



Health Care Alert

A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION PROVIDING HEALTH CARE TIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH
INTELLECTUAL AND/OR DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AND THEIR SUPPORT TEAMS

PCHC WELCOMES NEW RESIDENTS!

Jefferson's Doctorate of Occupational Therapy Program Collaborates with PCHC

Beginning September 2018, Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC) will collaborate with Jefferson College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Occupational Therapy. PCHC will be an inaugural clinical training site location for Jefferson's newest Doctorate of Occupational Therapy (OTD) program. PCHC will host two students during both the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters.

Goals for this partnership are aimed at advancing the skills of the OT residents by providing opportunities to learn and understand more about the unique needs of a person with an intellectual disability or autism (ID/A). PCHC recognizes the important role an occupational therapist has as a member of the interprofessional team. An occupational therapist practitioner's scope of practice is broad, ranging from supporting a person's activity of daily living skills, developing plans to meet sensory needs, and assisting caregivers who support a person with dementia. PCHC staff have worked with Jefferson Elder Care in the past and more recently provided input on their project "Developing an Evidence-Based Program for Caregivers who Support

Adults with Intellectual Disability and Dementia".

PCHC is excited about this endeavor and looks forward to supporting the occupational therapy residents with their goals of integrating academic knowledge and applying the occupational therapy process to take action. This experience will provide the OT residents with advanced skills in research, leadership, advocacy, education, theory development, administration, program and policy development and/or clinical practice skills while focusing on projects specific to ID/A. PCHC hopes to contribute to their education and experience as well as benefit from their research and findings to better support people with ID/A.

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Community Health Choices and What You Need to Know

Community Health Choices (CHC) is a new program statewide for managed long term services and supports for individuals eligible for Medicare and Medical Assistance. Many of the eligible participants are often “Dual Eligible” meaning that they qualify for both Medicare and Medical Assistance. Along with dual eligible, CHC will also include participants with the Aging, Attendant Care and Independence Waivers. This will begin on January 1, 2019 in the Southeastern

region of Pennsylvania and will provide services to more people in the community through the three available Managed Care Organizations (MCO's).

Managed Care Organizations:

- Keystone First
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)
- PA Health and Wellness (Centene)

To stay up to date on the implementation and changes that CHC will bring to our population, please go to <http://healthchoices.pa.gov/info/about/community>. This will provide further information and highlight facts sheets you may find helpful when evaluating the impact CHC could have on the people we serve.



Direct Support Appreciation



Every year we celebrate those that work hard and give so much of their time to working with the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Autism community. *Direct Support Professionals* (DSPs) are at the forefront of this work, as they assist individuals daily with various tasks ranging from **simple to complex** at any given time. Although the job of a DSP can be filled with long days and challenging responsibilities, their work means so much to the individuals they serve.

DSPs provide individuals with an opportunity to be as independent as possible to fulfill their goals to flourish on a personal level. To be a Direct Support Professional, it takes a truly amazing individual to maintain a commitment day in and day out to ensure our individuals are a part of their community and living life to the fullest.

On behalf of Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care, we would like to say **Thank You** to all DSPs for their service and commitment to the Intellectual Disability (ID) and Autism community! You will always receive a standing ovation from PCHC for all that you do.

Thank you and we hope you enjoyed Direct Support Professionals Week 2018!!!

For more information please visit:

- <http://www.ancor.org/2018-dsp-recognition-week-%E2%80%93-september-9-15>
- <http://www.nationaladvocacycampaign.org>
- <https://www.nadsp.org>

Southeast Region Dental Coalition

Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC) is collaborating with Keystone First, the largest Medicaid Managed Care Organization in SEPA, with the sole purpose of increasing oral health access and utilization for plan members with intellectual, physical, or behavioral disabilities. As a leader in oral health solutions for some of the most challenged populations, Keystone First has created **Southeast Region Dental Coalition** as an all-inclusive workgroup aiming to impact the lives of the entire disabled community, regardless of health plan membership.



The **Dental Coalition** of Southeastern Pennsylvania is a collection of thought leaders, influencers, providers, and advocates with strong ties to the oral health industry and disabled community. These individuals share a common bond in eliminating some of the barriers to oral health care for those with intellectual, physical, and behavior disabilities in SEPA.

The **SEPA Dental Coalition** aims to:

- Clearly identify barriers of outreach to the disabled population
- Share best practices and success methods
- Develop opportunities to improve the healthcare of the disabled population
- Maintain the mantra of *Nothing About Us Without Us*

For more information about the Coalition or to get involved, please contact Melissa DiSipio at: mdisipio@pmhcc.org

Dental Options

Recently PCHC was made aware that a dental practice that many agencies had been going to for services was closing. As a result of this closure, we received a multitude of requests for providers in the area that cater to our population. If you are one of the providers impacted by the closing of this dental practice, here are some options provided below:



North Penn Dental Arts, Family Dentistry/Anesthesia (*Medicaid not accepted*)
570 Sumneytown Pike, Lansdale, PA 19446
(215) 361-2040 • <https://www.sedationdentistphiladelphia.com/>

Doc Bresler's Cavity Busters (*Medicaid not accepted*)
4659 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA 19073
(215) 483-6633 • <https://www.cavitybusters.com/index.php>

Special Smiles - accepts Medicaid
2301 E Allegheny Ave #202, Philadelphia, PA 19134
(215) 639-6250 • <https://www.specialsmiles1td.com/>

Special Touch Dentistry serving adults with special needs, a subsidiary of Doc Bresler's Cavity Busters
Red Lion Surgicenter, 240 Geiger Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19115
(215) 508-4200 • <https://www.specialtouchdentistry.com/>

Comfort Family DentalCare
845 West Chester Pike, West Chester, PA 19382
(610) 738-8866 • <http://www.dryadental.com/home.html>

PCHC Training Topics for 2018/2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
10/16/18	9:30am-12:00pm	MCIU	Trauma Informed Care
10/18/18	9:00am-3:00pm	Giant WG	Dysphagia Train the Trainer/Nurses
11/8/18	10:00am-3:00pm	MCIU	Supporting Healthy Aging
11/20/18	9:30am-2:30pm	DCIU	Fatal Four
12/18/18	9:30am-12:00pm	DCIU	Adaptive Equip & Communication Devices
12/18/18	1:00pm-3:00pm	DCIU	Sexuality

Announcements

Regional Nurse Network Meetings

An opportunity for developmental disabilities nursing education and discussion. Please contact Patty Graves at pgraves@pmhcc.org if you would like to join our email list or have changed your e-mail contact information or have.

January 11, 2019
April 12, 2019
July 12, 2019
October 11, 2019

Special Needs Unit (SNU) Meetings

Please contact Brieana Downs at bdowns@pmhcc.org for more information about the SNU Meetings or to be added to the SNU Meeting list.

October 17, 2018
January 16, 2019
April 17, 2019
July 17, 2019



Please watch for upcoming topics in our Health Care Alerts and on the [PCHC website](http://www.pchc.org)



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