



MARCH GIVEAWAY



Hopefully this is your lucky month.....this month we will be giving away a new tablet!



We will draw one winner at random, make sure you read next month to find out the name of the lucky winner.

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*Congratulations to February Winners
Toni Camper & Heidi Mueller
We hope you enjoy Amazon shopping!*

W-2 UPDATE



IRS form W-2, Wage and Tax Statements have been mailed out to the mailing address we have on file for each employee.

All employees can also access their W-2 online through the PRISM HR employee portal.

You can use this link to access Prism HR: <https://seree.prismhr.com/ser>

Remember both username and passwords are case sensitive.

If you do not remember your password, you can reset it by clicking on Forgot Password. A temporary code will be sent to the email on file for you or via text.

Once you are logged-in select Payroll, and then W2 Reprint to retrieve your electronic W2.

HHA eXchange



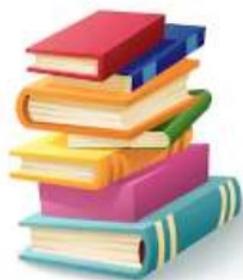
ExpertCare has exciting news; we have contracted with HHA eXchange to meet the Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) requirement and to assist caregivers with submitting timesheets and notes electronically.

HHA eXchange has a variety of different tools that empower caregivers to deliver better patient care in the home.

The HHA eXchange caregiver portal is a web-based application designed for caregivers to use on a desktop or laptop computer. Using the caregiver portal, caregivers can review and plan their schedules, interface with their agencies, request broadcasted shifts, and manage their activities.

When in the field, caregivers can switch to the HHA eXchange mobile app to continue to manage their activities. Both the caregiver portal and mobile app are synchronized; therefore, any action performed on one device (computer or smart phone) is automatically reflected on the other.

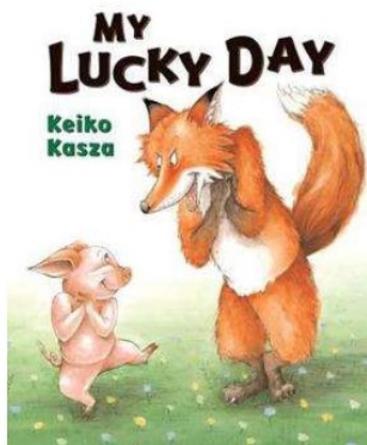
ExpertCare has begun implementing HHA and currently have around 100 field staff using the application. We will continue to roll out the new application in waves and we will be offering training and assistance with learning this new tool. We will contact each of you directly when we are ready for you to begin using the app. We'll be talking to you soon!



Disability Network
Oakland & Macomb presents:
KID'S CORNER



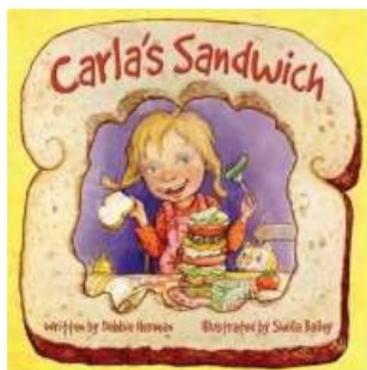
Come join DNOM's staff every Friday for a virtual book reading!!



Join us Live on ZOOM
Every FRIDAY for 6 weeks
from 12pm - 1pm
Beginning February 5th

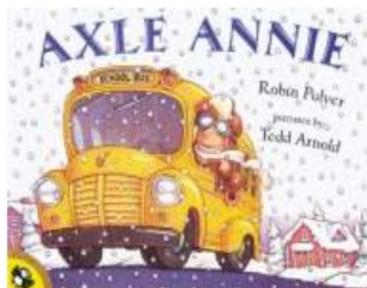
***Books are targeted for a reading level
age of 3-8 years old**

Week 1-My Lucky Day by: Keiko Kasza
Week 2 -Carla's Sandwich by: Debbie Herman
Week 3-AXLE ANNIE by: Robin Pulver
Week 4-6 TBD



**Each week we'll have story time with dress up
matching the book pick of the week
and drawings during refectation time!!**

**Participants will receive a special gift
for attending all six (6) sessions**



[CLICK HERE to REGISTER](#)

shorturl.at/gopGW

If you have any questions please contact
Jenell Williams at (248) 648-1673 or email
advocacy@dnom.org

Disability Network Oakland & Macomb is committed to promoting inclusion
for all by breaking down barriers and opening paths towards independence and
personal choice through resources, advocacy, information, support, and education





Movie/Pizza Night

March 12th and April 16th from 6:30pm-9pm

RARA Recreation
500 E Second Street, Rochester, 48307

Hosted by RARA Recreation. Enjoy a movie and a pizza snack with friends one Friday a month. This opportunity is designed to support persons with special needs. Supervised event. Ages 14+. Fee is \$13 for residents and non-residents. Register via RARAREcreation.org.



