

Upcoming Events

FFTA 2017 Fall Conference
 Recruitment and Retention of
 Foster Parents
 October 10, 2017
 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
 4600 Emperor Blvd, Durham
 NC 27703

Durham Office
 #2 Consultant Place
 Durham, NC 27703
 919-419-0043

Oxford Office
 903 Williamsboro St
 Oxford, NC 27565
 919-693-5699

Roanoke Rapids Office
 527 Becker Drive
 Roanoke Rapids, NC 27870
 252-519-0801



FYI.....

*AMCS/AMS will be closed
 in observance of Labor Day
 September 4th, 2017

Alpha Management Times

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It is almost back to school time. Alpha Management donated school supplies to the children in our Foster Care Program.



Interesting Fact

.....Did you know of all the schools in the world, the largest is in India. It is called the City Montessori School and it has over 32,000 students?

Did you know that Susan B Anthony's birthday is observed in CA, FL, NY and WI on February 15th?

WELCOME

OUR NEW OFFICE STAFF

Jennifer Boretti & Anzella Tunston- Foster Care Coordinators in our Oxford Office &

Stephanie Cotton- Qualified Professional in our Durham Office.

Sandra Reddish- Welcome back to assist us in the Licensing Department!

Also, a warm welcome to all of our new Foster Parents and Paraprofessionals, we could not do it without you!

***** *AMCS(Foster Care) Highlight******

An Overview of NC's Foster Care 18 to 21 Program:

Legal Basis: This program stems from the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (H.R. 6893/P.L. 110-351). In October 2015, the NC General Assembly revised statutes to extend foster care benefits and services to young adult's ages 18 to 21. The following statutes apply to Foster Care 18 to 21 Services:

http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_108A/GS_108A-48.pdf

http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_131D/GS_131D-10.2B/pdf

http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/PDF/BySection/Chapter_7B/GS_7B-910.1.pdf

Program Eligibility: An individual who has reached 18 years of age but is not yet 21 years of age, and was in foster care upon his/her 18th birthday, may receive foster care services if the individual is: Enrolled in secondary education; or Enrolled in postsecondary or vocational education; or Participating in a program or activity designed to promote or remove barriers to employment; or Employed for at least 80 hours per month; or Incapable of completing the educational or employment requirements due to a medical condition or a disability.

***** *AMS(ID/DD) Highlights******



Autism Society
of NORTH CAROLINA

Autism Basics: Core Features and Evidence-Based Strategies

Free clinical workshop for families and professionals presented by Ryan Sayre, MA, LPC, BCBA, ASNC Clinical Professional.

Workshop objectives:

- To briefly review core features of Autism Spectrum Disorder
- To understand the definition and importance of evidence-based strategies
- To identify evidence-based strategies that are responsive to the core features of Autism Spectrum Disorder

For more information, contact Ryan Sayre, MA, LPC, BCBA, Clinical Professional, at rsayre@autismsociety-nc.org.

Please register by Sept. 7.

BE IN THE KNOW:

Performance Quality Improvement Minutes (PQI) Review:

Our Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Committee met on 7/7/17. This was the last meeting for the fiscal year July 1st, 2016-June 30th 2017. The Committee discussed the amount of satisfaction surveys that were received, discussed a new template format that one of our MCOs was encouraging us to use. We took time to discuss the denials for both agencies to determine what we can do differently to ensure that we do not continue to receive billing denials. The committee revisited the social media sites and website. We needed one more platform to get information out to people that may be hard of seeing or cannot read and we discussed having a phone tree. This phone tree would go over pertinent information for both agencies as well as the newsletter. The Corporate Compliance Officer came in to discuss the LEIE (List of Excluded Individuals and Entities from the Office of the Inspector General. We reviewed the projects and determined that we would continue them through the next fiscal year.

After the PQI committee adjourned there was a Safety/Client Rights meeting.

***DHHS Shares Detailed Design for Medicaid Managed Care; Public Input is Welcome: The Department of Health and Human Services has released a detailed proposed program design for transforming the state Medicaid and NC Health Choice programs to managed care. DHHS issued its proposed program design to ensure stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on managed care specifics. Comments are being accepted through Sept. 8, 2017.**

How to Submit Comments: Email
Medicaid.Transformation@dhhs.nc.gov



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