

PI Events

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Mental Health Awareness Month



May 10, 2023
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PI Closed
 5/29/2023 for
 Memorial Day



Attention all Person Industries families:

The Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) is ending May 11, 2023. If you or

your family member has been out of services at Person Industries since the beginning of the pandemic, it is important that you communicate your intention to return to services by June 15th. In the next couple of weeks, Person Industries staff will be reaching out to families of members who are still out of services to determine whether they intend to return. If we are unable to make contact and establish a re-entry plan prior to June 15th, all members who have not communicated their intention to return will be discharged from services. This is necessary due to people waiting for services whom we have been unable to attend to because we have been required to hold the positions for our members during the PHE. If this information pertains to you or your family member, please contact Lisa Jeffreys at 336-599-7571 x 2813 to secure your enrollment or to alert Person Industries of your plans for alternate services.



Thank you to Melissa D. for assisting at our Earth Day celebration at the Person County Recycling Center. On April 21st, individuals who visited PCRC received a reusable recycling tote, different giveaways, as well as updated information pertaining to acceptable recycling materials. Melissa was a great asset and made every patron feel welcomed and appreciated!



Town Hall Meeting Held 4/17/23

What has turned into a bi-annual event, Person County hosted a Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 17th, focusing on issues such as program retainers (ADVP), Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE), as well as NC Disability Rights and funding prioritizations. Director of Behavioral Health/Mental Health/IDD for NCDHHS Kelly Crosbie stated she is dedicated to making funds available, tracking metrics for services and LME/MCOs, and understanding of services, not only for providers but for the public as well. Senator Graig Meyer acknowledged the difficulties of constraints and lack of funding, saying the state needs to hear, "Please be generous to those who need the support and those who provide the support." We appreciate the contributions of the day.

PI Schedules June Staff Training Day Offices Will Be Closed 6/9/23

Person Industries prides itself on having well-informed, well-trained staff. To this end, PI has scheduled its second Staff Training Day for the year. The date of this all-day training will be June 9, 2023, at Mayo Environmental Education Center. PI and PCRC will be closed to consumers. PI staff are looking forward to a day together outside of the office!

The following topics will be discussed at the June Training Day: Drug-Free Workplace, ADA/Disability Awareness, Team Building & Communication, PI's Accessibility Plan, and Ethical/Corporate Compliance.



Information taken from the National Alliance on Mental Illness Website:

Mental Health Awareness Month has been observed in the U.S. since 1949. Every year during the month of May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Together, we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support the millions of people in the U.S. affected by mental illness.

This year, NAMI is celebrating Mental Health Awareness Month with the *More Than Enough campaign!* It's an opportunity for all of us to come together and remember the inherent value we each hold — no matter our diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. We want every person out there to know that if all you did was wake up today, that's *more than enough*. No matter what, you are inherently worthy of *more than enough* life, love and healing. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself and the people around you is *more than enough*.

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Special Olympics Person County will host their annual Spring Games on May 10. The Opening Ceremony will begin the games at 9:00 a.m. Special Olympics athletes from across the county will compete in various athletics events in Track & Field at Person High School, Roxboro, NC. Be on the lookout for PI's Cheer Squad.



Syreeta and Tajae', daughters of Tanya Palmer, PI Hab Asst., attending Prom Night at Halifax High School.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	¹⁰ Special Olympics Person HS, 9 am	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	²⁶ Memorial Day Weekend PCRC Gates Close at 4 pm	²⁷ Memorial Day Weekend PCRC Closed
28	²⁹ Memorial Day PI Closed PCRC Gates Open at 7:30 am	30	31			