

IDD Services Newsletter

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IDD World News

IDD's Provider Day Habilitation Program moved into a newly renovated building called the Hope Day Advancement Center, at 901 E Houston in Sherman, in April 2019. The Program has been revamped to provide quality skill improvement activities and client care, as well as lots of fun!



The IDD Authority Office has also relocated!! You can now find us at 315 W McLain in Sherman, TX. All of our other contact information is still the same, we just changed our address! We are very excited to be in our new offices and we are here and ready to service you with all the same great services we have always offered.

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Serving Cooke, Fannin and Grayson Counties

IDD Authority Teammates

Michael Dunn - IDD Authority Manager

Vivian Sims - IDD Administrative Assistant

Tricia Bray-Wilson - CBO Intake & Benefits Coordinator

Chelsea Smith - Crisis Intervention Specialist

Rebekah Hunter - Waiver Lead (HCS & TxHmL)

Michelle Cole - Service Coordinator

Jennifer Dutt - Service Coordinator

Misti Thompson - Service Coordinator

Krystal Dotson - Service Coordinator

Heather Weems - Service Coordinator

Heather Chastain - Non-Waiver Lead (PASRR, GR & CFC) ECC/DC

Steven McKnight - Service Coordinator

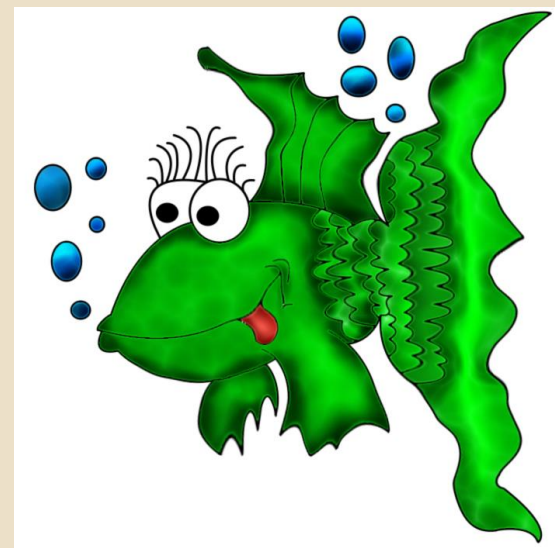
James Wilson - Service Coordinator

Michael Gorsch - Service Coordinator

Bianca Hamilton - Service Coordinator

We are excited to be moved into our new space here on McLain St, and have all settled in. If you have a chance come on by and see us in our new home, we would love to see ya!

Our theme for the summer is “Just Keep Swimming”



TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER’S VISION

TCC envisions a community-based system of effectively coordinated service providers who are committed to eliminating stigma associated with intellectual and developmental disorders, such as Intellectual Development. In addition, we are committed to providing cost-managed services that enhance independence, dignity, and opportunities for exercising personal choice.

IDD Provider Teammates

Becky Bliss- IDD Provider Manager

Darla Abshire - Board Certified Behavioral Analyst

Olivia Shank - HCS Case Manager

Racheal Campbell - TxHmL Case Manager

Terri Zint - Waiver RN

Stephanie Helms - Waiver LVN

Crystal Cannaday-Garrison- Waiver/ICF LVN

Amy Garrett - ICF RN

Megan Hesse - Administrative Nursing Assistant

Frieda Jenkins - ICF Case Manager

Emily Jech - Employment Procurement Specialist

Darrick McDade - Job Coach

Amanda Jackson- HCS Residential Lead

The IDD Provider Team is excited to bring you four new teammates: LVN Crystal, Residential Support Specialist Samantha Tarpley, DH Support Specialist Carrie Murphy and CM Racheal. All four bring experience, knowledge and positive character to the team.

Cheryl Hunter has announced her retirement which will take place at the end of July. She will be greatly missed but we are also very excited for her and the new journey she is about to begin.

Joke of the quarter: *Why are frogs always so happy?*

Answer: **They eat whatever bugs them!**

Friendly reminders to think about:

- Is your Medicaid renewal coming due?
 - If you are not sure, feel free to contact our CBO, Tricia.
- HCS Host Home Providers: Did you complete/turn in all host home paperwork this month?
 - Fire Drills, Medical/Therapy Report, Tornado Drills, (2) Service Delivery Logs
- Contract renewals with TCC are coming due so for our contracting teammates, you should be hearing from Kahla Griffith soon!
- Please contact your Case Manager before scheduling your next dental appointment to find out your available funds.



JULY 4th is Independence Day!!

All of TCC will be closed, including the Hope Day Advancement Center.

