

FAIRVIEW

Families & Friends, Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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(714) 751-2344 - We will respond to your message at the earliest possible time.

June - July 2016

**FFF Meeting Sunday, July 17, 10 am
Large Classroom in Administration Bldg.**

WHERE WILL FAIRVIEW RESIDENTS LIVE?

Join Us to Learn About Community Living Options!

Shelton Dent, the Acting Assistant Deputy Director of the Community Services Division at the Department of Developmental Services, will share information on the variety of residential community living options available to the Fairview residents transitioning to the community. Shelton also supervises the Community Living Section and Quality Management Section at the Department, which are responsible for policy initiatives related to community living options and quality of life measures. Shelton has over 38 years of experience in developmental disabilities, with 30 years at the Department.

VOR WASHINGTON INITIATIVE

Report from Family Advocates!

VOR is the national family organization that advocates for a full range of services for people with developmental disabilities, including Developmental Centers. Lex Wells, FFF Board Member and Bob Hazard, CASHPCR Director, will report on their June trip to the VOR Washington Initiative to network with families from across the country and educate lawmakers and their staff on issues that affect our family members.

COMMUNITY SAFETY NET

What Happens When the Developmental Centers Close?

Although their use has been limited for many years, Developmental Centers have served as an emergency "Safety Net" for community residents whose placements failed. What will take the place of that with the upcoming closures of the DCs? This question is being examined by the Developmental Services Task Force, which will recommend ideas to strengthen the community system. Task Force and FFF Board Member Terry DeBell will report on the work of the Task Force.

Community State Staff Program

The (CSSP) Community State Staff Program can bring experienced and licensed Developmental Center staff to work in the community setting with clients moving from Fairview and other DCs, and also with current community clients who may need the specialized and professional care offered by DC staff. Staff who participate in the CSSP are able to keep their current civil service classification, salary, and benefits while working in the community! The CSSP began with the closure of Agnews DC and was also used for the closure of Lanterman DC. There are additional enhancements of the CSSP program for the current closures of Fairview, Porterville, and Sonoma DCs. Staff from the DCs may be used in the community in direct level of care positions, in administration, in training, as consultants, and as monitors. The program is very flexible, allowing for part-time work in the community along with full-time work at the Developmental Center. DC staff who may be interested in transitioning to a community position along with the DC clients will also receive the training that community level of care personnel receives – called Direct Support Professional training. The CSSP is an acknowledgment and an appreciation of the value of Developmental Center staff, and a hope that they will continue their service with individuals with developmental disabilities. Learn more by asking a Fairview staff member – and encourage them to consider their own “community transition!”

Special Study on DC Movers

As a family member of a Developmental Center resident who transitions to a community setting, you may be asked by the Department of Developmental Services to be part of a survey that will focus on the first two years of community placement. This information will be a part of the monitoring system, and can be used to improve services and identify problems. Participation is voluntary, and is also completely confidential. Please consider participating in this important project if you are asked – **your experiences, perspective, and feedback can impact the success of community placement for many!**

Message from the Regional Center of Orange County to Fairview Families

The Regional Center of Orange County (RCOC) is recruiting new members for the Board of Directors. If a parent or relative of a consumer at Fairview, who lives in Orange County, is interested, please call (714) 796-5206, to have a Board application mailed to you; or, you can complete the form online at our website by following the link below:

<http://www.rcocdd.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/BOD/RCOCBODApplication.pdf>

Employee of the Month!

You can nominate a staff member to be Employee of the Month!

Employees that operate above and beyond their duties, promote enthusiasm in clients and staff, have exceptional work habits, are creative and take initiative, and exemplify the values of Fairview Developmental Center can be nominated to be Employee of the Month! Staff members throughout the Center can be nominated by Co-Workers, and also family members. Just ask any staff for a nomination form, fill out and submit as directed on the form.

Nominations can be anonymous!

Any questions, please call Sandy Middleton at X 5593.

MANDATED REPORTER

What is a Mandated Reporter? "Any person, paid or unpaid, who has assumed full- or part-time responsibility for the care or custody of a child, an elder, or dependent adult. A mandated reporter must report any abuse, abandonment, abduction, isolation, or neglect they have seen, been told about, or suspect to the police and/or the protective services agency." Mandated Reporter training is given to all community personnel. Do you have questions about Mandated Reporters and the training? Ask your Regional Center Case Worker or Social Worker about this important program that can protect vulnerable clients.

Save the Date - Community Options Fair – September 15

The Community Options Fair at Fairview DC will be an opportunity to learn about some of the community providers and programs that may be serving the Fairview residents as part of the Closure Plan. Plan on spending some time visiting the displays and speaking directly with the people who provide these services.

Questions will be welcomed!

Thanks to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for arranging this event.

FFF MEETING DATES FOR 2016!

July 17 September 18

Fall Festival November 20

FFF meetings are open to everyone, including Fairview employees!

Checklist for DC Families – Make sure YOU are up to date!

Conservatorship of your family member – is it current?

Your Regional Center – do you know which RC serves your family member?

Your contact information – does your FDC Social Worker and RC Case Worker have your full contact information – phone numbers, email, address, etc?

FOR ASSISTANCE ON IPP's & PLACEMENTS –

Call JOE PRESTON at (714) 203-1001!