



# **SANDUSKY COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY MATTERS**

**APRIL \* MAY \* JUNE \* 2023**

## CHILD SUPPORT

It's hard to believe summer is more than halfway over. Why is it summer always goes by so fast, but winter feels like an eternity? The fact that we live in Ohio and winter does go on forever may have something to do with that. Also, when you look forward to something it seems to go by faster.

This summer we in Child Support are anxiously anticipating extra visitors in July. Every three years we are supposed to get a visit from the State Office of Child Support to make sure we are in compliance with certain confidentiality rules. This is because we deal with specific information involving the Department of Treasury. (I swear I will not break out into a compilation of the Hamilton soundtrack....hopefully.) Our visit is a few years overdue. Thanks, Covid. We've been hard at work getting ready for this visit. There's been a lot of policy to review and write, and our own inspections to make sure everything is in line with regulations. We feel like we're in good shape but wish us luck anyway!

While the State visit is only supposed to happen every three years, one thing we count on every summer is Child Support Awareness Month. This happens each August and there are different events throughout the month. One such event is Wear Green, which will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and is exactly what it says—everyone is encouraged to wear the color green that day. It's not a dress down day, but you are all welcome to participate and show your support for CSEA. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the CSEA staff is having an appreciation lunch catered by Ole Zim's. In conjunction with this, we are doing a Federal Tax Information training and Sharon Ochs is going to help us make jewelry as a fun team building project.

For our clients, we are once again offering the license amnesty program during the whole month of August. That means the requirements for reinstating a license will be reduced for obligors (person who pays support). Some of you may not be aware but CSEA has the authority to suspend a driver's license and any recreational or professional license for non-compliance with a child support order. The reinstatement requirements are set forth by the State of Ohio, but in August, we can make it easier to get that license back. Obligor can check with a caseworker on how to do that.

We hope to see you all in green on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, showing your love for child support workers across Ohio!

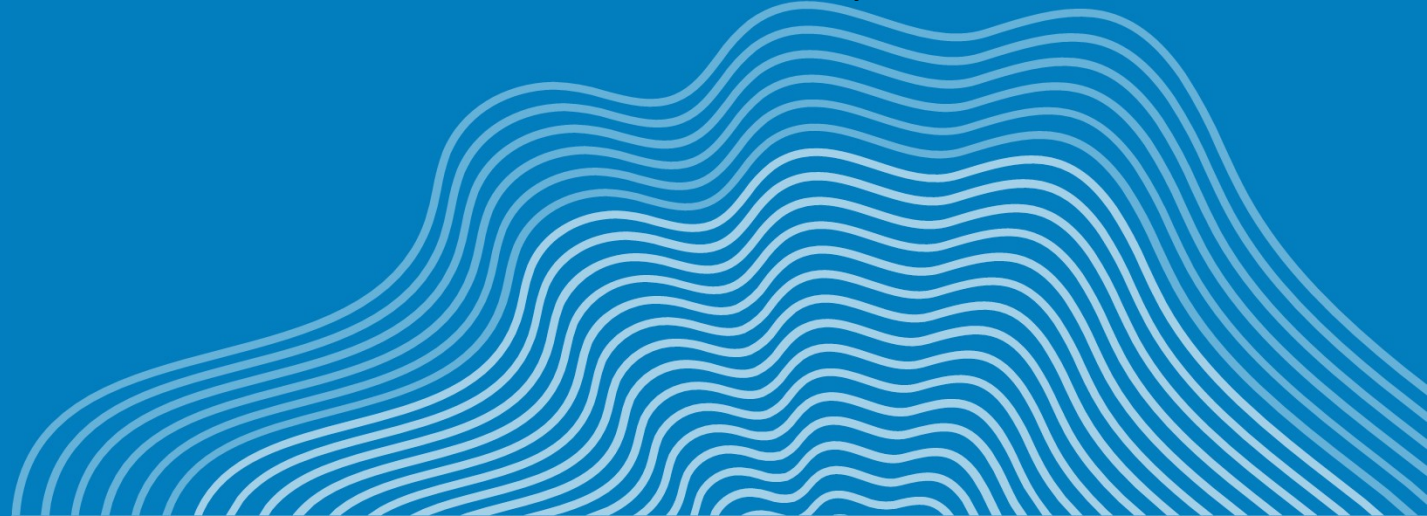


## CHILDREN SERVICES

### Out-of-the-Box Visitation

PCSA Unit has been creating more structured and fun visitations for families here at the agency. Linda Ackerman has worked tirelessly with her brand-new staff to set visitation hours with being “Closed” on Fridays. We currently are hosting about 20 family visits a week at the agency which vary in length of hours and takes LOTS of coordination! We are also providing transportation for our children in custody more than we have in the past. Therefore, you have seen many more children in the halls along with more parents in and out of the agency. We truly do try to be mindful of the noise, but it is not always possible with so much going on and multiple visits at the same times.

