

Pipeline . . . direct from the state . . .

Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

Ted Strickland, Governor

John L. Martin, Director

Pipeline is published at least twice monthly. Issues are archived at

<http://www.mrdd.ohio.gov/publications/pipeline.htm>

Share your thoughts with us at feedback@odmrdd.state.oh.us; Visit us at www.mrdd.ohio.gov

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Volume 3, Issue 10

- 1. National Core Indicators, Request for Proposals (RFP)
- 2. Community Employment: Williams County is Site for New *Pizza Now!* Restaurant
- 3. Disability Employment Survey Now Online
- 4. Transition Weekend, "My Life, My Future"
- 5. Ticket to Work Program Offers Employment Options

Reminders:

- 7. Northeast Ohio Conference, *People First*, June 12-13, 2009
- 8. Disability Housing Network (DHN) Spring Conference is Tomorrow
- 9. Governor's Council on People with Disabilities Accepting Award Nominations

Update: Ban on Use of Prone Restraint

Governor Ted Strickland will be reviewing the proposed ban on prone restraint recommended by the ODMRDD and six other state agencies that oversee residential and and/or treatment centers for people with developmental disabilities or who have other issues resulting in health and safety concerns. Prone restraint techniques are illustrated in this pdf: [Click here to download PDF.](#)

The Associated Press reported progress on the proposed ban last week, and noted that Michael Rench, ODMRDD community services deputy director and lead on the task force that recommended the ban, felt that progress on the ban had been the result of a positive, collaborative inter-agency effort.

1. National Core Indicators, Year Two, RFP

The ODMRDD is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the *Administration of the National Core Indicators (NCI) Consumer Surveys in Ohio – Year 2*. Eligibility is open to all entities/organizations. The RFP is posted on the ODMRDD website at <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/futuresmore/nci.htm> .

Deadline for proposal submission is June 5, 2009. Implementation of the work will occur July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (actual start date to be determined).

The National Core Indicators is a collaboration among participating state agency members of the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disability Services (NASDDDS), and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI). *NCI has developed a systematic approach to performance and outcome measurement.* Through the collaboration, participating states pool

their resources and knowledge to create performance monitoring systems, identify common performance indicators, work out comparable data collection strategies, and share results.

The goal of the initiative is to develop nationally-recognized performance and outcome indicators that will enable developmental disabilities policy makers to benchmark the performance of their state against the performance of other states.



National Core Indicators also enables each participating state developmental disabilities agency to track system performance and outcomes from year to year on a consistent basis.

What Are Core Indicators?

Core Indicators are a set of performance measures that emphasize the outcomes that people with disabilities within a system say they wish to attain, and the performance of a state to deliver those outcomes. Employing a variety of survey sources, an ongoing method of assessing performance at the system level will provide useful results for operational improvement efforts.

In addition, the Core Indicators will provide individuals with disabilities and their families useful information relevant to their concerns, with an assurance that the collection of this data will lead to system improvement.

*For more information: www.mrdd.ohio.gov or contact Leslie Minnich, leslie.minnich@dmr.state.oh.us
For additional information on National Core Indicators, go to <http://www.hsri.org/nci/>*



Community Employment

2. Williams County Site for New 'Pizza Now!' Restaurant

A pizza shop owned and operated by Quadco Rehabilitation Center has opened in Stryker, Ohio. The Williams County site will serve hot pizzas ready at a moment's notice, and provides training to the individuals with disabilities served by the Center, preparing for jobs in the community.

Mama DeLuca's® Pizza Now! is a co-brand with Subway® Restaurants, and the Stryker store is attached to the Subway Restaurant Quadco has been operating for the past three years.

Quadco executive director, Bruce Abell, is excited about the new business, and comments, "I think it's going to be great for Quadco, the people we serve, and the community. Building on the success of our Subway, we now can expand our employment and training opportunities."

Quadco staff expect the restaurant will provide specific training that will make participants more marketable as employees needed at pizza shops and restaurants throughout a four-county area.

For example, the dough at Pizza Now! is made fresh every day, so employees will learn that skill, as well as preparing the orders for each customer.



