



# SCDDSN

## Family and Friends

### NEWSLETTER

### June 2010

Welcome to our Third Edition of the DDSN Newsletter. I appreciate all the information many of you have shared with me to place in our Newsletter so that others can participate in events going on around our state. Please continue to share items that you think may interest other readers of our Newsletter. I know that several of you have participated in some of the activities I listed in the previous Newsletters and I have received positive feedback from you. Please remember that you may also find this newsletter by going to our website at <http://ddsn.sc.gov> and opening RECENT NEWS at the top of the webpage, then scrolling down to the middle of the page where the most recent newsletter will be made available for you to access. Feel free to contact me via email at [Nhall@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:Nhall@ddsn.sc.gov) or by phone at 803-898-9650 with any questions or information you may want to share regarding this Newsletter.

#### DDSN NEWS

*Did you know that DDSN is joining Facebook? Keep a watch in upcoming Newsletters for further details on accessing our page once it is set up and available. We thought this would be just one more way to share information with you.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

## ➤ HEALING FARMS MINISTRIES

Community Night-beginning Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. Join them at the Juvo Center for a meal and fellowship time from 6-8:00pm. Upcoming Dates: July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, and October 13<sup>th</sup>.

For further information on these events visit their website at: <http://www.healingfarm.org/>

## ➤ DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Bicycle Camp for Children with Special Needs. July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the North Charleston Convention Center. For further information go to their website at: [www.dsalowcountry.org](http://www.dsalowcountry.org)

## ➤ SC STATEWIDE BRAIN INJURY CONFERENCE

July 15-16, 2010 at the Columbia Conference Center. For More Information contact the Brain Injury Alliance of SC at (803)731-9823 or (877)TBI-FACT(in-state) or via email at: [scbraininjury@bellsouth.net](mailto:scbraininjury@bellsouth.net)

## ➤ SPECIAL OLYMPICS

2010 Special Olympics USA National Games Opening Ceremony will be held on July 18, 2010 in Omaha, Nebraska. Special Olympics National Education Conference-July 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 in Omaha Nebraska. For registration and general information, please visit: <http://coe.unomaha.edu/sonec> Or email [sonec@specialolympics.org](mailto:sonec@specialolympics.org).

Visit the South Carolina Special Olympics website for statewide activities at: <http://so-sc.org/>

## ➤ HEROES ON HORSEBACK

This organization is located in Bluffton, South Carolina. Their Summer of Empowerment is offering six weekly sessions beginning June 14 and running through July 31, with a break between July 5 and July 9. Each week-long session is comprised of riding, ground lessons, and arts & crafts every week-day from 9:30am - 12:30pm. For further information on this organization visit their website at: [www.heroesonhorseback.org](http://www.heroesonhorseback.org)

➤ **YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM**

For students with disabilities from ages 17-21 (as of 12/31/09) Newberry College July 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>, 2010. For further information call them at 803-896-6574 or visit their website at: <http://www.scvrd.net/ylf>

➤ **WORKSHOP ON TEACHING VERBAL BEHAVIOR AND SOLVING CHALLENGING BEHAVIORS**

September 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 8:00am-4:30pm at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. For registration and further information visit the website at: [www.winstonswishfoundation.com](http://www.winstonswishfoundation.com)

➤ **SOUTH CAROLINA AUTISM SOCIETY**

2010 Annual Conference October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Columbia Conference Center. For further details visit their website at [www.sc.autism.org](http://www.sc.autism.org) or call 1-800-438-4790.

➤ **SC ADULT SIBLING LEADERSHIP NETWORK CONFERENCE**

Their first Conference will be held October 23, 2010. For further details contact Melanie Burnett, PRO-Parents at 803-772-5688 Ext. 106 or 1-800-759-4776 or visit the website at: [www.scadultsiblingnetwork.org](http://www.scadultsiblingnetwork.org)

➤ **WORKSHOP ON FUNCTIONAL ANALYSIS AND TREATMENT OF SEVERE BEHAVIOR DISORDERS**

November 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. For registration and further information visit the website at: [www.winstonswishfoundation.com](http://www.winstonswishfoundation.com)

# SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Listed below are a few of the various summer camps located in South Carolina. For further information visit the website at :

<http://www.sc.edu/scatp/camps.html>.

