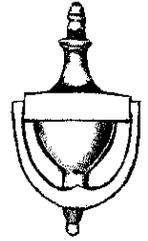


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OPPORTUNITY CENTER NEWS



Superintendent's Corner

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Board of Developmental Disabilities

Letting Lew Know Series

The Seneca County Opportunity Center is excited to announce several key changes in services and programming. First, I would like to welcome Kaleb Kuhlman as the new Director of Educational Services. His background is detailed in the newsletter. His vision of supporting children has already positively impacted our program and services. Second, we have partnered with Mercy Hospital to lease the old Optima Building to expand community connections. We have begun to provide additional habilitation services to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) at the Optima Building. We hope to enable individuals with (I/DD) to greater access to the community around this area of Tiffin. Third, we are excited to recognize Direct Support Professionals who are the backbone of our service delivery system. They are the staff that are essential to improve the lives of individuals with (I/DD) in our community. They have worked tirelessly during the COVID crisis and every day to help individuals with disabilities live and play in our community, as well as ensuring that individual with (I/DD) health and safety needs are addressed. Fourth, we have worked hard with the school systems, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Seneca County Health Department to make the necessary adjustments to services to ensure that we are protecting the lives of individual with I/DD. This includes social distancing, wearing masks, frequent temperature checks and disinfecting our buses and buildings frequently. Fifth, we have begun to re-establish services during COVID both in the school and adult programming following these precautions. We are excited to provide some positive events in the month of October which includes a Chicken Dinner, Thriller Night of Lights, and Hoot in the Parking Lot. These events are outlined later in the newsletter. Finally, we encourage you to participate in the Letting Lew Know Series to discuss news and events at the Opportunity Center provided via Zoom.

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Kaleb Kuhlman Director of Educational Services

Kaleb Kuhlman comes to the School of Opportunity as the Director of Educational Services after spending the last 11 years working for the Wood County Educational Service Center.

During his time at the Wood County ESC, Kaleb spent time as a 1:1 aide, teacher's aide, Intervention Specialist, and Director, all for the PATHE program, a separate facility that services students with Emotional Disabilities.

Beyond that, Kaleb also spent several summers working with students with Developmental Disabilities at Wood Lane in Bowling Green. Kaleb received his Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and Master's degree from the University of Findlay.

He resides in Bowling Green with his wife, Paige, and 3 daughters, Mila (age 8), Bexley (age 5), and Vaia (age 2 months).



Optima Building Open for Services



The Adult Services department has started services at the new Optima building. The Habilitation team is working with online HAB groups and incorporating the individuals at the Optima building in the exercise and fun activities that they have planned daily. Even Hab Specialist, Janelle Schatzinger is joining in on the workout.

Agency providers consist of businesses that contract with the Opportunity Center to Provide support services to individuals with developmental disabilities. They hire and train staff to provide residential services, day services,



Independent providers are individual staff that work to provide residential services, day services, transportation services and habilitation services. They contract to provide individual services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

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Opportunity Center's ACT Council

in lieu of the annual Palm Sunday Dinner

**Drive-Thru
BBQ CHICKEN
Dinner**

at the Opportunity Center: 780 E. CR 20, Tiffin

<p>\$10 cash or check only 1/2 CHICKEN, GREEN BEANS, CHEESY POTATOES, ROLL, BUTTER & COOKIE</p>	<p>OCT 2 5PM-7PM OR UNTIL SOLD OUT dinner by Bone Boys BBQ</p>	<p>RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE: \$250 1ST PRIZE \$150 2ND PRIZE: \$50 TICKETS: 6/\$5 OR \$1/EACH SOLD/DRAWN DAY OF</p>
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**PREORDER! Contact: jfredritz@senecadd.org
or call 419-447-7521 ext. 1134**

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ACT for SCOC will be hosting a delicious Drive Thru BBQ Chicken Dinner at the Opportunity Center on October 2nd from 5pm to 7pm or until sold out. Preorders are preferred, as there will be a limited number of meals available the day of. To preorder, please call Joan at 419-447-7521 ext. 1134 or email her at jfredritz@senecadd.org by September 28. Dinners are catered by Bone Boys BBQ and are \$10; they include ½ BBQ chicken, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll/butter, and a cookie. This is drive thru only and located at the Seneca County Opportunity Center: 780 E. CR 20, Tiffin, OH. This drive thru option is in place of this year's annual Palm Sunday Dinner, which was cancelled this Spring due to COVID. It will be the 62nd dinner hosted, and ACT Council did not want to miss a year! ACT for SCOC stands for Advocates Coming Together, and was formerly "Parent Council." All proceeds will benefit people with disabilities and programs in Seneca County. A raffle is available, with the grand prize being \$250, first prize \$150, and second prize \$50. Tickets are 6 for \$5 or \$1 each. Cash or check only; please make checks to ACT for SCOC. Please help ACT Council have a successful dinner and tell your friends, families, and neighbors! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Items in need for the Thriller Night of Lights

1. Plastic Gallon Cleaned Clear Milk Jugs
2. ½ Gallon Cleaned Clear Milk Jugs
3. Orange Tide Pod containers
4. Any Clean clear plastic jars that are paintable. Examples could be the large cheese ball or pretzel plastic containers.

