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The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) Biweekly Newsletter.

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Event Calendar

MAR 30 PREA TRAINING, NEW BEGINNINGS
8400 RIVER RD., LAUREL, MD, 9 AM - 1 PM

APR 4 **APR 5** **APR 6** CARE COORDINATOR
(CASE MANAGEMENT) TRAINING,
THE R.I.S.E. CENTER,
2730 MLK JR. AVE SE., 9 AM - 5 PM

A Warm Welcome...



...to new DYRS employees:

Joyce Krintz, Program Analyst,
Leonard Ekane, Clinical Nurse, and
Josefina Jaen, Clinical Nurse

Please say hello to these new faces if you meet
them at one of our locations!



Office 365 is coming!

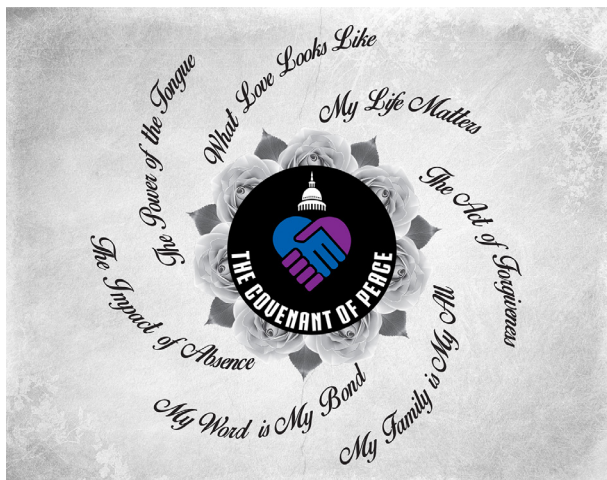
The District's Office of the Chief Technology
Officer (OCTO) will be rolling out Office 365 to
all agencies in the near future.

Details are still being worked out, however, Office
365 will provide some significant enhancements to
Microsoft Office including:

- Office Pro Plus desktop software
- Enhanced archiving and compliance tools
- Unlimited email storage
- Exchange Unified Messaging (voicemail)...and more!

Stay tuned for more announcements as they
become available!

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The First CoEd Covenant of Peace

From March 17 to March 19, young people at New Beginnings participated in the agency's fifth Covenant of Peace weekend, unique in it being the first event where both male and female youth at the facility took part in the enriching weekend-long activities. The powerful co-ed environment set the tone for our youth, demonstrating the importance of balance within ourselves, our homes and communities, and the roles that each of us must play in order to maintain success.

Our young people gleaned valuable information from Credible Messengers in the community who once walked the same paths and shared many of the same stories as them; they illustrated the steps it takes to overcome challenging circumstances that youth often face in the city. Youth and staff personified the overarching theme - "What Love looks Like" - and formed bonds through team building activities, initiating healing through restorative circles, and providing support through motivational conversation -- further unifying the youth and adults at DYRS and in the community.

Special thanks to Credible Messenger Program Manager Dana McDaniel for sharing perspective for this article.

PREACH OUTREACH



The PREA team reports four very successful training days and is coming down to the home stretch!!! Don't miss out on your last opportunity to get your team "PREA INFORMED"

Thursday, March 30

PREA: 9am-12pm

CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION:
(MPD) 12-1pm

HELD AT NBYDC/AUDITORIUM

Registration not required. Sign in upon arrival and show up on time,. Please note that attendees will be turned away after 9:15 a.m.

Questions? Contact:



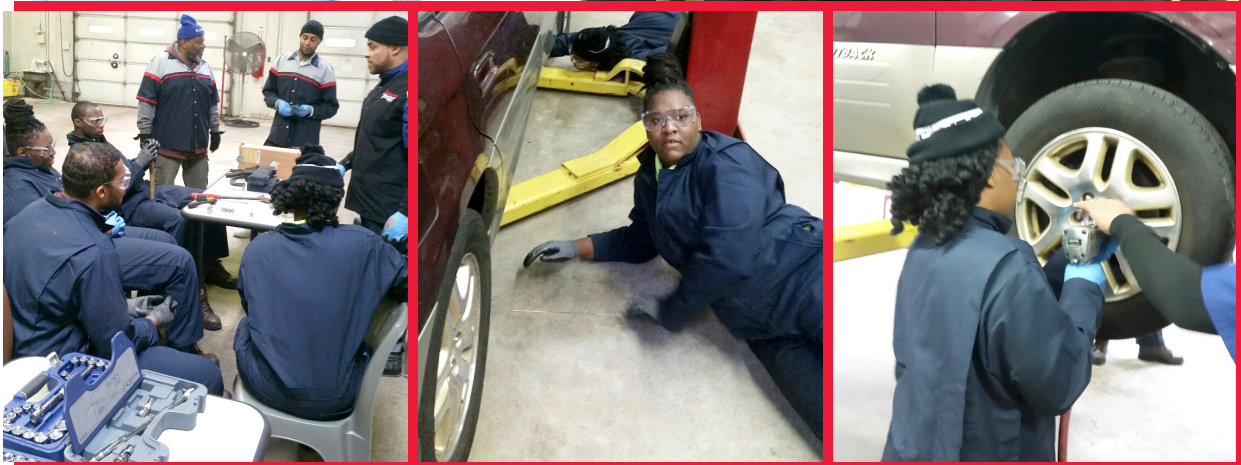
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Motivated through Automotives

Meet the New Beginnings Youth Development Center Co-Ed Automotive Vocational Class, which began on February 19, 2017. This Vocational Class covers principles of operation and types, diagnosis, service and repair of brake systems. Topics include drum and disc brakes involving hydraulic, vacuum-boost, hydra-boost, electrically powered boost, and anti-lock, parking brake systems, as well as emerging brake systems technologies. Upon completion, students should be able to diagnose, service, and repair various automotive braking systems.

Since the class's inception, the youth became oriented in the areas of Industry; Mechanical Aptitude Test; Auto Shop Safety; Hand & Power Tools Usage and Safety; Brakes; and Steering and Suspension.

The automotive program is led by Youth Development Representative (YDR) Douglas White, who spends timeless hours ensuring that the automotive program runs successfully every Sunday. YDR White is assisted by two other staff that maintain eyes on, ears on supervision while class is in progress.

This first class is scheduled for completion on April 16, 2017. DYRS congratulates all youth participating in this inaugural class and wishes them success!



Youth Council Activity Alert!

Community Service hours offered for all activities listed below.

Saturday, 3/25, 1-4pm (DC Warehouse), (pick up begins at 11am), Capital Area Food Bank

- Sort and pack food for people in need

Friday, 3/31, 12:45-4pm (pick up begins at 10:30 am), DC Central Kitchen (DCCK), Evening Meal Prep at NE Location

- Volunteers will help prepare meals for those in need



Tailored with Tim

On March 10, young men at DYRS participated and enrolled in the "Tailored with Tim" program and received custom tailored blazers. The program, led by Youth Engagement Specialist Timothy Durant Jr. from East of the River Police Clergy Community Partnership, seeks to help all youth understand the power of wardrobe and the impact it can have during prospective job interviews and in life. Young people also learn how to pick out formal clothing that is well tailored and best represents them.

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