Opening Day, April 24 - Benjamin (left) and Sara Short of Stryker get their lunch from Mama DeLuca's Pizza Now! worker Jordan Koepp (right) while teacher, Megan Lytle, places her order with store manager Sharon von Seggern on the first day of operation of Quadco's new pizza shop in Stryker.

The Quadco/ Pizza Now! restaurant is only the fifteenth such store to open in the nation. According to Bill Priest, Director of Marketing at Quadco,

“Stryker is a small town, and believe me, everyone knew this place was opening! Our opening day was very successful. The smell of pizzas baking – along with the smell of the Subway bread baking – makes for a pretty strong sales team!”

He adds, “Response is good from area families who can choose from the two restaurants right beside each other and then get what they want to eat. And, response from our employees has been great, as they interact with customers and learn new skills.”

Quadco Rehabilitation Center serves Williams, Defiance, Henry, and Fulton County Boards of MRDD, as well as other area agencies that serve people with developmental disabilities.

For more information: Bill Priest, 800-569-3907, ext. 134 or 419-682-1011, ext. 134



3. Disability Employment Survey Now Online

A disability employment survey intended to be completed by individuals with disabilities to help assess employment services and supports for Ohioans with disabilities, is now online at <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB2295NVXQR77>. The survey is a product of Governor Strickland's *Disability Process Improvement Workgroup*, and according to Kristina Redgrave, staff member in the Governor's Office,

“ Through this survey we hope to gain a better understanding of any gaps in existing employment supports and services for people with disabilities, and enhance systems to better serve customers.”



Please take the employment survey.

The survey’s 25 questions are stated briefly, and most require selecting a response from multiple choices, or require a very brief fill-in answer. Examples of the questions asked include, “What is the greatest barrier to you in finding employment,” and, “Did anybody give you information on any of these federal, state, or local programs that could help you with your transition to work?” (multiple programs listed, with response choices.)

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to complete the survey, and, family members and agency staff who assist people with disabilities are encouraged to help, if needed.

The more survey input that is received, the more useful resulting efforts can be to improve services. Survey input will be collected until June 1, 2009, and results will be published the following month.

It is important to note that while taking the survey, an individual may decline to answer any question and/or withdraw from participation (stop filling it out and just submit it) at any time.

Thanks and acknowledgments to: Kristina Redgrave, Office of Governor Ted Strickland, 614-728-7342, kristina.redgrave@governor.ohio.gov



Seeking Applicants

4. Transition Weekend – ‘My Life, My Future’

The ODMRDD, along with the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC) and the Nisonger Center of The Ohio State University are seeking applicants for the 2009 Transition Weekend, ‘My Life, My Future,’ for families, students and their transition team members.

‘My Life, My Future’
June 26-27, 2009
Embassy Suites Columbus- Dublin
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, Ohio, 4301
Phone: 1 (614) 790-9000

What is Transition Weekend?

‘My Life, My Future’ is an opportunity for students, their families, and a student’s interdisciplinary transition team to learn about the ‘life after high school’ transition process, attend job training sessions, and brainstorm the next steps in each student’s life. The weekend includes information, guidance, and entertainment. Students and families must attend both days of Transition Weekend. Supporting transition team members are encouraged to attend both days.

Funding for the Transition Weekend is through The ORSC and the ODMRDD Interagency Cooperative Program.

Application Deadline is May 20, 2009.

Application packets are available to download at: <http://Nisonger.osu.edu> and at <http://oaas.org>

*For more information contact: Tom Fish, Ph.D., The Ohio State University, Nisonger Center
Phone: 614-292-7550; Fax: 614-292-3727*



More on Employment

5. 'Ticket to Work' Program Offers Employment Options

Careers Unlimited, a program of United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Central Ohio, has joined the Social Security Administration as an Employment Network, and will offer the 'Ticket to Work' program to increase the employment and financial independence of people with disabilities.

Kevin Krotzer, Director of Programs at UCP, explains that Careers Unlimited is eager to work with Social Security to help people who apply for assistance. "Ticket to Work is about choices," Krotzer said. "UCP has a long history of giving people with disabilities choices for services and job opportunities." Only a handful of Central Ohio agencies currently are registered as Employment Networks.