Our agency is once again paving the way to new endeavors by having group family visitations at the agency and out in the community. Linda and her team partnered with Share and Care while they hosted an ice cream social at the park. The families’ are scheduled to go to Pottery Perfection in July. One worker is assigned to each family and currently there are about 5 families participating in the group visitations. At the agency, we have provided meals and activities such as crafts, make your own pizza Lunchable (facilitated by our very own intern, Lillie), and fun with the water table. If anyone has any other creative ideas to share, please be sure to reach out to Linda Ackerman, Teri Robinson, or Kim Bailey.



# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



OhioMeansJobs Sandusky County remains active and engaged in the workforce community. Some partnerships are just developing, while others remain strong. OMJ entered a pilot social media program with Greater Ohio Workforce Board Inc. (GOWBI) to enhance our recruiting efforts on all platforms. If you don't already follow us, please do!

Find OMJ on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn by scanning the codes below.

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Through this partnership, we had the opportunity to send Arcadia to Social Media Week Lima on 6/21 for further social media training (left).

OhioMeansJobs continues a strong partnership with Terra State and attended their updated Welding Lab Ribbon Cutting Event on 4/14. Having a local educational provider equipped to handle large projects is crucial when discussing Incumbent Worker Training funds to upskill employees in Sandusky County.

Workshops are always available through OMJ! In the second quarter, OMJ held 4 workshops: interview workshop at Terra on 4/3, resume and interview skill workshop with Sandusky County Young Professionals Group (SCYPG) on 5/3, Fremont Ross Summer School Program workshop and tour on 6/15

(left), and Whirlpool Clyde Women's Connection Network resume workshop on 6/20. There were also 9 hiring events this quarter!



Additional April events included the High School Student Job Fair at Vanguard-Sentinel Career and Technology Center and a phenomenal roundtable event with the Department of Development's Director, Lydia Mihalik. Here, Melanie and Arcadia were able to discuss strengths and concern areas regarding Sandusky County's economic development, growth, and prosperity.



More recently on June 28<sup>th</sup>, OMJ attended United Way Sandusky County's stakeholder roundtable (left), along with a Ground Breaking Ceremony (right) for the newest Industrial Park in Fremont within 30 years! Harold P. Young Industrial Park, located off of 412 (yes right down the road from our building), has 130 developable acres with a goal of bringing in 800-1,000 new jobs!





April and Arcadia learned a lot of at the OJFSDA Conference in May while Jacob Berryman (OMJ), Brittney Jahna (PCSA) and Matt Kreilick (OMJ) graduated from Leadership Sandusky County!

Warmer weather means more outdoor events and outreach opportunities! Abby and Renee attended the City of Fremont's Community Cookout on June 1. HYPE and OMJ were also at the Downtown Fremont Farmer's Market on June 17, meeting lots of new people and sharing our FREE services!



HYPE managed the TANF Summer Youth Employment Program, which assists eligible youth in getting summer employment. This program helps local employers bring in extra summer help without the cost of an additional employee and the youth gains work experience and basic skills for successful employment!

While many assistance programs are returning to normal, pre-pandemic operations, people are no longer receiving as much assistance compared to the last few years. The HYPE program provided supportive service baskets to participants. This basket included items from laundry soap, hygiene products and cleaning supplies; all items that cannot be purchase with SNAP. Our youth have been very grateful and appreciative of this effort!

Finally...did you know staff in the OMJ assisted approximately 238 customers per month in the OMJ Center this month? Assistance is anything from simple job application assistance, help with applying for Unemployment Benefits to scheduled appointments for those receiving services.



## April through June 2023 Updates

The search for a Family Recruiter ended this most recent quarter...stick a fork in it, it's done. Since the position couldn't be funded past the grant, funds were re-appropriated to have a heavy marketing effort. You can hear us on BAS Broadcasting radio stations: Eagle 99, 92.1 The Wolf, 100.9 Coast Country, 93.3 FM and 1600 AM. We have a digital campaign, so if you are getting targeted ads on your devices...you are welcome!!! We went live on Spectrum with commercials and digital streaming campaigns and completed a contract with local marketing team, Guerrilla Group. We are excited to introduce our social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn! Please follow us using the QR codes below:

FACEBOOK  
LINKEDIN



INSTAGRAM



At the end of the quarter, there were officially 6 licensed Treatment Foster Homes; 4 homes have full time placements, 1 has been a huge respite support and the other is currently in the process of moving so not able to take a placement until the new home has a new safety audit. We have 1 home study pending with some additional possible transfers from other counties!

