

TCLE UPDATES

The Center for Life Enrichment

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Executive Director Report

Thank You!

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the parent night on August 31, 2016. Our goal was to provide families with general information concerning the transition into an employment first/ community based program. We focused on three areas that will be changing: The IP process, transportation

Our "TCLE TEAM" is very excited about taking on the challenges as we enter into this new era. Our vision will focus on providing quality services that will be promoting more community presence. Each individual will have that opportunity to explore and experience a variety of activities.

Upcoming dates: TCLE's annual golf tournament will be held on September 30, 2016 at Wicomico Golf Course. A big thank you goes to Laurie Dorsey for organizing this event!!

changes, and the sub-minimum wage certificate. In the very near future we will share any updates relating to the above topics.

In November of 2016, a number of TLCE staff will be attending a MACs Conference. This conference will offer an update on the Final Rule and the regulation changes that will follow. We will keep everyone up to date.

Whether the experience is in the seeking out employment, taking part in recreational events or volunteering, our vision is to support their future. It will be up to team member's responsibility to identify goals and to work together in making dreams come true.

TCLE's Vision



Vision:

To provide individuals we support with access to community opportunities to the same degree as individuals without disabilities

- **Life Choices**
- **Employment (Competitive and Integrated)**
- **Recreation and Leisure activities**
- **Companions**

Transition Experience:

As we move forward, understand that we may hit a bump or two in the road. When this happens, we will address the issue, and move forward. In order to be successful the goal will be to maintain an open line of communication.

Accomplishments and New Hires

Please help me welcome our new staff members- Joining our family: Amber Burch (working in our day program) Leslene Morgan (transportation Calvert),

Shawni Evans (Pals Program), Donja Fowler (Office Staff) and Larissa Zook (Personal Supports).

Remember to visit our website: we have a section for Participants and Families- this section provides up to date information and current events.

(Website www.tcle.org) – Currently our fundraising efforts are going towards the purchasing of additional vehicles for transporting individuals to and from work and community activities.

FYI:

Currently, TLCE has 19% of our participants holding paid jobs within the community. These are individuals working a minimum of 20 hours per week 5 days per week. And out of these participants- 25% are using public transportation to assist them in work as well as meeting their social needs.

We will continue to gather data to show our success in our movement!!

Visit our Website at www.tcle.org

Congratulations to the Entire TCLE Staff- We will be recognizing Direct Support Week starting September 12th thru the 16th. We have a few activities plan this week- we'll keep you posted....Enjoy this great weather!

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If you know of any community organizations that might need help contact us!

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