



FISHERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY AGENDA

Monday, July 29, 2019

FISHERS CITY HALL Auditorium

5:30pm – 7:30pm

5:30 pm to 5:50 pm

Hamilton County - Community Organization Active in Disaster (COAD)

Speakers: Nancy Chance President of COAD and Chris Sorensen, President and CEO of Janus Developmental Services & Vice President of COAD

COAD was formed by Nancy Chance to coordinate various organizations and agencies that will cooperate to respond to ongoing challenges that would be precipitated by an emergency in Hamilton County. COAD has formed a committee to address how to handle emergency responses as it relates to persons with disabilities in terms of access and functional needs.

5:50 pm to 6:20 pm

Direct Support Workforce Shortage/Help Over Hurdles

Speakers: Jen Wilder, Lucy Kym and Michelle Steltz with Opportunities for Positive Growth (OPG)

Indiana is facing a direct support provider shortage. Information will be provided on what the state is doing to address this crisis as it relates to this current 2019 legislative session and findings from the final report of the 1102 Task Force for Assessment of Services & Supports for People with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities which was created by House Enrolled Act 1102 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Information about Help Over Hurdles, a non-profit that supports Direct Support Providers will be shared at the meeting.

6:20 pm to 6:30 pm

Indiana Parkinson Foundation CLIMB Program

Speaker: Kim Williams, Director of the Indiana Parkinson Foundation

The CLIMB is an exercise program that improves the lives of those with Parkinson's disease. The CLIMB program focuses on learning more about the disease and how stretching, posture therapy, muscular re-education can reduce symptoms and improve the quality of life, both physically and mentally. Information will be shared about what is available here in Hamilton County to provide support for families and caregivers of Hoosiers with Parkinson's.

6:30 pm to 6:40 pm

Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library - New Makerspace Program for Adults with Special Needs

Speaker: Wendy Kiefel

Wendy is leading a program for adults with intellectual disabilities to work in the Ignite Studio Makerspace where she oversees aspiring artists to learn how to use the laser engraver, vinyl cutter and 3D printer. The group meets at the Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library from 9 am to 1 pm on Mondays. Wendy's son Jimmy is on the autism spectrum and his artist works are exhibited at Conner Prairie where he works in data entry. Wendy hopes to grow the program with certifications and opportunities for those with special needs to create items that can be sold for profit.

6:40 pm to 7:00 pm

Recap of the Special Needs Activities/Sensory Areas at Spark!Fishers

The Fishers Parks & Recreation Dept. will share a recap of the sensory friendly events/areas at Spark!Fishers, such as the use of the Pavilion as a sensory room, Police Department check-in, etc.

7:00 pm to 7:25 pm

Brainstorming Ideas for 2020 Fishers March Disability Awareness Month Lead by Cecilia Coble and Stacey Oldham

This is an opportunity for the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability to share some ideas regarding speakers, themes, etc. with the March Disability Awareness Month Committee.

7:25 pm to 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fishers/Geist Aktion Club

For more information about getting involved with the Fishers/Geist Aktion Club, please contact Dana Pottschmidt- Community Advisor for the club at fishersgeistaktionclub@gmail.com.

Other Community Announcements

7:30 pm: Adjourn