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JULY 2018



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This month we will draw two winners at random, each will receive a \$50 gift card for pizza.

Winners will be announced in the August newsletter.



*Congratulations Shenell Spurlin!
June winner of the StubHub
gift card.*

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- Have a question about your child's special education program.
- Would like information about your child's disability.
- Need help finding resources.
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Dinosauria @ the Detroit Zoo

<https://detroitzoo.org/events/zoo-events/dinosauria/>

May 25 - September 3

More than 40 lifelike animatronic dinosaurs that snarl and move – and some that spit – will provide a mega-dose of Vitamin Z this summer. *Dinosauria* is the largest dinosaur exhibit of its kind in the country.

Enter a veritable “Zoorassic World” as you travel back in time along a lush, winding, 3-acre DinoTrail recreating prehistoric life. Enormous primeval creatures lurk at every turn.

- Open daily at 9:30 a.m. through September 3
- Tickets are \$6 with Zoo admission for visitors ages 2 and older



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Caregiver Milestone Anniversaries

We would like to recognize
and congratulate the following
Caregivers for reaching a
milestone anniversary in June.



5 Years



Crystal Borden

Melissa Redmon

10 years:

Freda Czech

Donna Fecteau

Thank you for demonstrating
a continued commitment to
ExpertCare and the clients we
service. You make a difference!



SUMMER SCHEDULE

Caregivers, if you're going to be open for more hours during the summer please be sure to let us know. There may be a consumer family who will be looking for additional staff during the summer months. Make sure to contact a Staffing Consultant so we can assist you with your availability.

Consumer families, it's best to plan ahead if you know you will have additional staffing needs. Please contact your Staffing Consultant today to discuss your needs and/or schedule changes.



Pirates Beach Funday @ Holly Township Beach 7/26/18

<http://hollyparks.org/beach-fun-day1.html>

Come celebrate with us as Pirates at the Holly Township Beach (501 Thomas Street) for Beach Fun Day July 26th from 12 to 3pm!

There will be events and activities, such as races, dancing, limbo, and more! Those that purchase tickets beforehand will also be provided a lunch.

Tickets can be purchased at either the township beach or our office at 5142 East Holly Road . Tickets will be \$6 each.



Free Public Planetarium Shows

Free public planetarium shows are held most Fridays at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. 2/3 of our 60 seats may be reserved using Eventbrite beginning at noon the Sunday before the show. The other 20 tickets will be available at the door for walk-ins. Ticketed guests that are not at the planetarium 10 minutes before show time will have their seats released to walk-in guests.



Free Young Astronomer shows are offered one Saturday morning per month. These shows are geared towards children under 10 and their families. The WSU Planetarium is located at 4841 Cass Avenue in the Old Main Building - the building with the clock tower - at the corner of Cass and Warren Avenues on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Enter the Old Main Building on the Cass Avenue entrance, go down the stairs and walk straight ahead. You will see our beautiful wall murals and the double doors of our Planetarium on your right, Room 0209!

Kiwanis Kid's Day at the Farm

Kiwanis Entertainment & Food FREE

MetroPark Entry Fee: \$10 per vehicle

@ Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center

Saturday, July 28, 2018 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Activities:

- Fishing
- Hayrides
- Bounce House
- Craft Table
- Clowns
- Face Painting
- Games
- Bicycle Drawing



Food:

- Beverages
- Popcorn
- Cotton Candy
- Hot Dogs & Chicken Tacos



Free commemorative T-Shirts
for first 300 children

Pre-Registration:

– parking limited to 300 vehicles:
<https://bit.ly/2pD09eL>

Ray Township Fire Department,
Sheriff Department, and State Police
Trout Fishing: 2nd Chance Fishing Adventures

Co-Hosts: Kiwanis Clubs of Lac Ste Claire and Utica-Shelby Township
Sponsors:

Kiwanis Club of Shelby Golden K
Del Taco Team Schostak Family Restaurants – Roseville;
Tim's Bike Shop in St. Clair Shores; Ron Frederick, Councilmen

Visit us on Facebook: 2018 Kid's Day at the Farm

For More Information, contact:

Bryan Mazey - 586-255-6616
Kiwanis Club of Lac Ste Claire – or –
Linda-Ann Heldt, UticaKiwanis@gmail.com
Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township

Event located at:

Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center
65755 Wolcott Road
Ray, MI 48096



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KIDS FISHING



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Kids can learn how to fish! No experience or
equipment is required. Poles, bait and everything
needed is provided to make this a day of fun.

Refreshments provided.

