July 30th was just as busy as [Sylvia Snyder](#) trained a class of 35 recruits of the Cleveland Police Department on blindness basics, sighted guide technique and awareness; CSC, in partnership with Business Volunteers Unlimited, hosted 40 participants in a DisABILITIES Training Forum for volunteer administrators; [Dr. Anthony Easley](#) welcomed back to CSC the Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word as they performed for the [ABC Summer Day Camp](#).



Members of Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word read to ABC Summer Camp participant and group photo

- CSC will host a workshop on Wednesday, August 12th for educators who will be working with children with limited/no vision during the 2015-16 school year and will feature strategies, technology and demonstrations. [Click here](#) for more information or contact [Lorie Marsalis](#) (x8768).

Highlights from Highbrook Lodge:

- The theme for the [Cool Kids, Tweens and Teens](#) sessions this week is Harry Potter with all activities and evening programs based the popular series. [Click here](#) for a photo gallery of the session which has been posted to the [Highbrook Lodge Facebook page](#). On the first night of camp, participants were “sorted” into their houses by the sorting hat. Participants have made wands, chosen Patronuses, learned “spells”, and played Giants, Wizards and Elves. The last day is going to be a big “Tri-Wizard Tournament” for the teens! From the parent of a camper, “Theo has a lot of things going on this summer but [Highbrook](#) was one he did NOT want to miss. He constantly asked if he was going and kept reiterating how much he wanted to go!”
- A group of students from Willoughby Hills Friends Church vacation bible school volunteered at [Highbrook Lodge](#) on Wednesday, July 29th for some experiential blindness training where they took a hike in the woods under blindfold with the assistance of sighted guides. The

students participated in [Lisa Cellura's "Blindness Basics"](#) program a day earlier.

- The [Family & Friends BBQ](#) at [Highbrook Lodge](#) is Sunday, August 9th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. CSC associates are invited to attend and asked to mention the event to clients. The cost is \$5 per person and RSVP to [Tamara Flowers](#) (x4593). NEW FOR 2015: Transportation to/from CSC will be available for an additional \$15 per person. In addition, members of CSC's [Board of Trustees](#) will hold a brief meeting before enjoying the BBQ and greatness that Highbrook Lodge has to offer!

From the Recreation Team:

- Craig Watson from the [Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#) visited the [Sailing](#) program this week. The [Recreation](#) program receives a Boater Safety Education grant from [ODNR Division of Watercraft](#). Mr. Watson sailed with the VA (Veterans Administration) team and met volunteer skipper George Connell and mate Cynthia Steinberger, along with veterans in the VA Blindness Rehab Program.
- CSC's [Music Studies](#) program, taught by Dr. Rose Breckenridge, is a partnership with the Cleveland Orchestra. CSC was invited to attend Blossom Music Center on Sunday, July 26th for an evening of music conducted by Jah Jah Ling. CSC was prominently featured in the program, as was the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation.
- CSC participated in the Northern Ohio Golf Charities Return to Golf Classic at Barrington Golf Club in Aurora on Monday July 27th. Board Trustee [Frann Zverina](#) sponsored CSC and hosted a foursome which included [Greg McGrath](#), [Steve Frohwerk](#) and friend of CSC Karen Ryan Tigue. No trophy but the group was pleased with their even-par score.
- [Brian Peebles](#) participates in the 2015 North American Challenge Cup (NACC) sailing regatta in Chicago, IL this weekend. In 1992 the

Chicago Yacht Club created the North American Challenge Cup as a major sailing regatta for those with disabilities, bringing together sailors from around the country. This event counts as one of the longest running events in the North American disabled sailing circuit. The NACC has a reputation for outstanding competition on a national and international level. In addition to the events surrounding the regatta, the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation 25th Anniversary Gala will be held at The Field Museum.

CYAS Activities Continue:

- The [Summer Youth Career Exploration \(SYCE\)](#) participants welcomed two additions to the program this week, Alshawn and Sophia. The group visited [Highbrook Lodge](#) for the day on Wednesday, July 29th. The group has begun job shadowing of various CSC associates to learn about roles at the agency. Be sure to stop by the [Employee Hub](#) and [Client Hub](#) for the [Bake Sale](#) on Thursday, August 6th from 11:30am – 12:30pm.

CARF Corner:

- **Rights of Persons Served.** To ensure that the persons served have a clear understanding of their rights, the organization communicates and shares these rights in a manner that is understandable to the person served. Rights of the person served should be communicated to the person served in a way that is understandable; prior to the beginning of service delivery or at initiation of service delivery and annually for persons served in a program longer than one year.
- The following is a significant highlight in CARF history:

January 2014

CARF introduced standards for Cancer Rehabilitation Specialty Program in the Medical Rehabilitation accreditation area. New standards for Peer Support Services were also published in the

Behavioral Health, Child and Youth Services, Employment and Community Services, and Opioid Treatment Program standards manuals.

December 2014

CARF Europe opened office space in London, England, United Kingdom.