

In an effort to compile information and keep you informed, we will be sending you a newsletter on a regular basis. Please feel free to offer your suggestions on what you'd like to see included. Any suggestions or comments may be submitted to mwobbecke@knoxdd.com or 740-397-4621.

2nd Annual Provider Recognition Picnic
June 3, 2010
6:00 PM
Riverside Park Pavilion

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of the hard work and dedication you put forth each day to make the world a better place for individuals living with disabilities. We are delighted to serve you dinner (picnic style) followed by a brief provider meeting. Please RSVP for yourself and/or your staff to Sharon Beck at sbeck@knoxdd.com or 740-397-4656.

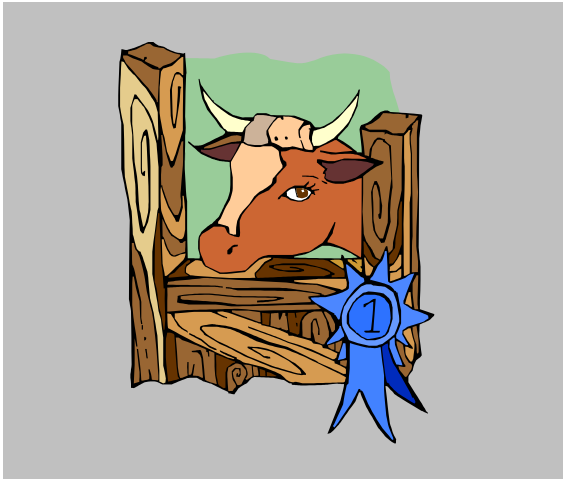
Positive Culture Training
June 29, 2010
9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
Cost: Free to all Knox County Providers

You won't want to miss this excellent training on how to promote a positive culture for the individuals you serve! Presented by Willie Jones, MEORC, at the Knox County Educational Service Center Room 28. Space is limited so please register yourself and/or your staff by submitting an RSVP to Sharon Beck at sbeck@knoxdd.com or 740-397-4656. Lunch will be on your own.



FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

KCBDD is creating a Five Year Strategic Plan, and we want to hear from you. As a provider you have a unique insight into our programs and their impact on individuals we serve. We need your help in identifying what our strengths are and what areas we should plan to work on over the next 5 years. Please be on the lookout for an e-mail coming to you later this month. It will contain a link for an online survey that you will be able to fill out anonymously. We want you to feel secure in giving us your honest feedback. A limited number of paper copies of the survey will also be available at the front desk of our administrative office. Your prompt participation will help us better plan for the future of Knox County's developmental disability community.



KNOX COUNTY FAIR

The fair is fast approaching and as always we welcome your help in having a smiling face greeting community members at our booth during fair hours. We will have afternoon or evening shifts available once again (12 pm-4 pm or 4 pm-8 pm). Admission is free for the day you work our booth and you are welcome to stay after your shift to enjoy the festivities or arrange in advance to get in and enjoy some fair time before your shift begins. We always have great promotional items that will help bring people to the table so you can connect them to resources and we will provide you with a t-shirt to wear. Please plan ahead and let us know when you will be available to represent the DD community. Please contact Andrea McKay at aperry@knoxdd.com or 740-263-1034.

MARKETING ON THE INTERNET

The internet is a powerful tool in marketing merchandise these days. Two-thirds of American internet users say they have purchased a product online. KCBDD would like to further the opportunity for individuals with disabilities to earn income through their creative work by supporting the creation of a “webshop” where the work of all Knox County’s individuals with disabilities is displayed along with prices, descriptions and information about the artist. We see a lot of potential to create a convenient way for the community to purchase unique handmade goods that support the independence of people with disabilities. Using the internet to display these products will expand the potential customers individuals can reach! But we need your input and participation to make it successful! What capabilities do you have to capture images of artists and their work? Do you have the technology and the know-how to send information through e-mail or upload it to a website if you were given directions? How would you prefer people who want to purchase goods, pay for the items and receive them? Please take a moment to fill our survey to help us begin the process of creating a webshop: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HPPNRNG>. For questions, concerns or ideas, please contact Andrea McKay at aperry@knoxdd.com or 740-263-1034.



2010 Provider Meetings

Independent – September 2nd and December 9th at 6:00 PM

Agency – September 9th and December 9th at 10:00 AM

A friendly reminder: Please be sure to include your provider ID# on all of your documentation sheets.