**Camp Burnt Gin-DHEC**

Contact Marie Aimone at 803-898-0455 or visit their website at: [www.scdhec.gov/campburntgin](http://www.scdhec.gov/campburntgin)

**Camp Sunshine**

Contact Andrew Scott at 803-754-6720 ext. 203 or via email at:

[Andrew@rcrc.state.sc.us](mailto:Andrew@rcrc.state.sc.us)

**Camp Treasure Chest**

Contact Eric Womack at [843-470-6264](tel:843-470-6264)

**Camp REACH**

Contact Pam Ardern at 864-650-0295 or or via email at

[pardern@clemsun.edu](mailto:pardern@clemsun.edu)

**Teen Buddies**

Contact Anne Selner at 843-884-2528

**Glenforest**

This camp is for children with Aspergers from ages eight to fifteen years old. For further information contact Chris Winkler at 803-318-9670.

**IN THE KNOW**

- **\*\*\*TASH TRAINING\*\*\*** The University of South Carolina Center for Disability Resources in collaboration with The SC Commission for Minority Affairs presents a three part training series on: Basic Family Support, Leadership in Advocacy, and Leadership in Policymaking. This family Support training project is supported by a grant from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, Administration for Children and Families, and the US Department of Health and Human Services. The next training will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup>-June

27<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 9:00-5:00pm at the Midlands Center Training Center. For registration contact Karen Irick at 803-935-5222 or Marcy Hayden at 803-333-9621.

- **Handicap Placard Information.** For General information contact the customer center at 803-896-5000. You may also visit the website at:  
<http://www.scdmvonline.com/DMVNew/general/disabledplacardplatefactsheet>
- **Cruise for a Cause-** this cruise supports Berkeley Citizens, Inc. The cruise will depart from Charleston, SC on November 1, 2010 and returning on November 6, 2010. Carnival Cruise Lines will make a donation to Berkeley Citizens for every cabin reserved using the booking number. For further information contact Ms. Alice Shook, Executive Director of Berkeley Citizens at 843-761-0311.
- **The Benefit Bank of South Carolina** is a Program of the SC Office of Rural Health. This organization is a free service available at local sites to help families prepare and file applications for work supports. For further information visit their site at: <http://www.thebenefitbank.com> or by calling them at 1-800-726-8774.
- Have you visited [www.aucd.org](http://www.aucd.org) ? This website includes information which may affect people with disabilities and their caregivers.
- **Disability Scoop-** is a website which offers news on developmental disabilities. You can find them at [www.disabilityscoop.com](http://www.disabilityscoop.com) .
- **PAALS-** Palmetto Animal Assisted Life Services-PAALS overall goal is to train assistance animals to help individuals with disabilities other than blindness or deafness. These animals can help with a vast array of tasks to assist with physical



disabilities, and social needs as assigned assistance animals, or using them through quality programs to groups or organizations that can benefit from our assistance animals. For further information visit their website at : [www.paals.org](http://www.paals.org)

**Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the  
Americans with Disabilities Act!  
Join the 2010 by 2010 Campaign!**

**The 2010 by 2010 Campaign's goal is to collect 2010 "Proclamations of Recommitment" to the mission of the ADA by the 20th anniversary of the ADA--July 26, 2010.**

**Become part of a nation-wide effort to proclaim a recommitment to  
vision and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities**

**Act--full inclusion of people with disabilities into American life!**

**Four Easy Ways to Submit Your Proclamation**

- Simply complete the form  
<http://www.2010anniversary.org/Submit.html> .
- Print the form at:  
<http://www.2010anniversary.org/Proclamation.pdf>, fill in the blanks,  
and FAX to: 573-884-4925
- E-mail a copy of the proclamation or your own version of a  
proclamation to: [brinkhoffj@missouri.edu](mailto:brinkhoffj@missouri.edu)
- Proclamations may also be mailed to: 2010 by 2010 Campaign,  
100 Corporate Lake Drive, Columbia, MO 6520