A part of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, the program allows Social Security to provide disability beneficiaries a ticket they may use to obtain the services of Employment Networks. The network and the ticket holder design a plan to assist the beneficiary in reaching his or her goals. Ohio's efforts began in 2003.

The program is designed to provide people with disabilities with more choices and expanded opportunities, and reduce their dependence on Social Security.

For more information about Ticket to Work, contact Careers Unlimited at 614-279-0109. Careers Unlimited is a community provider of the Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, and a member of the Columbus Workforce Alliance.

For more information: Gina Ginn at (614) 279-0109. Visit UCP at www.ucpofcentralohio.org



Reminder

6. Northeast Ohio Regional Conference, People First, June 12-13

The Arc of Greater Cleveland, Cuyahoga County's chapter of *People First*, will host the Northeast Ohio Regional *People First* Conference June 12 -13, 2009, at the Sheraton Hotel in Independence, Ohio. The conference will feature presentations from self advocates and leaders

on the political scene and in the community, along with time to make and meet new friends. Topics include several subjects of interest that affect adults with developmental disabilities.

Deadline for registration is Friday, May 15.

Registration is \$190/ person, including hotel accommodations, conference materials, and meals.

Contact: Maria Woollard at (216) 622-0755 ext. 13, or, email mwoollard@cmr-cleveland.org or visit www.cmr-cleveland.org.



Reminder

7. Disability Housing Network Conference Begins Tomorrow

The Disability Housing Network (DHN) Spring 2009 Conference is tomorrow, May 14, at the [Embassy Suites Hotel in Dublin](#). *On-site registration is possible if you have not pre-registered.* According to Steve Farrell, DHN executive director, in addition to a new 'Best Practices' session, conference topics include:

- How Housing Corporation staff can work with the Ohio Housing and Community Partnerships;
- Maintenance Departments and Housing Corporations; and,
- Ohio's 2009 Disability Housing Report

Contact: Steve Farrell, executive director, Disability Housing Network, 614.586.5855, www.DisabilityHousingNetwork.org



Reminder

8. Governor's Council on People with Disabilities Accepts Award Nominations

The Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities is seeking nominations for the 'Advocacy Award.' This award recognizes a person or group who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to people with disabilities, and recipients are honored for a *new initiative* or a *significant improvement to an existing program* that materially improves the quality of life for one or more individuals with disabilities.

The Advocacy Award will be presented at the annual meeting of the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities, *August 20, 2009*.

Nominations must be postmarked by May 15, 2009.

For nomination forms and criteria, contact the *Governor's Council on People with Disabilities*, 1-800-282-4536, Ext. 1392, or visit the website at: <http://gcpd.ohio.gov/AdvocacyAward.asp>

Contact: Scott A. Hinton, Executive Director, Governor's Council on People with Disabilities
614 438-1393, Fax 614-985-8967



Toll-Free Hotline

ODMRDD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, and other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

ODMRDD's toll-free hotline number to report abuse/neglect and other MUI's is **1-866-313-MRDD (6733)**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of MRDD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember that the hotline number exists, and is to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

Pipeline feedback ... direct from you to the state ...

Questions? Comments? *Pipeline* is an electronic publication of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (ODMRDD), distributed approximately twice monthly to update and inform readers of time-sensitive, relevant information affecting MRDD stakeholders. Please share your questions or comments with us about *Pipeline* at feedback@odmrdd.state.oh.us, or contact Sherry Steinman at sherry.steinman@dmr.state.oh.us, phone (614) 644-0262.

ODMRDD values subscriber confidentiality and does not intentionally share subscriber addresses with others. However, in the event of a public records request, the ODMRDD will comply with all applicable Public Records Laws. To subscribe to Pipeline, send an email to: join-pipeline@odmrdd.state.oh.us and write SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. *To discontinue your subscription to Pipeline* ('opt off') write UNSUBSCRIBE in the subject line. You also may read issues of *Pipeline* at <http://mrdd.ohio.gov/pipeline/odmrdd.htm>

The State of Ohio is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Provider of Services.



ODMRDD is proud to be a part of the network of Ohio.gov resources.