

ADULT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Calendar

February:

- 18 - Closed - President's Day
- 25 - Karaoke

March:

- 20 - Early Dismissal - 1:00 p.m.
- 21 - Closed - Marimor Industries
- 24 - Closed - In-Service
- 31 - Karaoke

April:

- 28 - Karaoke

Direct Deposit

Some of you may not be aware, but stolen and lost checks have become quite a problem for our business. Also, many people have requested direct deposit for their Marimor checks over the last five years. We have investigated this thoroughly and have determined that in order to be cost effective we need to have 100% participation. That is why it is mandatory that beginning the first payroll in May we will be direct depositing all client paychecks. We have a large amount of Authorization Agreements returned already; however there are some of you who haven't yet returned these agreements. PLEASE help us make this change as effectively as possible. If you talk to anyone who has direct deposit, it is a welcome service.



Production/Marketing Update

During January, our work in-house has kept everyone very busy. Several of the jobs were ones that EVERYONE was able to do.

We had the following jobs:

- Apex bags
- Toledo Molding & Die (We've bid on many jobs for this company over the years, and we're now doing consistent work for them, keeping many clients busy.)
- International Brake
- Dana Corp.
- Cornerstone Harvest Church
- Lima Beane Chorus

Shredding contracts also continue to pour in.

Mary Ann Brown Birthday Bash

On February 29th, Mary Ann Brown will be having a milestone birthday. As most of you know, Mary Ann was very instrumental most of the early services for individuals with mental retardation in Allen County, including starting Robin Rogers School (the first Ohio School for individuals with MR/DD). Mary Ann was named the first executive director for The Association for Retarded Citizens in 1974 and started Camp Robin Rogers, the Mary Ann Brown Residential Facility, and getting group homes and HUD homes established in Allen County. Mary Ann is presently employed at IHS and works with individuals in their residential settings and continues to be a strong advocate for many individuals with disabilities.

In honor of Mary Ann's Birthday, staff from IHS and ACBMRDD will be hosting an Open House on February 15th at the Marimor School gymnasium from 1-3. We are having a card shower for Mary Ann, so bring birthday cards when you come. Also, we are putting together a scrapbook to honor her efforts in our field. If you have pictures or would like to write a letter or memories to put in the scrapbook, either bring them or send them in to Angie Herzog, or bring them with you to the Open House.

W 2's

The W2 forms were mailed out this week, so be looking for yours.



Accreditation

In March, the accreditation team of the Ohio Department of MRDD will be at our agency reviewing our files and our practices. We've spent time doing our own self-assessment, and feel that this accreditation process will be relatively painless. In 2005, our agency received a 3 year accreditation from the Ohio Department of MRDD.