# DDSN RECOGNIZES EMPLOYEES

**At the May 2010 DDSN Commission Meeting the following staff were recognized as the Employee of the Year for their Regional Center:**

- ❖ **Matthew Pressley from Pee Dee Center**
- ❖ **Lillie Turner from Saleeby Center**
- ❖ **Katie Hamilton from Coastal Center**
- ❖ **Ernestine Grant from Whitten Center**

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**STANLEY LIVINGSTON FROM MIDLANDS CENTER  
WAS RECOGNIZED AS THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS  
EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.**

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# CONGRATULATIONS

## ***HEROES IN HOMETOWN HOSPITALITY***

Mr. William Feldman receives services through the Tri-Development Center in Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Feldman works with the enclave program at the Baymont Inn and Suites. He was nominated by Baymont management staff as Room Keeper of the Year for District 1, Georgia Hotel and Lodging Association. He was competing against over 400 nominees. This was a huge honor and we are very proud of Mr. Feldman.



## ***DDSN WEBSITE TIP OF THE MONTH***

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN ACCESS INFORMATION ON THE DDSN WEBSITE REGARDING AVAILABLE PUBLICATIONS? VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT <http://ddsn.sc.gov> , go to the left tab titled CONSUMERS AND FAMILIES, opening this tab, then opening the tab to the left titled PUBLICATIONS. There you may find various useful publications.

### **\*\*\*MARK YOUR CALENDARS\*\*\***

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DDSN COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY HAS BEEN CANCELLED AND THE AUGUST MEETING WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK PRIOR TO ITS NORMALLY SCHEDULED TIME ON AUGUST 12, 2010



## Applying for DDSN Services

Effective July 1, 2010, DDSN will begin contracting with the University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, Center for Disability Resources (USC - CDR), to screen individuals applying for DDSN services. This function has been performed by local disabilities and special needs boards. Any person suspected of having mental retardation, a related disability, autism or children ages 3 to 6 years old with significant developmental delays will call USC - CDR toll-free at 1-800-289-7012 to apply for DDSN services. This toll-free line will be staffed during normal business hours; however, messages can be left at any time with calls returned the next business day.

If an applicant is screened in, USC – CDR will provide the applicant with a list of available service coordination providers, or if the applicant is 3 to 6 years old, a list of available early intervention providers. USC – CDR will record the applicant's top 2 choices and contact the selected SC/EI provider to inform them of the referral. The SC/EI provider will have 4 working days to accept or decline the referral. Once accepted, the SC/EI provider will get in touch with the applicant to begin collecting the necessary information and reports required for formal consideration of DDSN eligibility.

For individuals applying for DDSN services suspected of having a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury or similar disability, the toll-free telephone number remains 1-866-867-3864.

## **Community Support Waiver**

### **Public Meeting to Discuss Amendments**

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs are holding a public meeting to review upcoming proposed amendments to the Community Support Waiver. The meeting will take place at DDSN located at 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, SC 29203 on July 8, 2010 and begin at 6:00PM until 7:30 PM. DHHS will request an effective date of October 1, 2010 or as soon thereafter from The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The proposed amendments are:

1. To clarify the individual cost limit in the waiver document. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
2. To update the Quality Management sections of the waiver document to more accurately reflect the data sources used by the State. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
3. To clarify that Level of Care determinations and service plans for waiver participants must be completed every 365 days. There is no negative impact to waiver participants.
4. To eliminate daily respite and convert all respite to an hourly unit. There may be a few participants that will be affected by this change. However, the waiver individual cost limit remains the same.
5. To reduce the amount by which the individual cost limit may be exceeded in the event of a short-term, unanticipated change in the participant's needs from \$3000 to \$1000 per year. To date, no waiver participant has exceeded the individual cost limit.