

INDEPENDENT DISPATCH

Independent Living Newsletter July 2017

July Classes

- Adagio Health **Monday, July 10th** from **10 – 11:30am** at the Butler IL office.
*Adagio will be reviewing and discussing safe sex, reproductive health, and relationships.
- Butler Library Tour & Presentation **Monday, July 10th** from **12:15 – 1pm** at Butler Library.
- Butler IL Youth Presentations **Thursday, July 13th** from **1 – 3pm**

YAB Car Wash

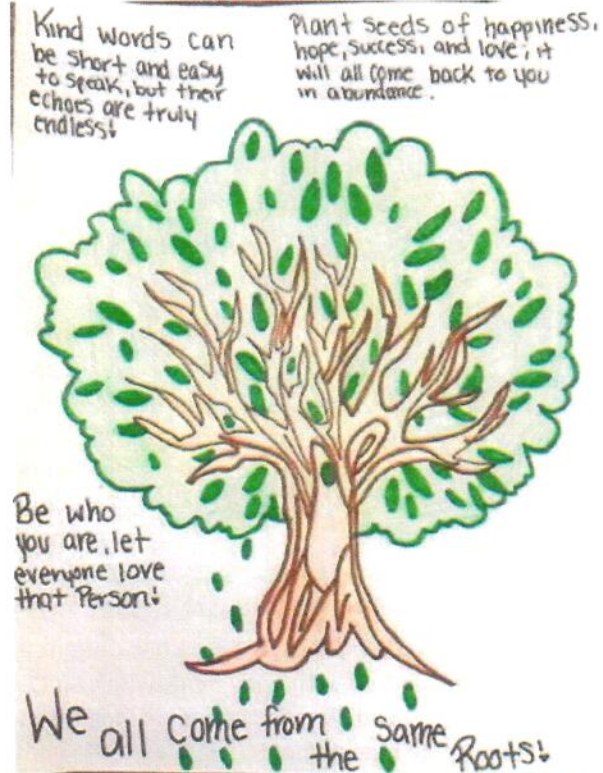
Our Butler YAB car wash is scheduled for **Saturday, July 8th** from **9am – 1pm** at **AutoZone** located on New Castle Road by the Butler High School. Andrew and his Butler IL team scheduled the day, made flyers and posters as well as assigned jobs and collected interest. A \$5 donation is suggested and all proceeds will be used to purchase bedding, pillows, blankets, and stuffed animals to provide youth in foster care along with care packages. If you want your voices heard and have ideas on how to change the child welfare system, join YAB! Talk to your peers; they will tell you how their voices have already made an impact on legislative and policy changes.



Food & Hygiene Item Drive

FINAL REMINDER!!! Each Youth Advisory Board across the state is competing to have the most items donated by July 13th, 2017. Our independent living program is taking part in the competition. If you have canned goods, other non-perishable food items, and/or hygiene items OR you know someone who wants to donate; they can be dropped off at the Butler IL office. The items will be donated to an organization of the Southwest Regional YAB's choosing. Keep collecting!

2017 "Be A Buddy, Not A Bully Poster Contest



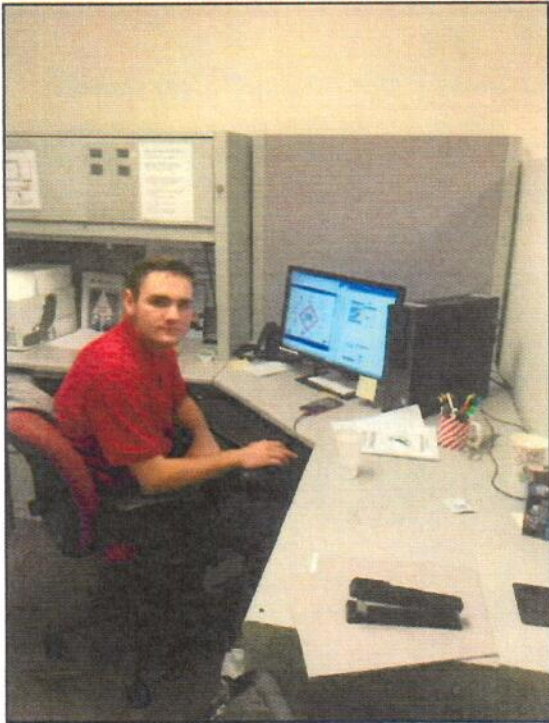
<http://www.yourerie.com/entertainment/completed-contests/2017-bullying-prevention-poster-contest/694269677>

