
INDEPENDENT DISPATCH

Independent Living Newsletter March 2017

March Classes

Our first class scheduled in March is **Saturday, March 11th from 10am – 2pm**. Butler County's Center for Community Resources will be speaking with you all about ways to build self-esteem; methods to problem solve, as well as approaches to building positive peer/social relationships. Then after we all eat lunch, the Young Lawyer's Division we be speaking to you all about various legal topics, for example, the dependency process, contracts/landlord agreements, legal penalties for legal offenses, and much more. It will be an information packed day, so come ready with questions!

Our second class for the month of March will be held at St. Andrew Church in north Butler on **Tuesday, March 21st from 5 – 8pm**. You will participate in 4 career preparation workshops that evening; interview skills, communication skills, social skills, and lastly team building skills. Dinner will be provided as well as an opportunity to win career readiness door prizes. This is a great opportunity for you to begin practicing or brush up on your social skills to land that job you've been thinking about.

Let your IL worker know if you plan to attend one or both classes so we can ensure we have enough food and door prizes. Both classes are also stipend opportunities.

March Madness!

The NCAA Division I Men's College Basketball tournament will begin Tuesday March 14th following selection Sunday on Sunday March 12th. Whether you are a college basketball fan or just competitive in nature, it's that time of the year again for the madness of college basketball brackets. We will conduct our own IL March Madness competition and will have tournament brackets to distribute to you all if you are interested in participating. There will be no monetary prize but the person with the highest number of correct selections will be Butler IL March Madness Champion.

Butler Local YAB Meeting....

Will be held on **Thursday, March 3rd** at the Butler IL office, 230 W. Cunningham Street from **5:30pm – 7pm**. We will discuss your ideas and decide on what project or projects you want to begin developing here in the community of Butler as well as implement within the foster care system. These are ideas we can take and share with the YAB at the regional level as well. Butler local YAB as well as regional YAB is open to any of you 14 years and older. If you are interested in sharing your ideas but cannot attend, please provide your ideas to your IL worker. Dinner will be provided for the meeting so let us know if you will be in attendance so we can plan accordingly for food.

Odds n' Ends



Pictured above is Butler IL's very own, Dylan. Dylan is a proud, creative, and dedicated young man. Dylan crochets and can make anything from hats, to scarfs, placemats, or dog leashes; you name it he can fulfill your order. Dylan recently placed some of his items at a local consignment store for purchase and is enjoying the journey of becoming a young entrepreneur. Check out Odds n' Ends in New Castle for Dylan's handmade items. Way to go Dylan!

Spring

Job Corps in Review

Last month at our joint IL class between Butler and Indiana, our youth had the opportunity to hear from Job Corps and Career T.R.A.C.K.. Since the class, some of the youth are taking full advantage of the employment and career readiness opportunities through these resources. Keep up the great work!



Pictured above is Butler IL youth and staff during last month's class, making Valentine's Day cards that were distributed to the Butler Veteran's Affairs Hospital. Some of the Butler IL youth went with IL staff to distribute the cards to the veterans.



Butler IL's Tayvon was excited to tour the Charleston, WV Job Corps campus last month. Tayvon will graduate this spring and is interested in pursuing HV/AC and Carpentry as trades.



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