



SEDGWICK COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Friday, April 30, 2021
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Zoom

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jeannette Livingston, SCDDO Assistant Director, welcomed everyone. Executive Committee is planning the next meeting to be in person.

AUTISM AVENUE AND GREATER EXPECTATIONS PROGRAM – AUDREY GRABER

Video and Presentation

- Greater Expectations is a program under the Independent Living Resource Center
- Greater Expectations' mission is to be a transitional liaison helping develop needed "systems" supporting the emergence of soft skills into the life opportunities for ages 14 and up on the autism spectrum and other developmental differences. "Soft skills" also known as "21st century skills" are the "employable skills" critical in helping people secure and sustain employment.
- Program inside Autism Avenue Gift Shoppe
- The program has four levels
- Each individual will graduate with an accumulative portfolio, personal profile, a completed self-awareness curriculum workbook, and confidence gained for their identified "greater expectations" for their future
- Personalized visions and goals are developed using evidence based practices, guidance from the Department of Labor, and teaming with parents/caregivers. Skills the program focuses on:
 - Soft skills
 - Higher executive functioning skills
 - Intrapersonal/ Interpersonal skills
 - Work skill acquisition
 - Social cognition – awareness
 - Sustained intervention/supports
 - Ultimately, each individual is set up to experience a more fulfilling, confident and gratifying quality of life
- How it works:
 - Complete the Case History/intake forms online
 - Have informal meet and greet with staff
 - Participate in 1-2 sessions for 45 minutes each for required "Rapport building" time (free of cost)
 - Complete an initial assessment (report provided to the family)
 - Complete the Parent/Caregiver Involvement Information Form
 - Participant requirements: Must be able to read on a 7th grade level and independently communicate their wants and needs
- Levels
 - Level One: 12 one-on-one sessions, two times per week for 60 minutes each
 - Level Two: 16 one-on-one sessions, two times per week for 60 minutes each
 - Level Three: 8 one-on-one sessions, one time per week for 60 minutes each and an apprentice position for 2 hours per week inside Autism Avenue Gift Shoppe
 - Level Four: this level is designed for those desiring continued interventions to enhance sustained employment. Individuals attend once a week or once every other week for 60 minute sessions as needed.
- Connections Club
 - Once into level two they can be integrated in Connections Club if suitable
 - This is an optional activity
 - This is not currently available because of COVID-19 but will be coming back
- More information can be found on their website at www.autismave.com or on Facebook for Greater Expectations or Autism Avenue

CAREPOOL – JOSH MASSEY, FOUNDER AND CEO

- Transportation services for people with disabilities
- Hybrid model between technology and personal touch
- The program has an app that can be used on smart phones and tablets

- Updates are sent by text message
- Finding the right drivers who know, understand and care is important
- Three step process:
 - Log in
 - Scheduling
 - Notifications
- Can also email ride@carepool.us or call (833) 268-2688
- The first ride is free then they will work with people on payments for future rides
- Josh Massey, (608) 628-5836, jmassey@carepool.us, www.carepool.us

SUPPORTING YOU, A PROGRAM OF THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT – HEATHER SMITH

- Peer support network
- Connect with a trained peer who share experiences to support the health of their family
- A network where people from multiple systems can connect
- The network serves as a place where different programs can find connections
- They are looking at creating models for different populations
- Promotional partners have a desire to spread peer to peer supports for existing populations
- Support peers are trained volunteers
- The connection process:
 - Peer completes questionnaire at supportingyoukansas.org
 - PSA makes connections
 - Peer support begins
- Contact Information:
 - Heather Smith, System of Supports Section Director, Heather.Smith@ks.gov
 - Cora Ungerer, Supporting You Network Administrator, Cora.Ungerer@ks.gov

CAMP UPDATES

- Camp Woodchuck – Rainbows United
 - Last year moved to in-home with camp-like experience
 - They will be providing in-home camp again this year
 - Serve ages 6-21
 - DSP will bring camp activities and supplies into the home and work one-on-one with the child
 - They do group video calls
 - They will have an art show, fashion show and talent show
 - Go to www.rainbowunited.org for more information
- YESS Camp – The Arc of Sedgwick County
 - They are having camp this year but will be restricting space this year
 - They are taking a waiting list
 - Some weeks have more space than others
 - Each day has an educational component
 - Camp will be June 1 – July 30
 - This year they will be at Franklin Elementary
 - They are going to expand on employment training
 - More information can be found on their website <https://arc-sedgwickcounty.org/>

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is July 30 at 11:30 a.m.

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