Prizes awarded for "First Caught & Biggest Fish".

Let us know at time of
registration if you will need equipment - limited to 60,
so register early. Rain or shine. Children up to 14 yrs.

(4712) Sat, Jul 14 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Addison Oaks Park



Sponsored by: Kiwanis Club &
Second Chance Fishing Adventures

18th Annual

**FREE
EVENT**

Kid's Day at River Bends Park

Wednesday, July 18

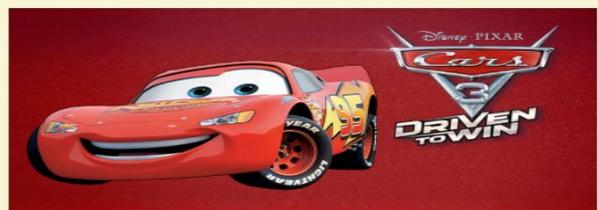
Activities at 6:30 pm

Games, Bouncers, Climbing Wall, and more hosted by the
Shelby Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Department



Movie featuring "Cars 3" at 8:00 pm

On a Giant LED Screen provided by:



Call 586-731-0300 for more information

SAVE THESE DATES!

DIA off site Drop In Workshops in Wayne county

2018 GM Detroit River Days -

Rivard Plaza

Activity: Great Lakes Wildlife Puppets

Fri. 6/22 – Sun., 6/24, 12 PM – 7 PM

Trenton Summer Festival -

Near Trenton City Hall

Activity: Sistrums

Fri. 6/22 – Sun., 6/24, 10 AM – 5 PM

IKEA: Summer Celebration -

IKEA Canton

Activity: Luminaries

Thurs., 6/28, 10 AM – 5 PM

Downtown Days -

Downtown Wayne, Near Knights of Columbus

Activity: Uchiwa

Thurs. 7/12 - Fri. 7/13 11 AM - 4PM,

Sat. 7/14 10 AM - 2 PM

Art in the Park -

Plymouth, Kellogg Park

Activity: Rhythmic Ribbon Batons

Fri., 7/13 12 PM – 7 PM, Sat. 7/14 11 AM – 6 PM,

Sun. 7/15 10 AM – 5 PM

Detroit Kite Festival -

Belle Isle State Park,

Cricket Field near Belle Isle Casino

Activity: Trefoil kites

Sun. 7/15, 10 AM – 6 PM

Splash Party & Family Activities and

STAY Fit for Health 3K & 5K Run & Walk -

Rouge Park, Brennan Pool area

Activity: Creature Marionettes

Fri. 7/20 12:30 PM – 7:30 PM,

Sat. 7/21 8 AM – 12 PM

Maker Faire Detroit -

The Henry Ford Museum

Activity: Wrist & Ankle Rattles

Sat. 7/28 – Sun. 7/29, 10 AM – 5 PM

Dearborn Homecoming 2018 -

Near Ford Field Park

Activity: Paper Flowers

Fri. 8/3 12 PM – 5 PM,

Sat. 8/4 – Sun. 8/5 11 AM – 6 PM

Belle Isle Art Fair -

Belle Isle State Park,

Near James Scott Memorial Fountain

Activity: Tibetan Prayer Flags

Sat. 8/4 10 AM – 5 PM, Sun. 8/5 11 AM – 5 PM

Sounds in Downtown -

Romulus Historical Park

Activity: Container Rattles

Fri. 8/24, 6 PM – 9 PM

Focus: HOPE "Detroit for Real" -

Focus: HOPE on Oakman Blvd.

Sat., 9/15



Conflict Management In Special Education



When planning for children with special needs, it is crucial that IEP team meetings go well. This highly interactive workshop is designed to impart skills that help the IEP team effectively manage conflict prior to, during and after IEP meetings. This workshop is ideal for any school staff person working in special education or parent who is involved in the IEP process.

By the end of this training, participants will be able to:

- 1) Identify the various conflict management styles and how they can be used in dealing with conflict.
- 2) Interpret nonverbal communication effectively to understand the messages being conveyed.
- 3) Listen effectively using the five critical active listening skills.
- 4) Use effective questioning to help clarify, identify issues and provide new insight or meanings.
- 5) Identify which phrases or words can cause a negative reaction and which phrases or words can create a positive reaction.
- 6) Apply preventative strategies that can alleviate issues that arise during the IEP meeting.

Dates:

- Friday, June 29, 2018 ~ 830 am - 1230pm
- Tuesday, September 4, 2018 ~ 1pm to 5pm
- Monday, July 9, 2018 ~ 1pm to 5pm
- Tuesday, October 9, 2018 ~ 830am to 1230pm
- Tuesday, August 11, 2018 ~ 1pm to 5pm

Registration Information:

Participants can register at www.mediation-omc.org

Cost:

FREE for both public and private workshops.