Hope Day Advancement Center Team

Shan Butler - Day Habilitation/ ICF Residential Coordinator

Cheryl Hunter - Hope Day Advancement Center Team Lead

Angel Larrentree - Hope Day Advancement Center Greeter/ Administrative Assistant

Emma Doolittle - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Jasmine Dehorney - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Jessie Saxon - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Mike Hernandez - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Rhonda Gregory - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Stephanie Crane - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist

Carrie Murphy - Hope Day Advancement Support Specialist



IDD Community Support Team

Deborah Kirk

Shun Gentry

Samantha Guillory

Norma Porter

Amy Pryor

Tiffany White

Residential Support Specialists

Holly Hubbard

Billye Johnson

Beverly Montgomery

Thomas Porter

Kacey Pulley

Amanda Jackson

Barbara Chester

Harrison Brister

Samuel Brister

Michelle Freeman

The mission of the Texoma Community Center is to promote the accessibility of services that improve quality of life and support self-determination for persons with intellectual and developmental disorders.



Becky Bliss and Michael Dunn have recently transitioned into Manager positions.

Becky has been employed with TCC for 9 years, starting in the Child and Adolescent MH Program. She moved to IDD in 2013 as a Service Coordinator, then Authority Waiver Lead and is now on the Provider side as Manager. Becky brings knowledge, experience and strong leadership to the IDD Team.

Michael began working for TCC 3 years ago. He was first hired as a Service Coordinator for PASRR then transitioned into ECC/DC while working as an HCS Service Coordinator. Before moving into the Authority Manager role this past year, Michael was also the Authority Non-Waiver Lead. Michael brings strong advocacy skills, understanding and a calm presence to the IDD Team.

TCC is proud of the leadership team that has developed within IDD and all are looking forward to what the future holds. It seems brighter each day and the environment has only improved to be a more productive and exciting place to work! IDD individuals being served have also reported an increase in comfort, service consistency and happiness

Just a few of our favorite things

Becky Bliss

My favorite thing about working at TCC is the individuals we serve.

The hobby I am passionate about is improving people's lives.

My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving.

My favorite day of the work week is Monday because I come in refreshed from the weekend and I look forward to the coming week.

The thing I appreciate most about my team is their willingness to help and support each other.

Michael Dunn

My favorite thing about working for TCC is helping those in need throughout our community.

My hobby I am passionate about would be coaching youth softball.

My favorite holiday is Christmas.

My favorite day of the work week is Friday because it is weekend eve.

The thing I appreciate most about my team is their hard work and dedication to changing lives around them.



Our CBO is Tricia and she is here to help you with any Benefit questions you may have. Please feel free to contact her anytime. 903-957-4798

Just a reminder that it is very important to make sure your Medicaid is kept up to date and active. If

TEXASable - A Savings Program for Texans with Disabilities

What is an ABLE account? ABLE accounts are 529A tax advantaged savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities.

About Texas ABLE

The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE) Program is a new tax-advantaged savings program that encourages and assists individuals and families to save and pay for disability-related expenses to maintain an eligible individual's health, independence and quality of life.

To learn more information please visit TexasABLE.org

IDD Hope for Families Support Group

Date - July 25, 2019

Time - 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Location - Board Room @ 315 W McLain

We are very excited to be hosting our first Support Group for families with loved ones with any Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. These meetings will be held the last Thursday of every month. We want to get to know you and your families and help answer any questions you might have, and any needs you might have that we can help with. We hope you will attend and give us some feedback on how we can better serve the people of our community.

July 25th- HCS Interested Services Support Group- meet to discuss options available to those waiting for services and what is available while we wait.

August 29th - Back to school support group- are the kids ready for their future? Let's meet to see what is needed today, tomorrow, and the next day.

September 26th - HCS and TxHmL Waiver support group- meeting to provide support for those in waiver services. Some common questions. What does this program mean? What does it do for me? What are my options?



Community Garden Time...

It's that time of year again, we are excited to have a Community Garden again this year. This is an on-going project open to staff and individuals served, encourage them to spend time in the garden and enjoy those yummy veggies! Made Possible by Volunteer Services.

Camp Summit - "A remarkable place, for remarkable people"

"Camp Summit is a "sleep away" camp in Paradise, Texas for children and adults with disabilities ages 6 - 99. Campers enjoy a wide variety of traditional camp activities in our barrier-free environment all of which are adapted for out campers' abilities".

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September 12, 2019 will be our annual

Destination Dignity

We are very excited to have guest speaker Trenell Walker. To learn more about his story please visit, <http://walkerbeyondlimits.com/>

There will be more information about this event in our next newsletter, so mark your calendars and plan on being there!!

Friendly Reminder about Dental Appointments: If you make your own appointments or the appointments for your loved one, please contact your Case Manager before scheduling your next appointment to find out your available funds. If you have any questions or concerns, please call us. Thanks for your help in this matter in advance!