

THE SCOOP

April 18, 2018

FIX THE LIST.

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A new rule will soon be in place that modernizes Ohio's Medicaid waiver waiting list.

It follows years of complaints from people with developmental disabilities and their families that the waiting list for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers is too complex and confusing. The current rule allows individuals to be on waiting lists across the state, even if the individual lives in another county. Many of these individuals have no immediate need for services.

On July 1, 2018, this rule will change. County boards of developmental disabilities will assess every individual on their list and determine which are in "immediate need." The following factors may affect whether an individual will remain on the Richland County Waiting List:

- if you currently live outside of Richland County
- if you currently reside in an intermediate care facility
- if you are currently dis-enrolled from services in Richland County

- if you have any other waiver or funding source (besides an Individual Options waiver)

You can contact our board's Service & Support Administration Dept. or your individual consultant (IC) any time you have questions or an immediate need. We can re-assess needs and evaluate if immediate action is needed at any time. Your individual consultant can be reached at 419-774-4201. The IC supervisors can be reached at: 419-774-4204 for Jackie Fry, 419-774-4442 for Michel Smith, or 419-774-4428 for Vanessa Ebert. Contact Megan Franta, the manager of Community Contracting, at 419-774-4350 and interim SSA Director Juanita Shenberger at 419-774-4320.

Also, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will conduct a hearing on the proposed new waiting list rule on May 3, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the hearing room at [30 E. Broad St.](#)

To receive additional information about the changes at the state level, visit the "[Fix the List](#)" website.

Charity game

The Richland County Aktion Club raised \$198 for the Friendly House during a charity basketball game on April 9 at the Friendly House. Members of the club, along with several volunteers, formed two teams for a fun evening of hoops action. Proceeds were raised through donations at the door as well as concession sales.



ARC of Ohio Cedar Point Day

The ARC of Ohio is partnering with Cedar Point for the 43rd annual ARC of Ohio Day at Cedar Point on May 23, 2018.

This is an opportunity for people with developmental disabilities and their families to receive free and/or discounted tickets to spend a day at Cedar Point.

The deadline to request tickets is April 27. Click [here](#) to make your request.

This is a free ticket request only and does not mean you will receive all the tickets you request.

You will be contacted by The Arc of Ohio by May 4 to confirm your free tickets which include a free lunch and to provide instructions on how to request and pay for additional lunches.

For more information on The Arc of Ohio Day at Cedar Point contact The Arc of Ohio at 1-800-875-2723 or at info@TheArcofOhio.org.



April Employee of the Month

Name: Renee Putman

Position: Administrative Assistant II

Employed since: March 26, 2007

Nominators Comments: "She is dedicated to fulfilling her job duties. She provides a critical function in the SSA Department. She is the one that makes sure the building continues to run smoothly and everyone gets paid on time. She is responsible for the safety committee and is often times the go-to person for general questions about payroll, the department's budget, office supplies, the document imaging system, and the general operations of



Service and Support Administration (SSA). She knows her job well and is an awesome and patient trainer for new employees."

Employee of the Month Comments: "I am very grateful and honored to be recognized for the work I do and to know my co-workers feel I do a good job. I love that my job gives me the opportunity to do a variety of tasks from routine administrative duties that I really enjoy, like payroll and mileage, to less clerical-type things that are more rewarding, such as working with individuals at the front desk and helping with events like the Coloring Contest. I am proud to be a part of SSA – they are a great group of people!"

EMPLOYEE MILESTONES

20 Years – Chris Jones, Bill Cox, Kathy Church

13 Years – LaDonna Blaising, Sean Laird

8 Years – Lori Barker

7 Years – Sharon Sesco

5 Years – Robin Diberardino, Doug Hamrick

IN MEMORIAM

Emma Jean Spears

March 31, 2018

New Date

The Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. Dance Troupe recital entitled "The International Celebration of Dance" has been rescheduled for Thursday, June 28



at 6 p.m. at the Renaissance Theatre. This event was originally set for Wednesday, April 25.

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