Questions:

Contact Ashley Turner, Mediation Specialist, aturner@mediation-omc.org or 248.338.4280 ext. 211

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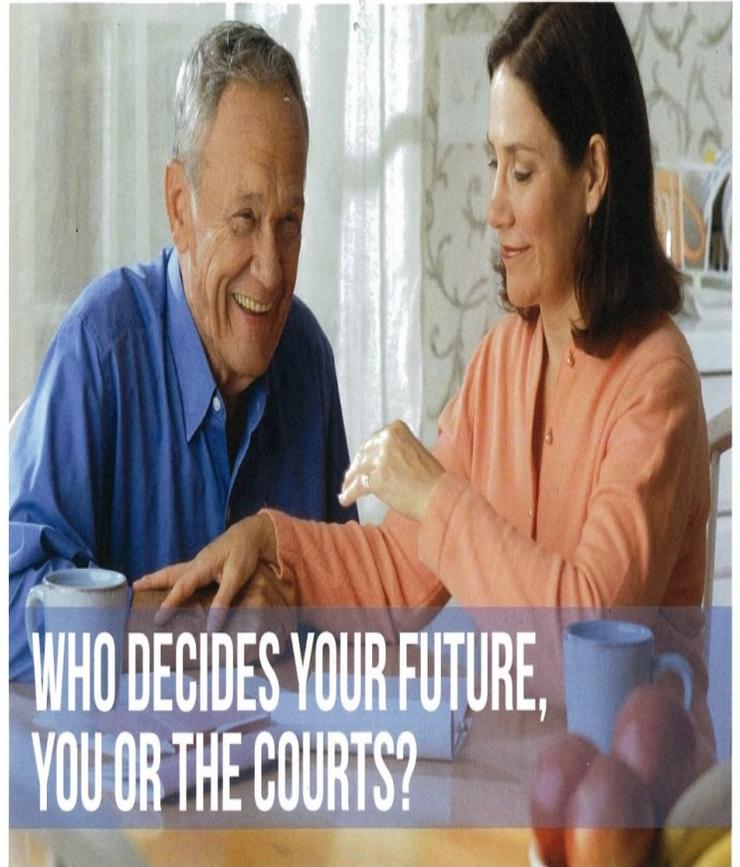
Recipient Rights Corner

ExpertCare would like to first thank you for providing the highest quality care to your Recipient. ExpertCare wants to ensure the safety of our Recipients and continue to give you the tools to provide safe, quality care and wellbeing. Below are incidents that resulted in Recipient Rights violations. Please review the following Rights reminders to prevent further violations.

⇒ While providing services, all Caregivers must ensure they are following the Michigan Mental Health code- Suitable Services. All Recipients shall receive services suited to his/her condition. This can include but not limited to, treatment in the correct environment and the right setting for services. For example, Caregivers may not bring Recipients to their place of residence or have individuals with them while working with the Recipient. Caregivers cannot have family members, visitors, friends or pets at a Recipient's home. Caregivers are the only one allowed on the premises.

⇒ All Caregivers must follow the MCO Policy 9-780 Property and Funds. MCO Policy 9-780 states "Employees, volunteers, and agents of a MCCMH network provider shall not: 1. Exploit their relationships with recipients for personal advantage; 2. Accept money, goods, services, or other non-monetary remuneration from a recipient or on behalf of a recipient, accept for service fees paid to a MCCMH network provider for mental health services; 3. Enter into business transactions with recipients or legal guardians of recipients". An example of this violation would be if a Caregiver accepted money or requested reimbursement from the recipient/family for gas. Caregivers may not borrow money or accept money/gifts from the recipient/ recipient's family.

When providing care to a Recipient there are many rules that need to be followed and at times these can be difficult to remember. If you have questions or concerns about your case or do not fully understand the IPOS, please call ExpertCare. We are here to help you better understand the Recipient's Rights before it becomes a violation. We appreciate your attention to this matter. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact ExpertCare at (248) 643-8900.



JOIN US FOR A FREE WORKSHOP HOW TO AVOID GUARDIANSHIP THURSDAY, JUNE 28 | 6-7PM

Light Dinner Provided
RSVP Required

Facilitated by Attorney Katy Graham, Neighborhood Legal Services

Please join us in learning what you need to know about guardianship and conservatorship. Sadly, what you do not know can be harmful to you, your family and your aging loved one. Guardianship and Conservatorship are court proceedings in which a person may be stripped of all of their rights to handle their own affairs. This event will be a discussion about how to safely plan for your future and make sure it's in your hands.

