

A Message from Chief Executive Officer, Dale Morrissey...

It is hard to believe that summer is behind us and we are starting to enjoy the early signs of autumn... leaves are beginning to change colors, reminding us that winter will be here far too soon!

Summer is always an enjoyable time at DSC, as many consumers attended camp, went on family vacations and enjoyed time with friends and staff at picnics and cook-outs. Another highlight from the summer was a visit and press conference with Judy Baar Topinka, Illinois State Comptroller. On Tuesday, July 31st, Ms. Topinka visited DSC and held a press conference at DSC's Clark Road location. The topic of the press conference was the importance of prompt payments for agencies that serve people with disabilities. DSC was one of several stops Ms. Topinka made in her state-wide tour and we were pleased to have been selected as the East Central Illinois site. The press conference was attended by community members, consumers, staff and DSC board members.



Ms. Topinka (pictured at left) spoke passionately about making sure we, as a state, remain responsible to support our citizens who need our help and recognizes that the agencies on the front lines providing services should be paid promptly. She further stated that she would do her best to make sure agencies were not overlooked during these difficult fiscal times in our state.

We appreciated her visit and her commitment to DSC and other agencies around the state that serve individuals with disabilities.

As we look ahead, we remain dedicated to our mission and serving children and adults, one person at a time. All the best during this season of change...

Dale

Bequests

To those friends who wish to help assure the longevity of DSC by including DSC in your will, the following general form is suggested: "I give, devise, bequest to **Developmental Services Center**, an Illinois not-for-profit organization (**Federal Identification Number 23-7183661**), located at 1304 W Bradley Ave., Champaign, IL, the sum of \$____ (or percentage of my estate or *specifically described property*)."

To download a copy of DSC's Planned Giving Opportunities Brochures, go to: <http://ow.ly/dIC9w>. Contact your tax professional for more specific tax information. If you would like more information from DSC, please contact Janice McAteer at jmcaateer@dsc-illinois.org or 217.398.7110.

DSC Wish List

- * All Ultra Free and Clear Detergent
- * Wii Game System
- * Gas Grill
- * Bed Linens & Towels
- * Art & Craft Supplies
- * Toolbox Set
- * Paper Shredder
- * Office Copy Paper
- * iPads
- * Snacks for Developmental PLAY Group
- * Toilet Paper, Tissues, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothpaste
- * Passes/gift certificates to local vendors/restaurants for community outings
- * Crockpot
- * Batteries
- * Flat Screen TV
- * Paper Towels, Bottled Water, Garbage Bags (all sizes)
- * Rosetta Stone Spanish

If you can help with these requests, please contact Nikki Kopmann at 217.356.9176 or nkopmann@dsc-illinois.org.

CONSUMER SPOTLIGHTS

Check out some of the cool things consumers are doing around DSC....

With great pride, DSC congratulates all **Special Olympic participants** who brought home several medals and ribbons from the spring games! The games were held June 15 – 17 in Bloomington-Normal.

This year, DSC had a tremendous showing at the games! All athletes trained for at least eight weeks prior to competition and their efforts were rewarded. Shirley K. brought home a Gold medal in Bocce Ball, Singles. Miranda M. also took Gold in the Shot Put competition. Amy N. earned Gold for her performance in the 100 Meter Run, followed closely by Darren W., who received the Bronze in the same race. Troy H. earned the Bronze medal for his Tennis Ball Throw. Troy also earned a 7th place ribbon in the 50 Meter Run, Amy took 7th place in the softball throw, and Darren took 5th in the 200 Meter Run.



The Special Olympics supports athletic training and competition for more than 21,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Illinois. In addition to encouraging fitness, the games also support sportsmanship and respect on and off the court, field or track. Since 1968, the Special Olympics have continued to provide opportunities for participants to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship, in accordance with its mission statement.

The Special Olympics Athlete Oath captures the very spirit and purpose of the games and the organization: "Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

DSC would like to congratulate all participants and encourage them in their continued training for future competitions!



A Day at the Lake

Armed with plenty of water and sunscreen, consumers and staff in the Residential program braved the summer heat and made their way to Lake of the Woods for "A Day at the Lake". The day camp was offered to individuals who did not attend another camp this summer and was a huge hit!

Once they arrived, all of the campers and staff enjoyed the great outdoors with fishing (pictured at left), games and crafts. Everyone cooled off with a hysterical water balloon battle where everyone got soaked, but were in high spirits.

