
INDEPENDENT DISPATCH

Independent Living Newsletter April 2017

April Classes

We have three classes scheduled for this month! Keystone Wellness Programs will be joining us for 2 of those classes on **Saturday, April 8th and April 22nd from 10am – 2pm**. These classes will be held at our office; 230 W. Cunningham Street Butler, PA 16001. Over the course of the two classes, Health Educator Karina Moussa from Keystone Wellness will share with you all the 8 dimensions to being healthy in all areas of your life. Self-care is important to be aware of in all areas of our lives. Come ready with questions! Lunch will be provided for both classes.

April 25th 6 – 8pm

Our third and final class for the month will be a Career Fair where you all can speak with potential employers and individual business partners. The Career Fair will be held at St. Andrew's Catholic Church, just north of Clearview Mall where the March 21st class was held. We have a great selection of careers and businesses including, Criminal Justice, Culinary, Social Work, Accounting, Design, Welding, and many more!

Let your IL worker know if you plan to attend one or all of these classes. As a reminder, all classes are stipend opportunities.

YAB

Regional YAB will be held on **Thursday, April 5th from 4:30 – 6pm in Cambria County**. Our local, Butler YAB meeting will be held **Thursday, April 6th from 5:30 – 7pm** at the Butler IL office. Dinner will be provided for both meetings.



Spring is a time to find out

WHERE you are, WHO you are, and move toward

WHERE you are GOING.”
~ Penelope Trunk

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Building Community, Building Hope

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Administration for Children & Families

Children's Bureau

Child Welfare Information Gateway

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the country. Below are some excerpts of articles and tips to raise awareness. You can find out more information at:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/>

Each of you can make a difference by spreading the word. You can raise public awareness about preventing child maltreatment and enhancing child well-being in your community. Spread the word, create interest, and encourage those in your network to get involved! We have provided you some hashtags to get involved or you can follow along on Facebook.

#PreventionMonth #NCAPM2017

Stable Housing Supports a Safe Home

Safe, stable housing is important for children's health and well-being. A home is considered affordable when you can pay your rent or mortgage and still have money for food, gas, clothes, and other needs. High costs or low incomes may force families to stay with relatives or friends or to live in homes that are crowded or unsafe. It is possible to find safe and affordable housing in each community. [Read More](#)

“Making a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan”

Do you know how your family would cope in an emergency? Does each person know what to do? Do you have what you need close at hand? [Read More](#)

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Whose Hiring...?

As spring has sprung and a new season has begun, it's safe to say winter is done. Many businesses will be gearing up for summer and conducting interviews to hire. The time is now. So, start thinking about this as summer will be upon us! Here are just a few places in the Butler area who are hiring!

- Staples
- Panera
- Walmart
- Villa Grande(kitchen help needed)
- Subway(Cunningham Street)
- Wendy's(New Castle Rd.)
- KFC(New Castle Rd.)

Summer Internship Opportunity!

The folks at Career T.R.A.C.K. have extended an internship opportunity for one lucky individual in our IL program. The requirements for the summer internship opportunity are:

- Between ages 16-18 and attending a Butler County high school
- TANF Eligible
- Have reliable transportation(we can assist to make accommodations)
- Willing to work 8 weeks of the summer, 8 hours a day, 5 days a week from June 19th – August 11th

You ready for this? You will be paid \$10.15/hour! Job responsibilities will include; working in the Career T.R.A.C.K. office as well as alongside the youth case manager, will speak with different businesses about the opportunities Career T.R.A.C.K. provides, and much more! Those of you who have expressed interest, we have put your name down. Once the application is provided to us, we will send to those of you who are interested. Then one person will be selected for the summer!

Welcome Erin!

Erin Lawson – Independent Living Direct Service Worker

Erin is new to JusticeWorks. She can't wait to meet and get to know each of you in the Independent Living program. Erin loves to take walks with her dog Molly, kayak and spend time with her family outside. Erin graduated from Slippery Rock University where she studied Youth and Human Services. She enjoys working with people and families. You can find Erin helping out with classes, transportation, and assisting with individual IL goals. Welcome aboard Erin!



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