

# Adult Day Services

## Innovations in Learning

February 2016

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### PROGRAMMING

We hope everyone is enjoying their new year thus far! We have a very eventful year ahead of us and we are very excited about it! First, we would like to welcome our two new staff members; Porshca Goffin and Reginald Fuller. Porshca is our new ADI in the Leap classroom and Reginald is our new afternoon driver, taking over Tiffanie's route. Welcome and we are excited to have you on board.

February is National Heart Month. On Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Kathy, from the Hammond Working Well clinic, will be joining us to show the clients how to take their blood pressure. We will also be learning about the importance of keeping our hearts healthy and what we can do to stay healthy.

Each classroom will be having a Valentine's Day party. The party will be on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm. Each classroom will be making and exchanging Valentine's, sharing treats, playing games, and making a craft during this time. Please feel free to send in any goodies that you would like to share with your classroom. Innovations will provide the drinks and plastic ware.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Last year in February, every classroom painted and decorated a chair. The chairs were then put on display at the Indiana Welcome Center in Highland and auctioned off in April; the money goes towards Prevent Child Abuse Awareness. We are excited to be participating again this year!

Innovation's and the Growing Piece are working together to make special holiday cards. Forms to order Valentine's Day cards were sent home the last week of January, so if you are interested in purchasing any cards specially made by our clients, please send the order form in as soon as possible.

Our Stride classroom has been volunteering at Brookdale Nursing Home. This month they will be decorating bags and next month they will be filling the bags with toiletries and passing them out to the homeless. If you have anything that you would like to donate you can send it in or give it to Tiffany C. Items we are looking for are washcloths, soap shampoo/conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, band aids, Q-tips, cotton balls, and any other items you think of would be appreciated!

You may now access your newsletter on the Innovations' website. Please visit [www.innovationsinlearning.net](http://www.innovationsinlearning.net)

Parking Reminder: Please remember to enter the parking lot from the west (far back) entrance and exit nearest the building.

We want everyone to stay safe!

### STAFFING

**Stride:** Jacqui (Lead), Stacey

**Shine:** Todd (Co-lead), Michele (Co-Lead), Dawn

**Leap:** Tiffanie (Lead), Kate, Porshca, David

**Life:** Kasey (Lead), Heather, Michelle, Vicky

### COMMUNITY HABILITATION

*Please note your outing day. If you need to arrive late or leave early on that scheduled outing day, please speak with Stacey Shrewsbury or Tiffany Cochran to make arrangements in advance.*

Please remember that cooler weather is upon us. Please assure clients are dressed for the weather.

#### Life: Monday

02/01: Library

02/08: : Mall walking at Westfield Mall (Bring money if you would like to buy something)

02/15: Bowling (\$5.00 due by 2/12)

02/22: Library

02/29: No outing today

#### Stride: Tuesday

02/02 Volunteering at Brookdale nursing home

02/09: Mall walking at Westfield mall (Bring money if you would like to buy something)

02/16: Marketing for Growing Piece (Going to local businesses in Griffith)

02/23: Marketing for Growing Piece (Going to local businesses in Dyer)

#### Shine: Wednesday

02/03: Shopping at Walmart

02/10: Movies (\$10.00 due by the 02/8)

02/17: Porter County Animal Shelter

02/24: Mall walking at Westfield Mall (bring money if you would like to buy something)

#### Leap: Thursday

02/04: Library

02/11: Mall walking at Westfield Mall (bring money if you would like to buy something)

2/18: Porter County Animal Shelter

02/25: Movies (\$10.00 due by 2/22)



*Just a reminder to label your belongings so that we know who to return lost items to.*

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