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MONDAY, MAY 27
IN OBSERVANCE OF
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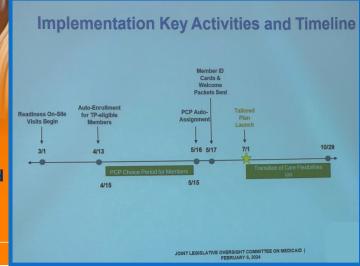
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May 21, 2024, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Transition to Tailored Plans

Medicaid for many North Carolinians with disabilities will drastically change on July 1, 2024 with the transition to Tailored Plans. Please monitor your mail for important information and view the timeline and webinar below for additional resources.



http://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8xGWDp7JTxeYoOmXkMbgPA#/registration



2024 Person County Spring Games

Friday, May 3, 2024
 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Person High School
 1010 Ridge Rd, Roxboro

Career Counseling Scheduled

Career Counseling training is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 9:00am at Person Industries, 601 N. Madison Blvd, Roxboro, NC.

This is a mandatory training for all program employees before beginning work at Person Industries or PCRC. For questions regarding the counseling session, please contact Lisa Jeffreys, Person Industries Lead Program Manager at 336-599-7571, ext 2813.



CARF international announced that Person Industries has been accredited for a three year period for each of its programs of service. This is the 10th accreditation that the international accrediting body has awarded to PI/PCRC.

This decision represents the highest level of achievement that can be awarded to an organization and shows the administration's significant conformance to the CARF standards. An organization receiving a 3 year award has put itself through a rigorous peer review process. It demonstrates to a team of surveyors during interviews and policy and procedure reviews

its commitment to offering programs that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

Person Industries is a local government organization with offices at 601 N. Madison Blvd and 741 Martin Street, Roxboro NC, and has been providing services to Person County for almost 40 years.

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Accreditation

We would like to thank all of our staff and employees for their hard work and dedication.

April was World Autism Awareness Month—Increasing Awareness About The Common Characteristics Of Autism:

Whilst no two people with autism will have the same set of symptoms, there are common characteristics found in those with this complex disability. Briefly, these characteristics include:

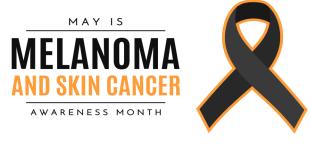
Social Skills - People with autism have problems interacting with others; autistic children do not have adequate playing and talking skills. Mild symptoms on one end of the spectrum may be displayed through being out of sync with those around them and inappropriate or offensive comments being made.

Empathy - Empathy is the ability to recognize and understand the feelings of another person. People with autism find it harder to show empathy to others although they can be taught to acknowledge others' feelings.

Physical Contact - In some cases, autistic people do not like physical contact such as tickling or physical play with others.

Sudden Changes To Their Environment - A sudden change in the surrounding environment may affect a person with autism. This could be a loud noise, a change in intensity of lighting or even a change in smell.

Speech - Speech can be affected in people with autism. 'Echolalia' is a typical speech symptom in which the person repeats words and phrases that they hear. The speech tone of an autistic person may be monotonous. Where symptoms are more extreme the person may not speak.





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MENTAL HEALTH
Awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a national observance started in 1949 by Mental Health America to bring attention to the importance of mental wellbeing. Across the country, individuals and organizations step up to raise awareness of and help address the challenges faced by people living with mental health conditions. Despite recent strides in how our society approaches mental wellbeing, many Americans still don't have

access to the high-quality, comprehensive treatment and care they need. The White House recognizes the bravery and resilience of the tens of millions of Americans living with mental health conditions and show their gratitude for the dedicated professionals and devoted loved ones who stand by them every step of the way. Mental health care IS health care!

Ground Breaking Ceremony











There were lots of smiles, sunshine and shovels on March 4th as we celebrated the ground breaking ceremony for the Person Industries/Person County Recycling Center Merger. "For 15 years, the Person County Recycling Center has provided a valuable service," Director Amanda Everett said. "This community has been dedicated to preserving our environment, protecting our future and keeping our county beautiful. This partnership allows us to provide services to the best of our abilities, creating jobs, training individuals with unique needs and specialized desires and commissioning for integrated work settings and opportunities for almost 40 years."

The merger and upcoming renovations and building at the Martin Street facility will help us streamline operations, improve efficiency, reduce overhead costs and foster growth and innovation. Current Person County commissioners Gordon Powell, Jason Thomas, Derrick Sims, and Kyle Puryear were joined by former commissioner Jimmy Clayton and county manager Katherine Cathey for the ground breaking ceremony.







The 'official' groundbreaking took place on Monday, April 29, 2024. Materials began to arrive on Wednesday the 24th and plans were set in mo-

tion. As of April 30th, the entire front parking lot has been dug up and grading has begun.



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@ Person Industries & Person County Recycling Center Emma Thornton, daughter of Director Amanda Everett, attended Bartlett Yancey High School's Prom on Saturday, April 13, 2024.



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