RARA Movie Night Out

March 26th and April 30th at 6pm
Imagine Theatre Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle, Rochester Hills

Hosted by RARA Recreation. Enjoy a movie with your friends at the theater one Friday a month. You will pay for your own ticket and concessions. Plans are based on the current theater schedule. You must pre-register so that enough assistance is provided and space reserved. Ages 16+. Fee is \$6 for residents & non-residents. Register via RARAREcreation.org.



RARA Recreation Themed Dance

Friday, March 19th and May 7th at 6:30pm
RARA Recreation
500 E Second Street, Rochester, 48307

Hosted by RARA Recreation. This dance is designed for persons who have special needs. Music and dancing with a fun theme. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$15 for residents & non-residents. Register via RARAREcreation.org. Each dance has a holiday theme (St Patrick's Day / Cinco De Mayo)



Early Childhood Behavior, Functional Communication, and Potty Training

Friday, March 5, 2021~8:30am-3:30pm



This training will present strategies to develop functional communication systems and teach communication skills, including manding and shaping new communication behaviors. Effective instructional strategies for teaching will be presented including pairing, prompting, and reinforcement. Participants will learn to incorporate learning and communication opportunities across the day through intentional planning of routines and visual supports. Participants will also learn strategies for teaching toileting.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

This training is free and will be offered virtually.

6 SCECHs will be available.

For more information contact:
Jessie Johnson, Saginaw ISD
jjohnson@sisd.cc



CORONAVIRUS

MI Mask Aid

Millions of free masks for Michiganders

MI Mask Aid is an initiative of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Michigan Community Service Commission to deliver free face masks to Michiganders so they can protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19. MI Mask Aid is supported by generous donations from corporate and nonprofit partners, as well as supplies provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This initiative was developed in conjunction with Gov. Whitmer's Michigan Coronavirus Task Force on Racial Disparities chaired by Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II.

The goal of MI Mask Aid is to ensure that all residents have a face mask, and that cost and availability of masks are not a barrier. Any member of the public who needs a mask can receive one through this program. However, the program is particularly focused on distributing masks to vulnerable populations like low-income residents, seniors, high-risk families, children returning to school in person, and people living in homeless shelters.

For more information, read the [press release](#) about MI Mask Aid.



The State of Michigan would like to thank the following organizations for their donations:



To access the links, you can visit https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/0,9753,7-406-100997_100998_101868_102207---,00.html



REQUEST A MASK

Residents can pick up a free mask from more than 100 partner sites across the state, including most [local DHHS offices](#) and [Community Action Agencies](#). Find the list of locations at the link below. Please call before you visit to understand their pick-up process and ensure they still have masks available. Residents who need additional assistance can call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136.

[FIND A MASK DISTRIBUTION SITE](#)



Employee Milestone Anniversaries

We would like to recognize and congratulate the employees below for reaching a milestone anniversary in February.

5 Years

Nazirah Foggie
Vicky Benson
William Dinkins III
Tiffany Campbell
Veronica Vela
Jamaria Redman
Nickita Hill
Yaminah Ganim



10 Years

Michael Abraham

15 Years

Jennifer Munn



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



A GREAT EMPLOYEE IS LIKE A FOUR LEAF CLOVER, HARD TO FIND & LUCKY TO HAVE.

- TAMMY COHEN



Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority!

ExpertCare wants to provide you with the most up to date information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. While we wait for more vaccines for phase-1B to be available we want to ease your worries or concerns about receiving the vaccine. Here are some facts from the CDC to give you comfort in knowing the vaccine is safe and effective.

The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures that all vaccines are safe. To learn how federal partners are working together visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety.html>

The CDC encourages all to receive the vaccine even if you have had COVID-19. Reinfection with the virus is possible, and you could get severely ill from COVID-19. Experts aren't sure how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering. Both natural immunity and immunity from a vaccine are important aspects of COVID-19 that experts are trying to learn more about. CDC will keep you informed as new evidence becomes available.

After your COVID-19 vaccination, you may have some side effects. This is a **normal sign** that your body is building protection. CDC has developed a new tool, v-safe, as an additional layer of safety monitoring to increase our ability to rapidly detect any safety issues with COVID-19 vaccines. V-safe is a new smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker for people who receive COVID-19 vaccines.

GETTING TO KNOW THE EXPERTCARE
OFFICE STAFF

MEET JEWEL WAGNER



ECare: If you didn't have to sleep, what would you do with the extra time?

Jewel: OH, boy! If I didn't have to sleep, which meant I didn't get tired... what would I do, hummm.... I'm not sure that is such a loaded question. Are my kids awake? Assuming they aren't... and the rest of the world is on a regular schedule too.... I would spend time getting the things done I never have time for in an average day: Deeper cleaning in my house (de-clutter and label), read some books, personal care...relaxing bath, exfoliating, paint my nails! Go on YouTube and try out some tutorials until I perfected them. I would online shop (could be bad) lol.... And I'll also assume I'll always do this....the rest of my life.... so I would get bored with all those other things and might even work out regularly!

ECare: What are three words that best describe you?