Our very own Melanie Allen and Angela Wheeler went to Arizona to become the most recent to be trained in Pressley Ridge pre-service curriculum. We now have 4 certified in this agency to train foster parents in this trauma informed, evidence-based program.

The agency became a member of FFTA (Family Focused Treatment Association) and has 5 staff members attending the FFTA Conference in Columbus from July 10 through July 13.

With summer upon us, staff are more and more involved in fun events around the tri-county collaborative! Many of our events are completed with our CCRC (Child Care Resource Center) partners! Below, you'll find pictures of our fun times at the Seneca CDJFS 5k and Family Fest. Oops...we forgot to take pictures of everyone at Max's Miles and the 1<sup>st</sup> Foster Care Open House, but a great time was had by all!

SCDJFS & CCRC at  
Seneca County 5k  
Event (right)





SCDJFS @ Family Fun Fest



CRC partners @ Family Fun Fest

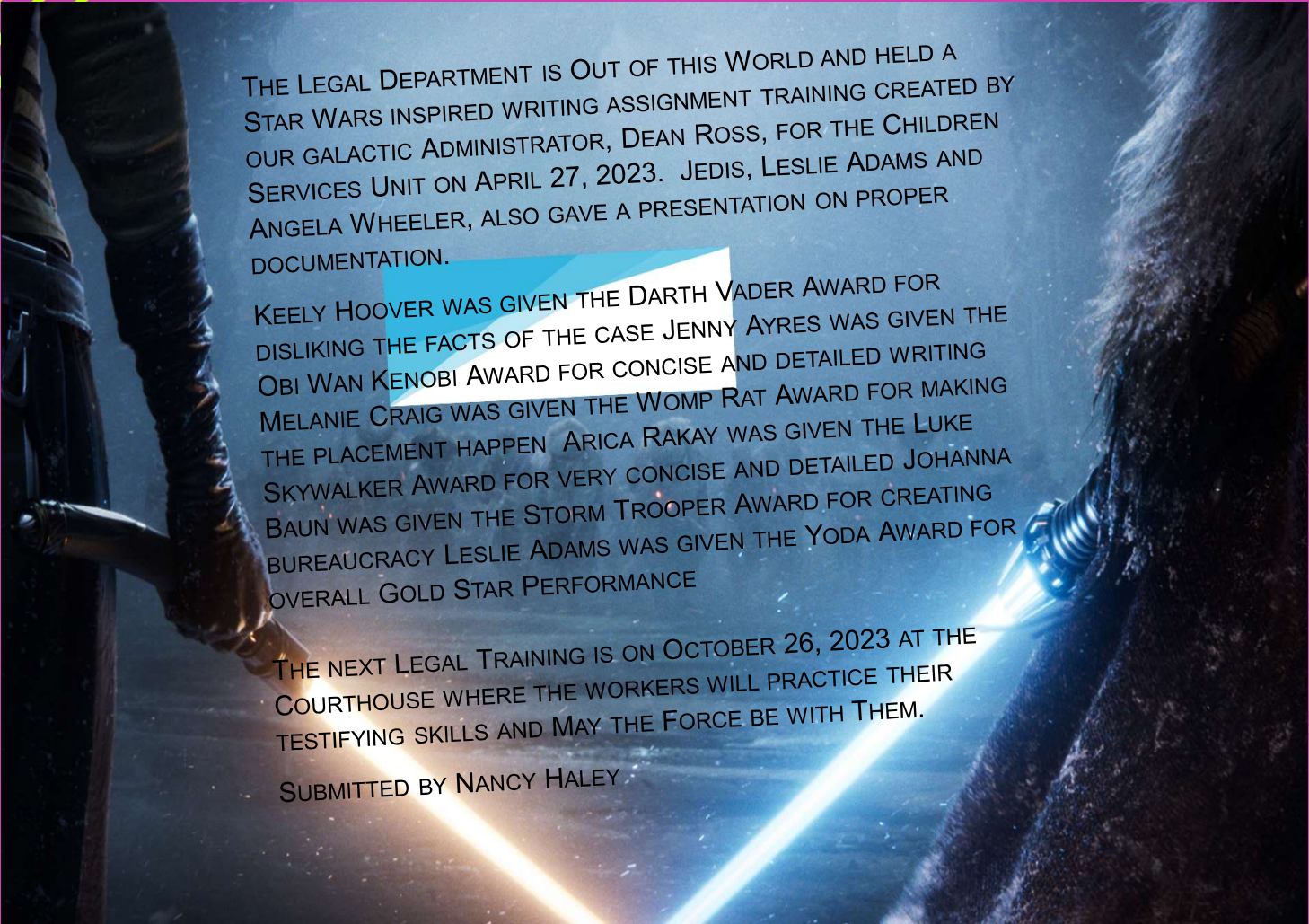
Upcoming Events include: Sandusky, Seneca, and Wyandot county fairs, Heritage Festival and the Clyde Fair...be sure to come see us!

# ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL	
PAULA OLDS	34 YEARS
GABBY HENRY	26 YEARS
KERRI MOYER	26 YEARS
RACHEL HESSICK	11 YEARS
BRITTINY REED	6 YEARS
MEGAN SWEENEY	6 YEARS

MAY	
LAURA WARREN	34 YEARS
KRISTI MCEWAN	8 YEARS
BRIDGET COLEMAN	6 YEARS
LESLIE ADAMS	5 YEARS
JOHANNA BAUN	4 YEARS
APRIL MIDDLETON	1 YEAR
ASHLEY SEHLMAYER-KINSEY	1 YEAR

JUNE	
ANA ORTIZ	31 YEARS
CASSANDRA WALTER	19 YEARS
JILL WAGNER	18 YEARS
AMANDA BRANSTRATOR	10 YEARS
NATASHA BOR	9 YEARS
JENNY AYRES	5 YEARS
ABBY ROBERTS	4 YEARS
AMBER SIDOTI	4 YEARS
MEGAN RAPIER	2 YEARS
CELINA ARTER	2 YEARS
YOLANDA SANTOYA	2 YEARS
KEELY HOOVER	1 YEAR



THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS OUT OF THIS WORLD AND HELD A STAR WARS INSPIRED WRITING ASSIGNMENT TRAINING CREATED BY OUR GALACTIC ADMINISTRATOR, DEAN ROSS, FOR THE CHILDREN SERVICES UNIT ON APRIL 27, 2023. JEDIS, LESLIE ADAMS AND ANGELA WHEELER, ALSO GAVE A PRESENTATION ON PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

KEELY HOOVER WAS GIVEN THE DARTH VADER AWARD FOR DISLIKING THE FACTS OF THE CASE JENNY AYRES WAS GIVEN THE OBI WAN KENOBI AWARD FOR CONCISE AND DETAILED WRITING MELANIE CRAIG WAS GIVEN THE WOMP RAT AWARD FOR MAKING THE PLACEMENT HAPPEN ARICA RAKAY WAS GIVEN THE LUKE SKYWALKER AWARD FOR VERY CONCISE AND DETAILED JOHANNA BAUN WAS GIVEN THE STORM TROOPER AWARD FOR CREATING BUREAUCRACY LESLIE ADAMS WAS GIVEN THE YODA AWARD FOR OVERALL GOLD STAR PERFORMANCE

THE NEXT LEGAL TRAINING IS ON OCTOBER 26, 2023 AT THE COURTHOUSE WHERE THE WORKERS WILL PRACTICE THEIR TESTIFYING SKILLS AND MAY THE FORCE BE WITH THEM.

SUBMITTED BY NANCY HALEY

Legal Department

# Public Assistance

Teamwork makes the dreams work! The Public Assistance Unit is partnering with the Sandusky County Jail and Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services to provide Vivitrol shots to inmates incarcerated for drug/alcohol related offenses. Eligibility workers will be interviewing inmates to assist them in obtaining Medicaid for the cost of these shots to be covered. The goal is to alleviate overdoses in the community and help inmates be successful in their treatment programs.

With the Public Health Emergency now over, the emergency SNAP allotments have also ended. This has caused a huge impact on our community. Thanks to all who contributed to our recent food drive. We would also like to thank GLCAP for the continued contributions to the collection. We were able to provide food to local food pantries and allowed several community members to shop for food on site.