To attend, please RSVP BY June 27 by calling 313.833.1210 or email rvenable@hannan.org.

LOCATION:
HANNAN CENTER
4750 WOODWARD AVE. DETROIT, MI 48201
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**SATURDAY,
JULY 14, 2018**

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,
CLINTON TWP, MICHIGAN**

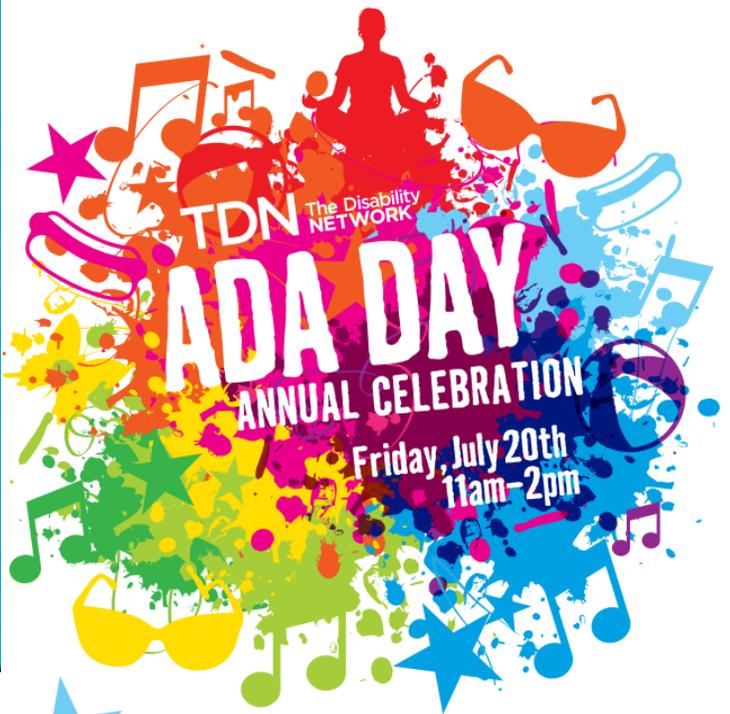
GREAT LAKES COMIC EXPO

**\$3 GENERAL
ADMISSION
11AM - 4PM**

**\$5 EARLY BIRD
ADMISSION
@ 10AM**

**COMIC BOOKS,
TOYS, & COLLECTIBLES**

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Location: Powers Catholic High School
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Registration: pre-register by calling
Lisa at: 810-244-3289 or sign up on our
Facebook page

To Volunteer, please call TDN at:
810-742-1800

- **Free Food and Beverages**
- **Music and Dancing**
- **Face Painting**
- **Carnival Games**
- **New this year:** Group fitness, yoga and mindfulness classes
- **Free T-shirt for all attendees**

www.disnetwork.org

6th Annual ZIPPITY ZOO DA DAY

All people with disabilities and their families
are invited to join us for a day of **FREE** fun!

July 26, 2018

10 am – 4 pm

**At the
Saginaw Children's Zoo**

**1730 S. Washington Ave
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"Free Yoga in the Park"

(In Beautiful Downtown New Baltimore near the boat docks)
Every Sunday** June 3rd through September 30th

11:00 am to Noon

**No classes held: June 24th (Bay-a-Rama)

September 2nd (Art on the Bay) or

Sept Classic Car Show (TBD)

Sponsored by Santosha Yoga & The New Baltimore
Farmer's Market

**Dress comfortably! Bring a mat, a large towel or blanket,
sunscreen and water to drink.**

All levels and ages welcome.

**In case of rain class will be held at the MacDonald Li-
brary at 36480 Main Street in downtown New Baltimore.**

Visit the Farmer's Market before or after!



**In lieu of a class fee, we are collecting
donations of non-perishable food
for the St. Mary Food Pantry.**

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Chesterfield, MI 48051



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SantoshaYogaMI@yahoo.com

GETTING TO KNOW THE EXPERTCARE OFFICE STAFF

We thought it would be nice to introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about each of our office staff. Each month we will feature a new interview with someone from our office.

MEET Amber Malott



ECare: What is on your bucket list?

Amber: I would love to visit South Africa! Visiting the animal sanctuaries would be a dream come true!

ECare: What is your position at ExpertCare?

Amber: I am one of the newest Staffing Consultants here at ExpertCare.