Jewel: Open book, Opinionated, and Outgoing.

ECare: What is on your bucket list?

Jewel: Travel to every state and country at least one time, especially the UK.

ECare: When you are working towards a goal, what keeps you motivated?

Jewel: I would say that the end result of anything is what keeps me motivated mostly. When I am doing a project, the idea of making people happy keeps me going as well or wanting to see if I can make what is in my head.

ECare: What do you wish you knew more about?

Jewel: I wish that I knew more about anything handy... I wish I could do wood work, automotive, electrical, etc.

ECare: What are some things that help you have a great day?

Jewel: This may sound pretty basic but, my friends (who are like my family) and my kids help me to have a great day. I'm lucky to have such a tight knit group of people in my life.

ECare: What do you like most about ExpertCare?

Jewel: I haven't been here long, and never in the office to work, but so far in my almost 2 months, I would say my favorite thing about ExpertCare is how friendly everyone is. You can feel the family and that is refreshing!

SPARK 

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**Join the largest
study of autism
ever!**

SPARK is open to everyone with autism and their families.

The University of Michigan invites you to join SPARK, a nationwide genetics study that seeks to speed up research and improve our understanding of autism. Participating in SPARK is free and can be done entirely at the comfort of your home.

- Registration takes 20-30 minutes to complete online.
- SPARK will send a saliva collection kit to you, and you can mail it back for free.
- Individuals with autism are eligible for Amazon gift card codes, valued up to \$50.

Together, we can find answers for autism.

Join us at
www.SPARKforAutism.org/Umich

Questions?
Email anneskim@med.umich.edu
or call 734-232-0011





HOMEBUYER EDUCATION WEBINAR

Via Zoom

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Be introduced to professionals from the industry and build your team for success! You will learn about the home-buying process - including credit, budgeting, banking, down payment assistance, and mortgage approval & closing.

MSHDA certificate provided at end of class for all who attend the entire 4 hours. Class limited to current Oakland & Livingston County residents.

Once you register you will receive an email with forms to complete and sign. These must be returned 48 hours prior to the class.

To register for this class please visit

<https://www.olhsa.org/events>

Questions: contact housingcounseling@olhsa.org or call
248-860-7845



OLHSA is a HUD approved agency.





DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

Online Workshop

Small steps can prevent diabetes

Becoming more active and losing a moderate amount of weight can help you change your risk of diabetes. The **Diabetes Prevention Program** will help you take steps to prevent type 2 diabetes.

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Move those muscles
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Control your portions
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Find your healthy weight
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Be part of a group
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Manage stress
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Stay motivated
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16 weekly sessions, followed by 8 monthly sessions
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This program is for people who have not been diagnosed with diabetes.

Upcoming Workshops

Thurs, February 18, 6pm - 7pm
Wed, March 3, 11am - 12pm
Tues, March 9, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Location

A computer or smart device (phone or tablet) is necessary to join this workshop.

Join Today!

Visit **ReadySetPrevent.org** to RSVP for an information session to learn more about the program and how to register for a workshop.

Questions?

Call 800-482-1455 or email preventdiabetes@nkfm.org.

Cost

Diabetes Prevention Program workshops are covered by various funders and insurers. Contact the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan for more information.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING

FEBRUARY CAREGIVER OF THE MONTH

PAUL ROBITAILLE



ECare: Tell us something about yourself that others find interesting:

Paul: People find that I have a caring heart and I am willing to go above and beyond.

ECare: Three words to best describe you:

Paul: The words that would describe me are caring, shy, and loving.

ECare: What is on your bucket list?

Paul: On my bucket list I have a lot of places to go like Florida, England, and Italy.

ECare: You're happiest when?

Paul: I am happiest when I am doing good things and making others happy.

ECare: What's your favorite childhood memory?

Paul: My favorite childhood memory is going to Disneyland.

ECare: If given a chance, who would you like to be for a day?

Paul: I would like to be rich for a day or be a doctor for a day,

ECare: What's the one thing, you can't live without?

Paul: Someone in my life is something I can't do without.

ECare: What made you decide to become a Caregiver?

Paul: Taking care of my mother all the way until she passed. Since I was 18 I took care of her and that made me want to be a caregiver.

ECare: What is your best piece of advice for other Caregivers?

Paul: My advice is to never give up on others, goals can be done and the person you are taking care of can get better.

ECare: What is your proudest moment as a Caregiver?

Paul: The proudest moment of being a caregiver is being with my current clients and taking care of my mother.

Paul has been an outstanding Caregiver since he started with ExpertCare in 2018. He is being recognized because of his empathetic heart and for always helping his consumers stay on track with meeting their goals.

He's been providing care for one of his consumers through Telehealth services during the pandemic and has been consistent and reliable. The consumer's mom has shared that they view Paul as a family member because of how crucial his support has been in their lives!

Even though this past year has been challenging, Paul continues to lead others on the path to success. ExpertCare truly appreciates everything he does and is very proud to have him represent ExpertCare in the field.

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