Recent power outages resulted in SNAP recipients requesting replacement SNAPS for the cost of spoiled food purchased with SNAPS. - If you are a SNAP recipient and your household has experienced a misfortune (such as a fire or flood, or a power outage lasting more than four hours) that results in a loss of food, you may be eligible for SNAP replacement benefits. You must have received SNAP benefits during the month of the disaster and the replacement amount cannot exceed one month's allotment. Applications for replacement SNAPS must be received within ten days of the outage.

The caseworkers are continuing with [the Medicaid Unwinding](#). That means they are once again conducting annual Medicaid eligibility reviews and terminating coverage for those who are no longer eligible. Annual reviews have not been conducted on anyone enrolled in Medicaid as of March 18, 2020. If recipients failed to report job change(s) or a new address, for instance, more paperwork is required to bring things up to speed.

## PRC School Supplies Program

School's out for summer, but not for the PRC unit! While the kids are enjoying the summer off, Chastity Minor and Paula Olds are busily sorting through dozens of boxes of school supplies to build backpacks filled with everything kids will need to start off their school year right in the fall! PRC Applications for the 2023-2024 PRC School Supplies program are available for pick up at the front desk or can be mailed/e-mailed out upon request!



*Needless to say, the PA Department has been busy!*

# SHOUT OUTS

THE BIGGEST SHOUT OUT GOES TO ***BETHANY WILBURN AND KIM BAILEY*** FOR WEEDING AND FIXING UP THE AGENCY FLOWER BED BY THE EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE.

THE FLOWER BED LOOKS WONDERFUL AND THEY DID THIS ON THEIR OWN TIME AND WITH THEIR OWN MONEY. THIS IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED!



# NEW HIRES



TERI ROBINSON  
CHILDREN SERVICES  
5/1/23



KIM BAILY  
CHILDREN SERVICES  
5/8/23



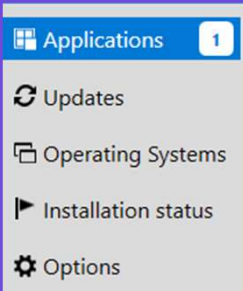
Windows 11 is coming the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>. Most of PCSA is already using it and so far, no issues. One change is the Start menu will now be in the middle of the bottom. And Right Clicking documents looks a little different, but everything is there.

The state was also very nice to us and gave us 50 more monitors.

EDMS OnBase and Pilot are now synced with your MyOhio ID and password. You no longer need to change this password, it automatically changes when you change your SUID password. You also sign in with your SUID now.

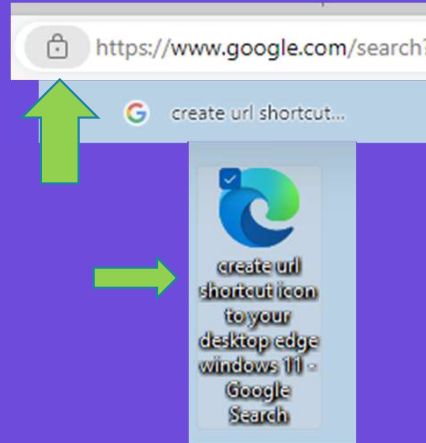
Did you know that I am able to reset your SETS password. Or you can always call the State at 1-800-686-1580, Option 1.

The state keeps updating our system weekly. It usually does this overnight on the network, so if you work remotely on a regular basis, you may have to check your Software Center on a regular basis for any updates you might have missed. While connected to the State network, open the Software Center icon on your desktop or under Start.



You will want to check Applications, Updates, and Operating Systems

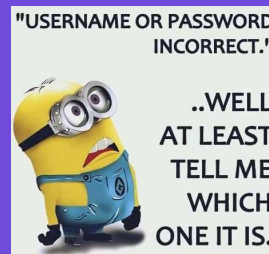
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It is Best Practice to change your Jabber password thru the My Self Care Portal <https://myphone3.ngtsohio.com/ucmuser/> whenever you change your MyOhio password. And if you ever click reset at the Jabber sign in screen, you will then need to successfully sign in with your Jabber [#@ngtsohio.com](mailto:#@ngtsohio.com).

Our laptops can be a little quirky. If you are having troubles turning it on, hold the power button down and count to 30. Usually after 20 seconds it will start booting up.

Did you know, you can drag an internet site to your desktop and create a shortcut. Click the lock symbol at the top next to the URL and drag it to the desktop.



[Requesting a DUO re-enrollment link \(Self-service for existing DUO customers\)](#)

[ohiodas.sharepoint.com](https://ohiodas.sharepoint.com)

The steps to for existing DUO customers to request a re-enrollment link (for example, new device with same phone number).

Ctrl+Click the link above or find it in SPO when you search "DUO".