Individuals, families, providers, agencies, businesses or anyone in the community are all welcome to create a display or a lantern of their own.

Contact Joan in the CAS dept. to make arrangements or for details.
(419-447-7521 ext. 1134)

presented by the Seneca County Opportunity Center

OCTOBER 23RD



SCOC's Jack-O'-Lantern Drive-Thru

Thriller Night of Lights!

Take a non-spooky night drive filled with spectacular Jack-O'-Lanterns decorated by the Seneca County Community!

OCTOBER 23rd | 7:00PM - 8:00PM

780 E County Road 20, Tiffin, OH

If you or your agency want to create Jack-O'-Lanterns to display, contact Joan at 419-447-7521 ext. 1134 or jfredritz@senecadd.org

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Sponsored by the Opportunity Center's ACT Council & the Opportunity Center's Aktion Club!

Thursday

OCTOBER 29, 2020

5:00pm-6:30pm

at the OPPORTUNITY CENTER
780 E. Co. Rd. 20, Tiffin

Drive Thru in the comfort of your car & see us wave to you in our *spooktacular non-scary* costumes! End the 'trail' with a treat bag for a safe way to celebrate the Halloween season!!



Welcome to All Kids 10 and Under
Rain or Shine, Updates found on SCOC's Facebook



Cancellation & Delay Procedure



Cancellations and delays are determined with the safety of the passengers and staff in mind when it is determined that weather conditions are such that it is not safe for a school bus to operate.

When it is necessary to delay or close the Opportunity Center, the One Call Now system makes automated phone calls. If you would like to sign up for One Call Now, call the Opportunity Center and give your information to the receptionist. The delay or closing announcement will also be made on the following TV stations:

WTVG—TV13 (ABC)

WTOL—TV11 (CBS)

WNWO—TV24 (NBC)

If the Opportunity Center is open on schedule, but a school district within Seneca County is closed, the Opportunity Center will follow that district's closure by not providing transportation for our individuals living within that district. If transportation services are canceled in your district but the Opportunity Center is open, you may provide transportation to and from the Opportunity Center for your individual.

If the Opportunity Center is open on schedule, but a school district within Seneca County is delayed, the Opportunity Center will delay transportation for our individuals living within that district according to that district's delay. If transportation services are delayed in your district but the Opportunity Center is open, you may provide transportation to the Opportunity Center for your individual.

The procedures above do not include cancellation or delay by a district for any reason other than weather related. If you have any questions please call the Opportunity Center at 419-447-7521.

Changes to One Call Now System

To keep families and friends updated, SCOC uses the One Call Now System. Receiving texts is now an option through the notification system. To opt in, you must text the word ALERT to 22300. When you opt in, the One Call Now System will automatically stop making phone calls to you. In order to keep receiving calls, you must notify our front desk receptionist, Bonnie at 419-447-7521 ext. 1101.

If you opted in prior to 9/18, we will be adding the call option back in to your notifications. If you no longer wish to receive a call and a text, please notify Bonnie. Included in the newsletter, is the One Call Now insert to update your information to make sure that you are in the system with accurate contact information. Please turn completed forms into the Receptionist at the SCOC. Thank you.

**Seneca County Opportunity Center
780 E. CR 20
Tiffin, OH 44883**

Unity Registration



Registration for the Unity Drive-Thru dinner and T-shirt will be sent out soon. Please keep watching for more details to come.

Our Mission

To improve the lives of
persons with disabilities.



2020 SCOC Calendar

- Oct. 2 Chicken BBQ Dinner—Drive Thru 5-7 PM
- Oct. 10 United Way Day of Caring
- Oct. 12 Columbus Day (Program Closed)
- Oct. 13 169 Board Meeting
- Oct. 22 PM—Parent Conferences
- Oct. 23 AM—Parent Conferences
- Oct. 23 Thriller Night of Lights—Jack O Lantern Drive Thru 7-8 PM
- Oct. 28 Letting Lew Know—6PM—Zoom
- Oct. 29 Hoot in the PARKING Lot—5-6:30 PM
- Nov. 5 Staff Training (2hr-delay)
- Nov. 10 169 Board Meeting
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day (Program Closed)
- Nov. 14 Unity Drive Thru Dinner—4:30—6:30 PM
- Nov. 26-27 Thanksgiving Break (Program Closed)
- Dec. 10 169 Board Meeting
- Dec. 21—
- Jan 1 Christmas Break (Program Closed)