

CONCERN CONNECTIONS

A Weekly Publication

Week of July 11, 2022

Together, we connect!

Staff Inspirations - Your Forum to Inspire

"Don't limit yourself. Many people limit themselves to what they think they can do. You can go as far as your mind lets you. What you believe, remember, you can achieve."

— Mary Kay Ash

Congratulations!

- Congratulations to **Althea Moyer**, Greater Berks (Lehigh Valley) Office Case Aide, who celebrated ten years with CONCERN yesterday, Sunday, July 10, 2022.
- Congratulations to **Tara Shedd**, Northeastern Region Behavioral Health Regional Manager, who will celebrate ten years with CONCERN on Saturday, July 9, 2022.

Welcome Aboard

- We welcome **Sheena Barnes**, as a Clinical Therapist in the Outpatient Program, based out of the Towanda CBHS location.

July PTOs

<u>STAFF PTO</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>SUPERVISOR</u>
Carri Prior	7/15, 7/25	Gordon May
Tracy Cote	7/25 – 7/29	Melanie Fritch
Jennifer Peters	7/11	Tanya Jones
Tanya Jones	7/11 – 7/15	Gordon May
Tricia Reedy Jones	7/11 – 7/15	Gordon May
Mary Szychowski	7/11, 7/15, 7/18, 7/22, 7/25, 7/29	Scott Lubsinki
Veronica Cook	7/12, 7/15, 7/25	Shannon Coscia
Shannon Coscia	7/14, 7/15, 7/27 – 7/29	Glenn Miller
Gail Machemer	7/14, 7/15	Kassie Irwin
Sue Fritch	7/15 – 7/22	Melania Fritch
Jeff Fritch	7/18 – 7/22	Scott Lubinski
Tyeshia Clark	7/25, 7/28, 7/29	Kassie Irwin

Agency-Wide Meetings

Behavioral Health	Monday, 7/11/22	11:00 – 1:00
PQI Committee	Thursday, 7/14/22	9:00 – 11:00
SLT	Wednesday, 7/20/22	9:00 – 11:30

Administration News & Updates

Human Resources Happenings

CONCERN Positions Available in SharePoint [\[HERE\]](#)

Development & Marketing - Raising Dollars & Awareness

It's time to begin planning for the Fall 2022 Bingo. The first committee meeting will be held on July 28th at 2:00 PM via Teams. Please contact either Jane Zettlemoyer or Tricia Reedy Jones if you wish to help plan this upcoming event. Bingo is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2022.

Social Services News & Updates

REVISED FORM - Foster Parent:

AFCARS Foster Parent Information

CONCERN received an email from Elaine Kita, Northampton County Children Youth and Families Division. The email read as follows:

[Due to recent AFCARS changes we now need to know if your foster parents have any Tribal Affiliation, if so which one. Please include this on your forms.](#)

Due to this request, I have added the following questions to CONCERN's AFCARS Foster Parent Information form: Does the foster caretaker have any Tribal Affiliation? If so, which Tribe? _____

NOTE: The AFCARS – Lackawanna County OYFS – Placement Provider Demographic Form found on SharePoint at AFCARS - Lackawanna County OYFS - Placement Provider Demographic Form.docx is a form that came directly from Lackawanna County – it is specific to caregivers of placements from Lackawanna County. I was unable to add these questions to the Lackawanna County form because they have the form locked with a password; therefore, we will need to wait to receive the revised form from Lackawanna to replace on SharePoint.

Compliance & Quality - News You Can Use

From the Director of Quality Assurance:

FALSE CLAIMS ACT (FCA) - a company is prohibited from discharging, demoting, suspending, threatening, harassing or discriminating against any employee because of lawful acts done by the employee on behalf of the employer because the employee testifies or assists in an investigation of the employer.

Requires 1. Written policies for all employees and contractors that provide detailed information about the FCA, 2. Outline administrative remedies for false claims and statements, and 3. Educate employees about Whistleblower protection

POI stands for Performance and Quality Improvement:

July is when we will be collecting the data for Q4 reporting for the PQI Quarterly/Annual Report. In addition, we will be working on completing all the client file reviews that will also be reported on in the PQI Quarterly/Annual Report. So it will be a busy month for data, collection tools and file review forms. Thanks to all the staff who contribute to this effort.

Cheryl Reeling
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Weekly Wellness Tips



NATIONAL CHEER UP THE LONELY DAY

Each year on July 11th, people across the United States make a special effort to give someone a lift on National Cheer up the Lonely Day.

If you know someone who is lonely or going through a difficult time, be a bright spot in their life with a little extra thoughtfulness today. Whether their loneliness is due to health issues, financial reasons, grief due to loss or personal reasons, isolation can be overwhelming. Use this day as a reminder to contact those people in your life who need a little extra love and attention. Your small act of kindness can make a big difference to them. One word or special consideration may brighten their world at just the right moment.

Around Regions

Northeast Office –Time is running out to purchase your Christmas in July 50/50 Raffle! Contact Sharon Symuleski at ssymuleski@concern4kids.org to get your tickets today!

Christmas in July 50/50 Raffle

Proceeds benefit children in care through
CONCERN's Northeast Office.

Drawing on 7/25/2022

Ticket Price - \$1



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