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What's Happening at CSC:

-Hugh Littleton (Employment Services Training Specialist) facilitated an engaging Service Provider Manager's Retreat at Cleveland Sight Center's Highbrook Lodge in Chardon on Friday, August 27th for various members of the Client Operations and Rehabilitation Services departments. The concept for the retreat came from Judith Weyburne (Vice President of Client Operations) and Susie Meles (Vice President of Rehabilitation Services) discussing one of author Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," specifically "Sharpen the Saw." The goal of the retreat was to keep all of their managers' "saws" polished through leadership training while having fun.

Elements of the training included the following leadership topics: Simon Sinek's videos "The Golden Circle" and "The Why?", Daniel Goleman's Emotional Intelligence, an Emotional Intelligence quiz, Patrick Lencioni's The Five Dysfunctions of a Team, Team Building for Team Success Factors, and Conflict Resolution, using the Thomas-Kilmann Instrument assessment and evaluation. A focus of the day was on manager group activities and interaction. The Marshmallow Challenge, a team-building activity that is one of the more progressive leadership models for strengthening small and large teams in the art of strategic teambuilding and planning processes, was a highlight of the retreat.

Attendees from the Client Operations and Rehabilitation Services teams had a memorable teambuilding, learning, productive and enjoyable experience.



Image of retreat attendees Kristen Callahan, Barbara Piascik and Bobbie Szabo participating in a pencil stacking teambuilding exercise

-Students began the school year at Cleveland Sight Center's Bright Futures Preschool this week! The staff is so happy to have children back and there were lots of smiling faces in the classroom.

Image of the Bright Futures Preschool classroom ready for the school year

Image of the hallway wall with pictures of smiling preschoolers and a sign that reads "Kids are Special People"



-Come one, come all to the Cleveland Sight Center Carnival! Get ready for classic carnival games like "Duck Pond" and "Bean Bag Toss" as well as an ice cream stand and crafts galore! Each activity booth will pass out tickets for a raffle, with prizes like audiobooks, craft supplies and more! The carnival will be held in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium and Recreation Room at Cleveland Sight Center on Tuesday, September 14th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Image is a graphic stating "Cleveland Sight Center Carnival" as though they are a lit-up sign, with a big top carnival roof



-Please note the date for Fall Weekend at Highbrook Lodge, originally scheduled for September 24th – 26th, will be pushed back to later in the fall – exact dates are to be announced. For more information, contact Bobbie Szabo (x4597 or bszabo@clevelandsightcenter.org).

-For more information on Leisure & Lifestyle Services programming, check out the Recreation Hotline at 216-658-4600.

In-Service Education Opportunities:

-Keith Filip (Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Preschool) has planned in-service education opportunities for the Early Intervention team over the next three months. All staff members are welcome to attend if the topic is of interest and with supervisor approval. The in-service presentations will be via Zoom starting at 8:00 a.m. and will last approximately 30–40 minutes. Meeting links will be shared in the near future. For additional information or to sign up, contact Keith Filip (kfilip@clevelandsightcenter.org or x8786).

September 23rd: “When is Cortical not Cortical?”

Case study presented by Angela Roumie, Barb Williams and Keith Filip. Angela had a client, who should have had cortical vision impairment, but she had questions...provoking thoughts on cortical vs cerebral, which is a current trend.

October 28th: “The Importance of Proper Frame Fitting and Use of Tints”

Presented by Tony Becker and Erin St. Denis of Cleveland Sight Center’s Low Vision Clinic. One reoccurring issue is children struggling to wear their corrective lenses. When should tints be considered?

November 18th: “The Importance of Visual Acuity”

Presented by Dr. Leah Steele, Optometrist with Madison Eye Care. The importance of visual acuity (Tier 1 of Dutton’s frame work of cerebral) and Q&A.

Items of Note:

-To celebrate International White Cane Day on October 15th, Platinum Cre8ive has partnered with Vision Australia Radio to host White Stick Fest – an online collaboration of music artists supporting awareness on a day that celebrates the achievements of blind and low vision community members. Over 20 blind or low vision music artists across the globe will collaborate to celebrate International White Cane Day. To read more, [click here](#).

-Researchers at the University of Tsukuba in Japan conceived of a way for the visually impaired to play badminton, according to designboom. The invention consists of a noisy drone that is used as the ball. The drone flies slow enough and makes enough noise that visually impaired players can both hear and sense it coming. They then receive the drone with a pair of rackets that can identify the drone-ball via a sensor system that is attached to their frames. To read more, [click here](#).

-The Greater Cleveland Blind Bowling League is a bowling league made up of partially sighted, blind and sighted bowlers. The league season begins on Saturday, September 11th at 12:00 p.m. Typical league play is from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Spins Bowl in Independence OH (address: 5619 Brecksville Rd. Independence, OH). On the first day of bowling, a meeting will be held at 12:00 p.m. to determine team captains and teams. Bowlers meet every Saturday through mid-April and pay a \$12 participation fee each week plus a yearly joining fee of \$25. Sighted bowlers are welcome to join the league, but are expected to assist the blind bowlers. For questions or further information about joining the league, call Andrea Marley at 216-658-8779 or Wilbert Turner at 216-212-4959.

Did You Know:

-Did you know cellular phones are illegal in one town in West Virginia? No wireless signals are allowed in Green Bank, West Virginia, because they could interfere with the operation of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory's radio telescope.