Students in grades 2 through 12 from Erie area schools were asked to create a "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" themed poster. Three winners received valuable prizes from Scott Enterprises, PA State Representative Pat Harkins, and LECOM Safe Kids Erie at an award ceremony in May. Butler IL's very own, Cassidy, won third in Erie! Overall winner's posters will be displayed in the Pennsylvania Capitol Rotunda during Bully Prevention Month - October 2017 by Representative Harkins. Above is the poster Cassidy created.

CollegeBoard.org

Whether you are in grades 8 – 12, interested in college, trade school or just even thinking about what job you want, go onto collegeboard.org and create an account. College Board takes your college/trade school selections and career interests as well as current academic standing to help you create a roadmap for each academic school year until graduation. Check it out today!

Summer Internship & Employment Update



Pictured to the left is David (Butler IL Youth) working in his cubicle during his 40 hour/week, summer internship with Career T.R.A.C.K. David works alongside the Youth Case manager,

sharing his creative and graphic art skills while designing posters, signs, and materials shared with individuals who visit Career T.R.A.C.K. each day. David likes the idea of having his own office that he can take pride in and appreciate. David will continue to work with Career T.R.A.C.K. until August 11th. Keep trusting the process!

In addition to David's recent success, we last reported that 20 IL youth were employed or had an internship. It has been two months since that report and we are pleased to announce 22 of our IL youth are employed and/or have internships. Furthermore we would like to report that through a partnership with People Ready in Butler, 2 of our IL youth were hired on the spot to fulfill job openings in the Butler area. If you are 18 and looking for employment, walk into People Ready today with your photo ID and SS card to fill out an application. Ask for Jody or Tracy when you go in and tell them JusticeWorks YouthCare sent you. If you need help with getting your photo ID or SS card let us know. Keep earning that money!



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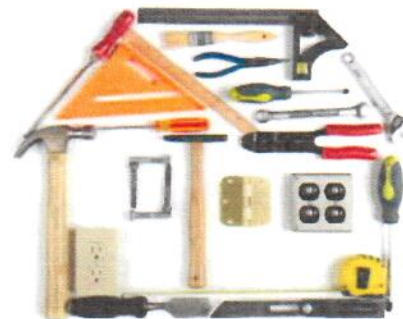
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Home Repair Week

During the week of July 17th – July 21st, sign-up to help our landlord complete various renovations to the second floor of the IL house/office. As we did with the first floor, we will need to patch walls, sand, prime, paint, and complete other various tasks. We will get times and exact days to you for that week as it gets closer. You will be paid stipend and learn some home repair tips to take with you!

IL CALENDAR

JULY 2017

- **Looking for something to do this summer...?**
- **Get a library card and check out your local library**
- **Visit a local famer's market**
- **Host a garage sale**
- **Plan a picnic with friends and/or family**
- **Go camping or hiking**
- **Take a dip in the pool or go to the beach**
- **Attend a summer camp**
- **Volunteer in your community**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4 	5	6 Butler YAB Meeting 3 - 4:30pm	7	8 Butler YAB Car Wash AutoZone 9am - 1pm
9	10 Butler IL Class Adagio Health Butler Library 10am - 1pm	11 Regional YAB Meeting 12 - 1:30pm 412 Youth Zone	12	13 Butler IL Class Youth Presentations 1 - 3pm	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		Home Repair Week 7.17.17 - 7.21.17 Times: TBD			