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HMG EI service coordinators shine

By Carla Rumas, director of Educational Services & Therapy

Help Me Grow (HMG) Early Intervention and Service Coordination has been an important part of the array of supports provided by Richland Newhope and the Richland County Early Childhood Center for many years.

Our program was scrutinized this summer as part of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities' accreditation process and again in September with the Supporting Ohio's Service Coordination (SOSC) Review Process.

We received very positive comments and no citations from the accreditation team in July and, following the review of our files that included responsibilities for the development of the Individual Family Service Plan, we received many kudos from our state consultant, who told us "I think that Richland County has some of the best service coordination staff in Ohio!"



We are proud of the dedicated and caring staff we have on our team and know how significant these years can be for our early intervention families and their children. We are privileged to be a part of their dreams for a brighter future.



Look for billboards, The Insider newsletter

Richland Newhope will have several billboards around the Mansfield area during October to mark the 50th anniversary of the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The billboards feature Caitlin Fisher, an employee at Kroger on Ashland Rd., as we also mark Disability Employment Awareness Month in October.

Caitlin's employment story can be found in the upcoming fall edition of The Insider newsletter along with a personal 50th anniversary reflection, a feature on one of our provider partners, and a story about the park project undertaken by Boy Scout Troop 123.

Look for The Insider in your email inbox within the next week.

Element of Art creating special mobile

Have you ever wanted to learn origami or have your artwork on display for all to see? Now you can do both at Element of Art Studio/Gallery (EOA).

Located at 96 N. Main St., EOA is in the process of creating a large community mobile made up of origami artwork. The origami is made in workshops



offered at the gallery. The cost is just \$1 per origami paper, and EOA will offer the instruction. The community artist can decide if he or she wants to donate the origami art to the mobile or take it home.

EOA Art Coordinator Kathy Goodwin says the community's pieces will be added to the origami art that the gallery's artists are doing to create a series of mobiles that will be part of a larger work. Goodwin says, once completed, the mobile will hang at the gallery and possibly later at the Renaissance Theatre.

For more information about the project and upcoming workshops, call 419-522-2965.

Attention providers!

Are you a provider with a story to share? Maybe you support an individual who has an interesting story or talent. Or perhaps your day hab has a fun event coming up with great photo opportunities. We're always looking for interesting content for both The Scoop and our quarterly newsletter, The Insider. If you have an idea for a future feature, contact Jane Imbody at jimbody@rnewhope.org or Nikki Kepple at nkepple@rnewhope.org.



October Calendar:

Oct. 6 – First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 pm., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

Oct. 9 – Columbus Day: Richland Newhope's Administrative Offices, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

Oct. 21 – Best Buddies Inclusion Walk/Run, 10 a.m., Ohio State-Mansfield/North Central State College campus, 1760 University Dr., Mansfield

Oct. 25 – Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities meeting, 11:30 a.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

Oct. 26 – Provider meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Longview Center, 1495 W. Longview Ave., Mansfield

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