



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE



November 17, 2016



Happy Birthday Director Clinton Lacey!

EVENT CALENDAR

- 11/18-20** Parent/Guardian Retreat, Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, VA
- 11/22** New Beginnings ‘Speech & Debate’ Competition, 8400 River Rd., Laurel, MD
- 11/22** DC One Fund Events, YSC, 1000 Mt. Olivet Rd, 6:15 a.m, 2:15 & 10:15 p.m.
- 11/29** DC One Fund Events, New Beginnings, 8400 River Rd., 6:15 a.m, 2:15 & 10:15 p.m.
- 12/1** DC One Fund Event, MLK Achievement Center, 2101 Martin Luther King Blvd Jr. SE, 2 p.m.
- 12/6** Credible Messenger Summit, R.I.S.E. Center, 2730 Martin Luther King Blvd Jr. SE, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Speaking Your Language

DYRS staff, like the youth we serve, represent many cultures and speak many different languages. Please complete this very short survey (<http://tinyurl.com/jxke4p9>) to showcase the array of languages - including English - that our very talented staff speaks. The agency is aiming for 100% participation this year as part of the District of Columbia’s Language Access Program requirements.

The Maintenance Report

The weather is changing and the DYRS Facility Maintenance Division (FMD) team is preparing for the winter weather and snow-covered roads that will be upon us in just a few weeks. On November 7, the FMD team received training to utilize the skid steer in a variety of ways. The training included both classroom and hands-on training in areas such as maintenance, personal safety measures, plow techniques, and the equipment’s various attachments. This specialized training assists the FDM team in beating the storm in the most efficient manner possible.



Positive Youth Development Casting Votes

On Tuesday, November 8, youth at New Beginnings Youth Development Center participated in a mock Presidential election. Youth Development Representatives (YDRs) spent time on the units providing young people with factual information on each candidate. They also had a chance to view the Presidential debates. Each youth then “voted” for a presidential candidate, inserting their ballots in a voting box that they created with YDR Key’Nita Harris. Young people enjoyed the experience and several expressed interest in being able to vote in future elections.

Positive Staff Development



Sports and Fun with DC ONE FUND

On Wednesday, November 16, DYRS hosted an agency kickoff event at its 450 H. Street location for the Mayor’s 62nd annual DC One Fund campaign in an effort to raise funds and promote donating to hundreds of local organizations and nonprofits in the Washington DC area. DYRS is hosting sports-themed events for the second year in a row, encouraging donations through food, fun and fellowship. The Mayor’s campaign, with partners United Way and the United Black Fund, gives DC government employees an opportunity to give back to the communities they serve through one-time donations or through payroll deduction. It also highlights the importance of civic responsibility and the value of giving back to the community.



Training Days

CPR Training

As part of the agency's mandated training, all staff are required to train in CPR. If you are not trained, or your certification expired, then this important, lifesaving class is for you. **This course will be taught from 9 am - 3 pm per the below schedule.**

11/30/2016, YSC, Room 1600

12/14/2016, YSC, Room 1600

12/28/2016, YSC, Room 1600

1/11/2017, NB, Training Room

Mandated Reporter Training

Staff is required to take Mandated Reporter training. Please access to <http://tinyurl.com/jqxbura> and take the 2-hour course, print out your certificate of completion, and email it to Cathy Ohler at cathy.ohler@dc.gov.

SkillPort Training

As a DYRS employee - you can access free training through two different Skillport portals:

MyDYRSlearning.Skillport.com – includes required training for DYRS employees; and

DCHR.skillport.com – includes thousands of books, videos, courses.

Employees can take these courses anytime, anywhere, without supervisor sign off. Just sign on, find something that looks interesting and read it, watch it, or listen to it.

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A Restorative Justice Graduation Celebration

Today marked a joyous and celebratory milestone for the agency: A Restorative Justice Graduation Celebration. This celebration acknowledged the launch of the agency's Restorative Justice Movement. 25 internal staff throughout the agency partnered with organization Youth and Families in Crisis to participate in a week-long "Train the Trainer - Restorative Justice Principles and Practices Series."

Keen on Cuisine

Four scholars received certification in ServSafe Food Handler Training with The National Restaurant Association at New Beginning on November 8, as part of the facility's Center Culinary Arts and Hospitality Training Program. The ServSafe Food Handler Program delivers consistent food safety training by covering five key areas: Basic Food Safety; Personal Hygiene; Cross-contamination and Allergens; Time and Temperature; and Cleaning and Sanitation. The youth completed the 12-week course with DC Culinary Academy under the direction and guidance of Chef Aaron McGovern.



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