

Welcome to the Information Hotline!

Monday August 2, 2010

During this update you will be updated on current job postings, upcoming events, training, and any other news that may be happening here at the moment.

Job Postings:

For current job postings, please continue to check the bulletin board at the office or on the website. There are no job postings in effect at this time.

Upcoming Events:

David Pitonyak- 2 Day Seminar

October 14 & 15, 2010

St. Marys Golf and Country Club
769 Queen St. East
St. Marys, Ontario
Doors open at 8:30 am

Day 1: "Beyond Behaviors"- Supporting Competence, Confidence and Well-Being

Thursday, October 14th

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Description

Difficult behaviors result from unmet needs. This workshop examines seven quality of life indicators that are often missing in the life of a person who experiences our services. Based on the idea from Jean Clarke that a person's needs are best met by people whose needs are met, this day-long workshop examines strategies for supporting not only an individual who experiences disabilities but also the needs of his or her caregivers.

Objectives

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will have developed knowledge in the following areas:

- Determining what people may be communicating through their difficult behaviors;
- The role of physiological or psychiatric needs in the development of difficult behaviors
- The importance of asking critical quality of life questions in building a support plan;
- The critical importance of addressing caregiver needs in the development of a support plan;
- Ways to support an individual in crisis.

Day 2: Toolbox for Change: Reclaiming joy, purpose and commitment in the helping profession

Friday, October 15th

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Description

How does a traditional organization move towards person-centered supports? How do caregivers maintain their sense of purpose, joy, and commitment in times of growing complexity and changing expectations? A day-long workshop focused on specific strategies for transforming system-centered organizations to person- and family-centered organizations while never losing track of joy.



Objectives

At the conclusion of the workshop, participants will have developed knowledge in the following areas:

- A basic understanding of the contrast between traditional and person-centered supports;
- Tools for establishing an agency vision steeped in detail;
- Tools for localizing decision-making;
- Tools for staying focused as an organization and keeping track of the importance of joy

About David

Dave has provided consultation and training for individuals, families, and professionals throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, England and Ireland. Part of David's practice involves supporting people with difficult behaviors and supporting the needs of person's friends, family, and caregivers. "Behaviors are 'messages' which can tell us important things about [a person's life]. Learning to listen to an individual's difficult behavior is the first step in helping the individual to find a new and healthier story" - Dave Pitonyak

Registration: You may sign up for each individual day or both days. To register or if you need any other information please contact, Tina Ritu at 519-284-1400 ext. 245 or tritu@execulink.com Registration deadline is October 1, 2010.

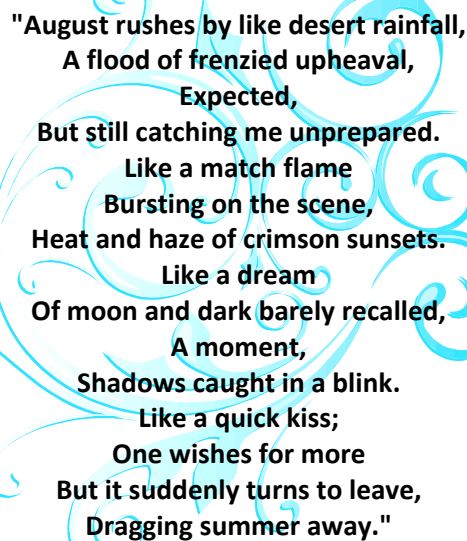
Cost: \$125.00 per day or \$200.00 for both days. Lunch and snacks will be provided. Subsidies may be available for self advocates, students, and parents.

Social Committee:

Members: Members of the Social Committee include: Jenn Costello, Tracy Brant, Donna Mitchell, Jane Bean, Tina Ritu, Carol Ackersviller and Barb Thirkettle. If you would like to join us, please contact any one of us.

50/50 Draw: You can buy tickets for this draw for \$4.00/month. The monthly draw will be held the last Monday of every month. **There has been a change in the location of the 50/50 money bucket. It can now be found in the Central Admin office on Tina's desk. The name sheets will still be kept in the photocopier room so be sure to remember to check your name off if you have paid.** The winner's name will still be posted in the photocopier room. There was no winner for the July draw.

This months' quote comes to us from [Elizabeth Maua Taylor](#):



"August rushes by like desert rainfall,
A flood of frenzied upheaval,
Expected,
But still catching me unprepared.
Like a match flame
Bursting on the scene,
Heat and haze of crimson sunsets.
Like a dream
Of moon and dark barely recalled,
A moment,
Shadows caught in a blink.
Like a quick kiss;
One wishes for more
But it suddenly turns to leave,
Dragging summer away."