A huge thank you to the House Managers for staffing the camp, Lynne for organizing the event and Dottie & Brandy for taking photos! What a great way to celebrate the end of summer!

Thank You to United Way of Champaign County and Our Community!

The 2012 "Stuff the Bus" campaign was another huge success, thanks United Way and our generous community. Along with individual donors and local businesses, they collected over 100,000 items, including soap, diapers,



Kleenex and much, much more. These were then distributed to DSC and the other 36 partner agencies throughout Champaign County. Pictured at left are DeShawn M. and Joe P., who helped unload some of the items at DSC.

Janice McAteer, DSC's Director of Development, said "DSC is greatly appreciative of the generosity of our community for the donations we received today as a result of Stuff the Bus. The United Way so accurately assesses the needs of its partner agencies and their commitment to supporting us in fulfilling our mission is greatly appreciated".

For the fifth consecutive year, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a Resolution designating the week of September 9th as "National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week." At DSC, the week is celebrated to recognize the compassion and commitment of our amazing staff members who support consumers and their families every day. DSPs are the very heart of our mission, "to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities by providing services and supports which enable them to live, work, learn and participate in their communities."

This year, DSC celebrated all DSPs by showing our appreciation in the following ways:

- * Every DSP received a candy bar with a lottery ticket attached to it!
- * Each department, as a group, enjoyed a breakfast or lunch on DSC!
- * Each department had a drawing for a gift basket filled with candy and gift cards.

Winners included:

Judy Ullom-Family Development Center
Renee Dumond, Case Management and Individual/Family Support
Amber Denniston, Leonard McGee-Residential
Nancy Bell, Jessica Foley -Developmental Training
Joy Henderson-Employment Services

Additionally, DSC also held a drawing for a 'Grand Prize' gift basket giving all DSPs a second chance to win. The Grand Prize went to Zach Dierks (pictured at right), Developmental Instructor!

Pictured below are some of the staff, sporting their newly tie-dyed shirts that consumers made to show their appreciation and creativity!



DSPs are the frontline heroes at DSC and we truly appreciate their hard work and commitment to every consumer choosing DSC services.



Thank you, Direct Service Professionals... YOU ARE THE BEST!!

Developmental Training Program at DSC has been Busy this Summer!

DSC's Developmental Training (DT) program has been keeping consumers busy this summer with employment opportunities, volunteer projects, and recreational pursuits. DT participants continue to stay active and involved in their community through a wide variety of activities.

DT instructors are helping consumers to make important connections between the work they do and its relation to the community. DT has several jobs with Great Planes, which employs consumers to assemble and package parts that are included in radio-controlled model airplane kits. Recently, consumers were able to visit a local hobby shop to see the airplane kits containing the materials they put together, use a video simulator to "fly" the radio-controlled airplanes, and choose a kit to take home with them! Then, DT staff arranged for the group to head out to the radio-controlled airplane field near Parkland College to see the real model airplanes being flown by area enthusiasts. Seeing their contribution to a final product was a rewarding, educational, and fun experience for these hard workers.

In addition to Great Planes, DT consumers have jobs throughout the community, including cleaning area parks for the Champaign Park District, janitorial work at St. Andrews Church, and performances through the Prompting Theater, as well as departmental jobs including cleaning, laundry, shredding, stocking supplies, and recycling. DT staff use everyday experiences, such as picking up a pay check, going to the bank to cash it, and budgeting or spending the money on an Illini jacket or mp3 player, for example, to tangibly connect the work consumers do each day to a meaningful personal outcome.

Reinforcing its emphasis on community connections, DT's Park Walking crew developed an inspiring pledge this summer that they recite each day before they head out: *"Today is the day that I make a difference. My community can count on me to keep it clean!"*

For over 14 years, DT has been giving back to our community and developed numerous volunteer opportunities in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul, and Paxton. Volunteers sort donations at Salt and Light, organize the retail area at Salvation Army, socialize with animals at the Humane Society, deliver meals to the elderly through the Peace Meal program, and visit with residents of Swann Special Care Center.

DT's focus on community involvement is reflected in its Fiscal Year 12 Program Evaluation outcomes where 58% of service recipients participated in community-based employment, minimum wage jobs, or volunteer opportunities throughout the year. In addition, 98% of program participants were involved in community-based activities every month, an average of 577 monthly excursions occurred, and over 160 restaurants, stores, recreational sites, tourist attractions, libraries, museums, galleries, etc. were visited.

