

Keeping You "In the Know..." 4/1/16

Engaging the Community and Strengthening Partnerships:

- Tom Sawyer spoke to the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) in Columbus on Monday March 28th, addressing CSC's services and programs to Providers located throughout the state. Tom also promoted the upcoming Consumer Council Technology Fair. The chairperson of the OPRA agreed to distribute the Technology Fair information to everyone in attendance.
- Lisa Cellura worked with staff of University Circle, Inc. this week to create an audio described version of their University Circle Circlewalk Tour, which will have landmarks and information on unique places, offerings, and partners located in the University Circle area.
- Students in the Case for Sight service organization at Case Western Reserve University held a White Cane Walk on campus last Saturday. The group shared information about CSC and the agency's White Cane Walk extravaganza, which will be held on Saturday, June 18th at Legacy Village!
- The Employment team participated in a hiring event on Thursday, March 31st at Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries in Cleveland as part of the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County. Over 40 employers and over 200 job seekers from our agency and other agencies participated. In preparation, Carlton Toppin led a coaching session at CSC on Wednesday, March 30th.



ECCC hiring event attendees in interviews



Carlton Toppin speaks with an employer



Judy Post at the consumer sign-in table



Alexis Vickers at the employer sign-in table

- Louise Miller represented CSC at a health fair sponsored by the Ohio Business College in Sheffield Village on Thursday, March 31st. While there, she completed vision screenings for children of the students as well as the surrounding community. In addition to educating attendees about CSC, she was the featured speaker in the College's Professional Women's series. CSC is fostering a relationship with the Ohio Business College to do vision screenings in the Lorain County area.
- CSC partners again this year with the Cleveland International Film Festival. This year's sponsored film is titled "Notes on Blindness," a documentary about a man's journey into the profound impact this sensory loss would have on his work, his family, and his new relationship to the existence that had so abruptly been altered. Showings are scheduled for April 6th (4:00pm) and April 7th (2:15pm) at Tower City Cinemas. For more information, click here.





Community Partner logos for Cleveland International Film Festival

April Job Club – Financial Basics:

- The next gathering of the Job Club will be Thursday, April 28th from 10:00am – 11:30am in the Library Conference Room at CSC. The group will discuss "Financial Basics" with guest presenter Sharron Murphy-Williams, Founder and Executive Director of the Phe'be Foundation, a non-profit organization that teaches financial literacy education to members of our communities. Topics to be addressed include:
 - How to manage your current income and create a budget
 - How and/or why to open bank accounts
 - What to expect in a paycheck from your employer

For more information on the Job Club, contact Nicole Kahn (x4686).

CYAS Offers Braille Basics:

 The CYAS Department is offering a Braille Basics seminar to the families and friends of our youngest clients. The program will be four sessions held on Wednesday evenings beginning May 4th at CSC from 5:30pm – 7:00pm and goals include:

- 1) An introduction to the wonderful world of Braille a tactile system of reading and writing for people who are blind or have low vision.
- 2) To experience the Perkins Brailler the starting point for assistive technology for Braille students.
- 3) To provide activities and strategies to stimulate and support your child in this route to literacy.
- 4) To expose attendees to some of the many types of devices that produce Braille.

There is no cost to the sessions but enrollment is limited. To register or for more information, contact Sylvia Snyder (x8777).

Eyedea Shop's Featured Product of the Week:

- This week's featured product in the Eyedea Shop: Non-Contact Infrared Thermometer. With the ADVOCATE Non-Contact Infrared Thermometer, get quick and accurate temperature readings with the touch of a button. The convenient built-in optional speaking function and fever notification gives you the confidence that you need to ensure proper temperature readings are conveyed. Features:
 - Results in One Second
 - Speaks both English & Spanish
 - Reads Body & Ambient Temperatures
 - Optional Speaking Function Built-in
 - Large LCD Display for Easy Reading
 - Readings in Celsius or Fahrenheit
 - Automatic Shut-Off Feature (60 seconds)
 - Memory Recall for 12 Readings
 - Price: \$40.00
- Please note the Eyedea Shop is closed for inventory Friday, April 1st.
- Can't make it to the Eyedea Shop at CSC? Then check out the product offerings online at www.eyedeashop.com and purchase items from the comfort of wherever you may be!

Items of Note:

- The Consumer Council's Technology Fair will be Thursday, April 28th at CSC from 11:00am 3:00pm in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium. For more information on the Technology Fair, contact Anthony Easley (x8751).
- Do you have a volunteer need or needs for an upcoming program or event? Requests are to be submitted in writing. Contact <u>Megan Koeth</u> (x4581) for additional information and the volunteer request form can be located on <u>CSC's Intranet here</u>.
- For the fifth year in a row, free exams for guide dogs will be offered at Cleveland Sight Center, thanks to the generosity of Dr. Mark Bobofchak and Betsey Hallenburg from Eye Care for Animals in Akron. They will be here on Wednesday, May 18th and exams will start at 8:00 a.m. in the Clyde E. Williams, Jr. Auditorium C. Please contact Lorie Marsalis (x8768) to register your dog for an exam.
- "Ohio Wears Blue Day" is April 13, which is a day aimed at promoting the prevention and awareness of child abuse.
- CSC staff members should review the revised Employee Handbook and sign the Employee Handbook Receipt form by Monday, April 8th and turn it into Tina Pringpuangkeo in Human Resources. The handbook is available here on CSC's Intranet, under CSC Manuals, Policies, and Procedures. If you would like a printed copy, please let Tina know. Please remember that it is part of all of our jobs at CSC to know and follow all policies in the Employee Handbook.
- When you are expecting a guest at the building please remember to notify the receptionist at the front desk. This is important for security reasons and to assist the person at the front desk in locating you when the guest arrives. It also makes the guest feel more welcomed, knowing you were planning for their visit. When your guest arrives, the

front desk will call you to let you know and you can meet him or her in the lobby. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

 Join us in celebrating the Cleveland Indians' home opener on Monday, April 4th by wearing your Indians gear, other Major League Baseball gear, or Red, White, and Blue with jeans on Monday! Go Tribe!

Did You Know?

- In the 1930s, Lubrizol founder Kelvin Smith and his wife Eleanor became involved with Cleveland Sight Center, a commitment that lasted over 50 years and continues today through the Kelvin and Eleanor Smith Foundation.
- From Mike, one of the concierges at the Innova building next door, Penn Station East Coast Subs is opening up on Tuesday, April 12th. A restaurant called Urban Kitchen will follow sometime in the month of April.

Have a rad weekend!

<u>Steve Frohwerk, Director of Marketing, Communications and Special</u> Events

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