



Keeping you “In the Know...” 10/9/15

White Cane Safety Day is October 15th:

- White Cane Safety Day is Thursday, October 15th. The white cane is an important orientation, navigation and safety tool used by those who are blind or have low vision. The National Federation of the Blind assembled in 1963 and called upon governors of all 50 states to proclaim October 15th of each year in every state as white cane day. Then, on October 6th, 1964, a joint resolution of Congress (HR 753) was signed into law authorizing the President of the United States to proclaim October 15th of each year as “White Cane Safety Day”. Within hours of the passage of this congressional joint resolution, then President Lyndon B. Johnson recognized the importance of the white cane. For more information on this important date, [click here](#).

Strengthening Partnerships and Engaging the Community:

- On Thursday, October 8th the [Employment](#) department hosted an educational seminar on Community Based Assessments. The purpose was to introduce the Community Based Assessments to local employers in order to inform and educate them on the benefits and guidelines regarding their participation. Additional goals for the seminar included increasing the number of employer host sites, increasing the diversity of participating employer host sites, and to get CSC clients in front of potential employers. Over 25 partners attended including Board Trustee [Dr. Ken Koster](#), who volunteers his time with the [Employment](#) department every Tuesday to assist in interpretation of medical information.



Sterling Garrett welcomes attendees



Board Trustee Ken Koster introduces himself



Carlton Toppin and Anthony Easley prove they both “got the memo” regarding a blue shirt, tan slacks and brown shoes.

- **CSC** is hosting an RTA Driver Appreciation Day on Monday, October 12th. This is in response to a suggestion from the Consumer Council committee, a board committee chaired by Board Trustee **Cheryl Fields**. As you pass through the lobby on Monday, be sure to say hello and thanks to those transportation providers for CSC staff, clients and friends.
- On the **Community Engagement** front, Desmond Kennedy and **Alicia Howerton** presented to the Lakewood Kiwanis on Tuesday, October

6th. [Tom Sawyer](#) displayed various assistive technology products at the Philomatheon Society for the Blind in Canton on Thursday, October 8th. And on Friday, October 9th, [Tim Moran](#) attends the City of Willoughby Senior Health Fair and [Tom Sawyer](#) attends the Cuyahoga County Conference on Aging.

- The City of Cleveland Department of Aging is hosting its 11th Annual Disability Awareness Day Luncheon on Tuesday, October 27th at Cleveland Public Hall. The theme this year is “Arts for All” celebrating all artistic ability. This year is especially important because it also marks the 25th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is no cost to attend but seating is limited so please contact Tanesha Hunter at thunter@city.cleveland.oh.us or 216-664-6130 for more information.

Improving Our Great Resources:

- Thanks to a grant from the Wolf Family Foundation, double doors have been installed off the patio of [Eleanor Smith Lodge](#) at [Highbrook Lodge](#), greatly improving the accessibility of the area. Also, recent interior work at [Smith Lodge](#) included replacing the floor throughout the main commons area.

Enjoying the Great Outdoors:

- The [Recreation](#) team's [Walking Club](#) attended Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Saturday, October 3rd. Thanks to Board Trustee [Frann Zverina](#) for sponsoring the visit to the zoo. Despite the chilly and rainy weather, the group had a great turnout and made lots of memories!



Walking Club participants at the entrance to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo



Tracy Parks enjoys a ride on the carousel

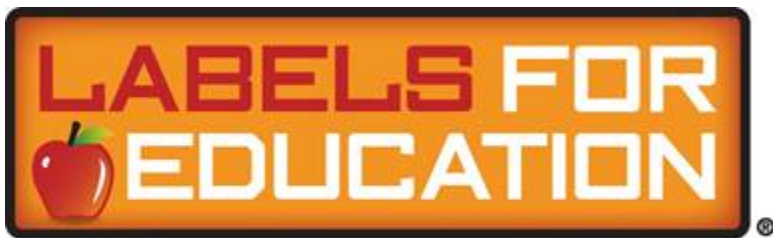
School Days and Field Trips:

- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) welcomes new student Haifa to the class! She and her classmates enjoyed a field trip to Patterson's Apple Orchard on Tuesday, October 6th. The class is excited for the annual [Halloween Parade](#), which will be held at CSC on Thursday, October 29th beginning around 10:00am. Get those treats (no tricks) ready!



Bright Futures Preschoolers enjoy a tractor ride

- There is another Bonus Offer available for the month of October for the Labels for Education program. For each offer sheet filled with 3 Campbell's and 2 Pepperidge Farm UPCs, [Bright Futures Preschool](#) can earn 50 points instead of the usual 5! Please bring/send any Labels for Education UPCs to [Lorie Marsalis](#) in the [CYAS](#) department and help [Bright Futures Preschool](#) earn another \$250 Visa gift card this year!



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- [Bright Futures Preschool](#) is still accepting – please contact [Sylvia Snyder](#) (216-791-8118) for more information.

CARF Corner:

- **Questions Surveyors Frequently Ask:**

The following gives examples of questions that are frequently asked by surveyors during interviews with staff. Would **you** be able to answer the questions if asked by a surveyor? (If not, please discuss with your supervisor.)

Administrative and Management Staff:

How have you used input from other Stakeholders to modify your services?

Direct Service Staff:

Have you developed or participated in satisfaction surveys?

All Staff:

What is your mission?

Items of Note:

- This weekend, October 10th and 11th, the CSC parking lot will be seal coated and line striped. Anyone who needs parking can use the back lot off of 105th Street. If you have questions, please contact [Scott Malone](#) (216-791-8118).
- A group of 20 volunteers from Cleveland Clinic will scrape, paint and clean out the garage on Tuesday, October 20th.
- The Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging 9th Annual Katz Policy Lecture will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 from 3:00pm to 5:00pm at the Conference Center at Benjamin Rose. This year, Kali S. Thomas, PhD of Brown University will discuss the impact of Meals on Wheels and other home-delivered meal programs on health outcomes for individuals as well as the policy impact on states. The cost to attend the Katz Policy Lecture is \$20. Proceeds from the lecture will benefit the Rose Centers for Aging Well Home-Delivered Meals program. To

register, please click on the “Register Now!” link below or visit our website at www.benrose.org/education. Contact Lauren Borato with questions at lborato@benrose.org, or by phone at (216) 373-1656.