The DT program continues to explore fun activities related to nutrition and wellness. Consumers enjoyed taste-testing and reducing sugar in their snack choices and working with the department's Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants on creative ways to fulfill their fitness goals. They also kept active by bowling, swimming, mall-walking, using the agency's exercise equipment, and playing Wii sports.

Their creative sides also got a workout! The McKinley 3 crew spent a great deal of time creating crafts for the Disability Expo art show in October, while other DT groups participated in a "Tropical Art" class, and still other individuals continued making their jewelry, photography, paintings, and t-shirts to sell at area arts and craft fairs. Our Happy Rockers sing-along group is finalizing their first album, "Songs of Summer", with a second album in the works to be used as a sponsor gift for the Tree of Hope campaign. The Prompting Theater and Parkland Pops chorus also continue preparing for upcoming shows.

As the weather cools down and the leaves begin to change, DT looks forward to our Fall activities – Covered Bridge Festival, here we come!

DSC is always looking for additional employment and volunteer opportunities for participants. If you have any opportunities, please contact Laura Bennett, Director of the Developmental Training program, at 217-356-9176.

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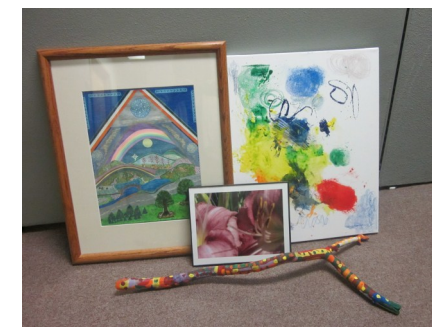
Reaching Out For Answers



Join us for the **6th Annual Reaching Out for Answers: Disability Resource Expo!** There will be over 70 exhibitors showcasing services available for people with disabilities. There is also a wonderful Children's Activity room providing fun activities and different types of entertainment will be performed throughout the day. Our local AMBUCS Chapter will be presenting an AmTryke, and there will also be many artists displaying and selling their work, including consumers from DSC! Below is a picture of some of the items that will be for sale.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

9:30 a.m. Champaign & Urbana Mayoral Proclamations
9:45 a.m. AMTRYKE Presentation
10:00 a.m. Donnie Heitler, Jazz Pianist
11:00 a.m. Mo' Betta Music
12:00 p.m. Fashion Show by Carlton Bruett Design
1:00 p.m. Donnie Heitler, Jazz Pianist
1:45 p.m. Ebertfest Tickets & Kindle Fire Drawings



Saturday, October 13th at Lincoln Square Village in Urbana, 9:00a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
For more information, please call 217.367.5703.

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What's New Around DSC . . .


THANK YOU...

To **Terri Herbst** for art and bingo supplies; To **Jerry O'Neill** for the color TVs; To **Lorna Clauss** for the linens; To **One Main Development** for the silverware and art supplies; To **JoAnn Fley** for the vacuum, broom and dust pan; To **Dorothy Bell** for the vacuum; To **Connie Walsh** for the air hockey table; To **Lance Kingston & Jessica Miller** for the \$1,000 in gift cards to various restaurants and recreational businesses; To **Marsha Miller** for the clothes, kitchen items and linens; To **Barbara Antidel** for the pots, pans and utensils.

SAVE THE DATE!

 "Reaching Out for Answers: Disability Resource Expo" will be held on **Saturday, October 13th** (see full write-up inside).

 DSC's **Tree of Hope Kick-Off and Annual Recognition Event** will take place at **Sullivan Parkhill** on **Thursday, November 1st at 8:00am.**

 **The Tons O' Fun Band's 7th Annual Christmas Show** to benefit DSC at **Parkland Theater** on **Saturday, December 8th at 1:30 p.m.**

Go to www.dsc-illinois.org for details on pricing and times for all events!

SPECIAL THANK YOU...

To the **Rantoul Knights of Columbus** for hosting a pancake breakfast and raffle that raised \$2,139! Multiple staff and consumers participated, and a few U of I football players and Coach Mike Ward joined us for the day to sign posters and answer questions. (See two pictures on left, at top of page).

To all of the people that helped make "CU in the Prairibbean VIII" a huge success! We want to give extra recognition to **Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club**, along with Carlos Nieto and Chris Stephens of **Nieto Enterprises!** At the time of this printing, we are looking forward to the check presentation on October 5th (See two pictures on right, at top of page).

To all of the participants, sponsors and organizers of the **2nd Annual Car-X Crazy K!** A bunch of muddy runners (some of whom are pictured at right) helped raise money for DSC!

