

ARKAY OAKLAND



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

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To assist the Developmentally Disabled and the Elderly Disabled to achieve community inclusion that enhances personal potential, employment opportunities and/or volunteerism

Many of us are looking forward to Spring time when the days get longer, the weather gets warmer, & plants & flowers begin to grow. It's a nice time of the year in that we recognize new life growing again. Arkay is also growing in that we recently assumed a building in Trenton, Michigan. We will use this for a real Coffee Shop that will be run by our wonderful consumers. This will expand our services to the developmentally disabled & the cognitively impaired population. We are really looking forward to this new adventure & will keep you informed.

Other News

1. MDHHS updates mask guidance as state enters a post-surge recovery phase in the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on current conditions, MDHHS is withdrawing the Public Health Advisory on Masking in Indoor Public Settings, including school settings. Please note that Arkay has not changed our policy on masks & continues to require it. MDHHS will continue to monitor the transmission of COVID-19 closely to assess risk across the state and adjust as conditions change. These changes could include the presence of a new variant that increases the risk to the public, or an increased number of cases that strains the health care system.
2. Michigan is still seeking to integrate behavioral health services by, among other things, creating so-called specialty integrated plans (SIPS). The bill package has been pending on the Senate floor since its passage out of the Senate Government.
3. Parts of a package of bills that seek to address purported fraud in Medicaid, among other things, passed out of the House Families, Children and Seniors Committee on Tuesday, February 22.
4. House Bill 5461 would allow the legislature to approve the waiving of work requirements for food assistance programs. Currently, federal guidelines require the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to approve waivers but the sponsors argue that if the guidelines at the federal level change and deference is given to the states, the legislature would be empowered to approve waivers.
5. House Bill 5464 would codify a current practice whereby MDHHS requires child support cooperation on the part of custodial parents as a condition of eligibility for food assistance through the SNAP unless there is good cause exemption.
6. The House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees continue to meet weekly to hear testimony regarding their respective budgets. The Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee heard testimony this week from the Health Care Association of Michigan, PACE and others in the aging network who discussed the crushing staff losses they are facing. According to those testifying from the nursing home industry, state supports, and policy moves to continue helping the industry will likely be required to keep the industry afloat as it addresses the thousands of vacant positions.

Best Regards,

Kevin

March 2022 Business Developers Corner

As you may have seen on Facebook, Arkay has purchased a building for our Coffee Shop!! We are now working on setting up the building for our coffee shop and purchasing the equipment we need for it. We look forward to employing our Individuals who are enrolled in our program and teaching them new skills! So keep an eye on our progress at the coffee shop through Facebook!

We are currently working with MRS to find jobs for Individuals as we continue to support the Individuals we serve at Arkay Inc. We are also currently working with JoBrighton School to find jobs for Individuals that attend JoBrighton.

If you know of an Individual that wants to work please call the Arkay Business Development office: 734-258-8966, and we will give you information to have a benefits analysis done so you will know how working will affect their benefits. Also, there is a virtual Special Needs Trust & Estate Planning presentation on Thursday, March 24th, 6 -8 pm. Please check out Arkay's Facebook to get more information.

Arkay Business Development team: Kyra, Kim, Mark, Megan, Tammy and Ken.

SPRING BOWLING LEAGUE

Bowling league will start on March 22nd. Every Tuesday for the next 14 weeks. If you do not sign up by March 16th, you will only be able to be a sub and will not be included in the banquet. You can pay 5 per week or 70 for the league and all weeks must be paid even if absent.

**Downriver Community
Transition Council**



Connecting Families & Resources

The Downriver Community Transition Council Presents a virtual
presentation about:

**“Special Needs Trusts and Estate
Planning”**

Presented By:

Roxanne J. Chang, MS LLP, JD
Attorney at Law

Attorney Roxanne Chang will discuss the importance of establishing your own estate plan that addresses the future needs and quality of life of your loved one with a disability. Topics include Special Needs Trusts, ABLE Accounts, Wills, and Letters of Intent.

Thursday, March 24th
6:00–8:00 p.m.

ZOOM LINK:

<https://wyandotte-org.zoom.us/j/95760217131>

Meeting ID: 957 6021 7131

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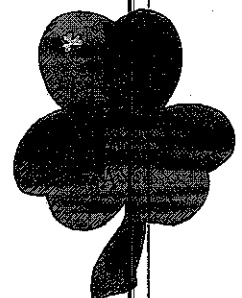
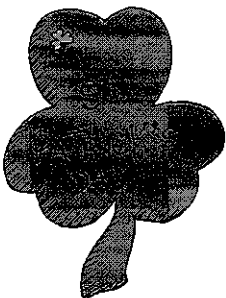
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HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY MONTH

ARKAY OAKLAND MARCH 2022 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT.
		1 Supported Employment	2 CURRENT EVENTS	3 Bowling \$7.00	4 REGULAR OUTING DAY Math Skills	5
6	7 Zumba	8 Ikea Free	9 ROTARY PARK FREE	10 Bowling \$7.00	11 Current Events Interaction	12
13	14 Karaoke	15 REGULAR OUTING DAY Healthy Lifestyle	16 Kellogg Park Free	17 St Patty's Day PARTY \$5.00	18 Birthday Celebration ICE CREAM \$2.00	19
20 First Day of Spring	21 Zumba	22 Bowling League \$5.00	23 Movies Day \$7.00	24 Bowling \$7.00	25 Supported Employment	26
27	28 Karaoke	29 Bowling League \$5.00	30 HINES PARK FREE	31		



Name: _____

Activity:	Price:	What activities would you like to participate in?
3/3/22 Bowling	\$7.00	
3/10/22 Bowling	\$7.00	
3/17/22 St Patty's Day Party	\$5.00	
3/18/22 Birthday Celebration Ice cream	\$2.00	
3/22/22 Bowling League		\$70.00 due March 16 th for 14 week Bowling League & Banquet
3/23/22 Movie Day	\$7.00	
3/29/22 Bowling League		