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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH





CLOSED Friday, 3/29/24 Good Friday Holiday



Spring
Forward 1
Hour
Sunday,
March 10th

March is Developmental Disabilities Month

Each individual, regardless of their abilities, has the right to be respected, embraced, and provided with opportunities to thrive. Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month serves as a profound reminder of these principles, emphasizing the value, rights, and aspirations of those with developmental disabilities.

What is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month?

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a month-long observance that brings attention to the varied and unique experiences of individuals with developmental disabilities. It's a time to celebrate their achievements, advocate for their rights, and promote understanding and inclusivity within society.

When is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month?

The entire month of March is dedicated to Developmental Disabilities Awareness. During this period, various events, programs, and advocacy campaigns take place across the country, uniting communities in the spirit of inclusion and acceptance.

https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/developmental-disabilities-awareness-month-2024/



Dates for CARF Review Set

CARF Surveyors will visit Person Industries March 11 & 12, 2024. The review will be completed on site after obtaining a virtual review in 2021. As in previous years, the surveyors will evaluate Person Industries in several areas to determine how well we are meeting international standards. Surveyors will also tell us what we are doing well as well as ways we might improve. If awarded, this will be the tenth accreditation for Person Industries.

If you would like to talk with one of the survey team members or want to learn more about CARF International, please let one of our Program Managers/Coordinators know. You may also contact CARF International directly at:

Online Inquiry: www.carf.org/contact-us/ Phone: (520) 325-1044 or (888) 281-6531



Field Supervisor Cheryl Perry took on a new challenge in January of 2020. After years of consideration, she decided it was time to go back to school and obtain her Bachelor's Degree. Cheryl has been employed with Person Industries since 2012. During that time, she has worked in various positions, trying on new roles and always putting her best foot forward, succeeding at everything she does. This accomplishment wasn't an easy



one, but she stuck with it, pushed through, and overcame all the obstacles that laid before her. On December 9, 2023, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. We are so very proud of this milestone and look forward to seeing her hard work be put to great use at Person Industries and the Person County Recycling Center.



Quarterly Excellence Event



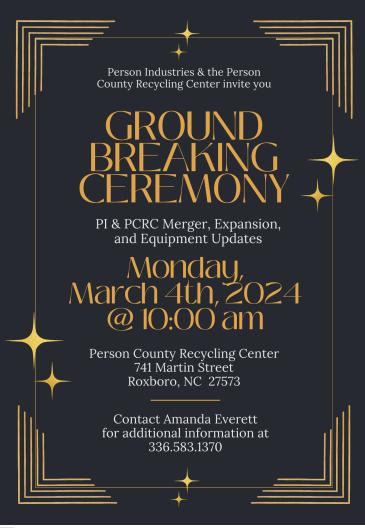








On Wednesday, February 14th, PI celebrated Valentine's Day with our Quarterly Excellence Event. The celebration began at 1:00 pm with Person County EMS arriving for consumers to tour the ambulance. Crafts were made, snacks were had and they danced the afternoon away. The event was held to not only celebrate the holiday, but to recognize those who celebrated their birthday during the 2nd quarter of the year. We also recognized the importance of Black History Month with an educational game of Bingo. We love these special times we get to share together!





NEW TRAFFIC PATTERN

PCRC New Drop Off

With our Merger comes new Traffic Patterns at the Person County Recycling Center. Please be on the lookout for up-to-date information via our Facebook page, website, and paper communications coming home with consumers.

Once construction begins, ALL DROP OFFS will occur at the Greeter Door/Covered Recycling Entrance, located on the left side of the building. When coming through the entrance gate off Martin Street, you will no longer be able to turn right. Please follow the parking lot beside the building to the left and drop off at the door. Staff will be available for assistance and to assure safety.

More details to come!



Meet Gloria Royster Direct Support Technician - Pl



Gloria comes to PI with extensive experience in Human Services. For over 13 years, she as worked with the Intellectual Disability Population. She has "returned home" as she was employed at Person Industries from 1999-2010. "I love working at PI because I enjoy helping people, it's always been my passion and everyone is so welcoming." Gloria also has a background in Production Work which will come in handy with our community contracts. In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, car shows, coordinating fundraisers and spending time with her family and friends. We are very happy to welcome you to the team Gloria!

Meet Emily Moore Direct Support Technician - PI



Emily comes to PI with 7 years of experience working with and providing direct care services to diverse populations of people. "PI already feels like a place I can grow with. The staff are supportive and the clients fill my day with warm smiles and hellos." Emily is married to her husband, a 15 year army vet and they have 2 daughters, 4 dogs, and 11 chickens (among other animals). In her spare time she enjoys cooking, camping, and nature (national forests and beaches). Last year she tackled one of the toughest off-road trails in NC, the Daniel tr390 down in the Uwharrie National Forest. With all these different skill sets, Emily is a great addition to our team—Welcome Aboard!



Tornado Drill Scheduled for Wednesday, March 6th at 9:30 A.M.

The 2024 North Carolina Severe Weather Preparedness Week will occur the week of March 3 through March 9.

During this week the National Weather Service and the North Carolina Department of Public Safety are teaming up to bring this severe weather safety campaign to all of North Carolina's residents.

With warmer weather quickly approaching, now is the time to prepare for the severe weather season, according to the NWS.

Severe weather topics covered during this safety campaign include: Ways to receive severe weather alerts, staying safe when high winds, hail, and tornadoes strike, lightning safety, flash flood safety, and tips for making a written severe weather safety plan.

SEVERE WEATHER Preparedness Week

Learn about severe weather safety so you will be prepared!

March 3-9





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Don't forget to check us out on Facebook: Person Industries and Person County Recycling Center



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