ECare: What are your job responsibilities?

Amber: As a Staffing Consultant I help identify, interview and place qualified Caregivers to work with our wonderful consumers!

ECare: How long have you been working at ExpertCare?

Amber: I have been working at ExpertCare for a little over two months.

ECare: Why do you like working for ExpertCare?

Amber: I love helping people and I could tell from the start that is what ExpertCare is all about! Whether it be our consumer families, caregivers, or another coworker in the office, everyone at ExpertCare is here to help one another succeed.

ECare: What is the most challenging part of your position?

Amber: I would say the most challenging part of my position is not having enough time in the day to complete each goal I set for myself each day. However, it is extremely rewarding knowing the number of tasks I am still able to accomplish.

ECare: What's a good piece of advice for Caregivers?

Amber: A good piece of advice I have for our caregivers would be to give themselves credit for doing the best they can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

Rosco's Picnic Palooza Series

<https://www.gomtpr.org/events/roscos-picnic-palooza-series/>

Join us this summer for our Rosco Picnic Paloozas, featuring Rosco the Clown as well as our KidZone at every event!

Each event will be held 11:30am - 1pm on the west lawn of the Recreation Center. Jets Pizza will be available for purchase.

Enjoy entertainment by Rosco and his friends, Inflatables by Bounce About Rentals, a 'toddler only' area, and a ton of other games and activities. Below is a description of each event:

July 10 Rosco & Tim Salisbury Juggler // Kids Only Yard Sale

Tim Salisbury presents a comedy variety show with hilarious stunts and lots of audience participation! Come see a 'World Class Juggler' with amazing skills! Children of all ages just love him!

"Kid's Only Yard Sale", will coincide with our Rosco Event. Sellers must pre-register, contact the Recreation Center for more information.

July 17 Rosco & Richard Paul Ventriloquist

He's that funny puppet guy! Richard mixes kid friendly comedy with life size puppets, music, magic and lots of audience participation.

July 24 Rosco's Games & Water-Fun Day

Picnic and play with Macomb's favorite clown! Wear your bathing suit for squirt zone, a giant 'Slip & Slide' inflatable and a fun Water Slide Carnival games, prizes, inflatables, balloon animals, surprises and special GUESTS: Macomb County Sheriff's Department, Macomb Township Fire Department, Freckle the Frog and much more!

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

JUNE CAREGIVER OF THE MONTH

JENNIFER BRINKMAN

ECare: Please tell our readers a little bit about yourself.

Jennifer: I am 27. I enjoy reading (mostly cute love stories). Netflix is one of my best friends. Gilmore Girls and Greys Anatomy are my weakness; I constantly watch re-runs of them. I am a huge lover of country music, cats and roller coasters. I enjoy spending time with my best friend, Krystal, and her kids.

ECare: Who inspires you?

Jennifer: The person who has inspired me the most throughout my life would have to be my grandma. She is the person I have always been able to depend on and who've I looked up to the most.

ECare: How did you become a Caregiver?

Jennifer: I have an older sister. She is the person that got me my first job as a caregiver at 18. When I first started I found it to be very overwhelming, but the more time I spent at my job I learned just how rewarding working in this field of work is. I've worked in group homes, day programs and now one-on-one. Each place I have worked has taught me something new. I love how many different people I have gotten to know and help.

ECare: What is the most rewarding part of being a Caregiver?

Jennifer: What I find to be the most rewarding part of being a caregiver is when the person you are working with accomplishes something they have struggled with. It's an amazing feeling to see/hear the excitement he/she gets from doing something you have taught and helped them with. I feel as if most people take for granted simple everyday tasks, as to where others might have been working on that same thing for years. It makes me happy knowing I help others succeed in becoming more independent. I also feel as if the people I have worked with teach me as well. They have taught me to have more patience, compassion and that it's ok to be different.

Jennifer has been with ExpertCare for almost 2 years and in that time, has made a lasting impression on the consumers she cares for.

Jennifer is constantly going above and beyond to ensure the well-being of her consumers. One consumer sent a beautiful handwritten note about how thankful she is to have Jennifer as her Caregiver. She shared how well they work together and how Jennifer has helped her improve her self-esteem and to become more independent. She stated Jennifer is the best Caregiver she has ever had.

ExpertCare wants to express their deep gratitude and appreciation for Jennifer's enthusiasm and commitment to her consumer. She is an important asset to our ExpertCare team. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in changing the lives of others.

Thank you for demonstrating *ExpertCare's* core values of:

Helping People Succeed

Passion for Success

Can Do Attitude