

THE CHALLENGER

Challenging the community, families, and individuals to make a difference

A PUBLICATION OF THE DARLINGTON COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

A Message from the Director	2
Profile of Service	2
Staff Support Team News	2
SC Update	3
Human Resources News	3
Public Announcement	3
Health News	4
Family Advisory	4
Early Intervention	4
Donations	5
Abbreviations Acronyms	5

SUMMER 2012

Mission: To enhance the lives, develop the abilities, and promote the independence of people with disabilities.



Former Board Member,
Earline Bright Gilliard
September 5, 1928-
June 8, 2012

DCDSNB would like to dedicate this issue of the *Challenger* to Mrs. Earline Bright Gilliard. Mrs. Gilliard served on the DCDSNB Board of Directors for 6 years. At 83, Mrs. Gilliard passed away on June 8, 2012. She was a graduate of Clafin College in Orangeburg, SC. Mrs. Gilliard taught in the Darlington County school district for 34 years and after retirement, she taught Adult Education. Mrs. Gilliard was appointed to the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board in 2000 and served as an active member of the board until 2006.



1st Annual Beach Blast

The Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Foundation held its first annual Beach Blast to be held on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the historic Center Theater in downtown Hartsville.

The Beach Blast hosted musical guests Clay Brown and the Legends and Larissa Holliday who have performed with such acts as Bill Pinckney & the Original Drifters, Sonny Turner of the Platters and Billy Scott and the Sugar Bees. There was also a Shag Dancing demonstration and dancers from Brenda Cranford's School of Dance.

BTG News Wilton Griffith, Day Program Director

We are delighted to officially announce our redesign and renovations at our "Bridging the Gap" facility. In June, our facility was re-painted and as you can see, looks great. This make over for our facility will allow us to continue to have the suitable facilities available to meet with consumers, physicians, case workers and other staff as needed during our course of business to ensure that we continue to work toward our mission to provide the best services possible to our consumers.



Events Calendar

August 4	1st Annual Beach Blast
August 13	Family Advisory Committee Meeting
August 28	Board of Directors Meeting

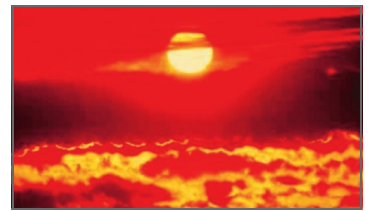
The Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board currently has two Board Member vacancies. If you are interested or would like to recommend someone to serve on our Board of Directors, please contact Ruth Thomas, Executive Director at (843) 332-7272 ext. 102.



Ruth Thomas
Executive Director

A Message from the Director

With the scorching heat of the summer, it was very refreshing to be able to share with employees that they would all receive compensation increases based on an annual 3.0% increase. The state’s budget was finalized in the middle of July, but the increases were made retroactive to July 1. The budget appropriates \$5.4 million in recurring state funds to maintain current service levels for approximately 1,150 consumers. We are very grateful as (in the words of our State Director, Dr. Beverly Buscemi) this action provides the agency a solid financial foundation for the next year. A personal thank you to all of our Legislators and the Governor for their support of SCDDSN and the local providers across the state.



Would you like to see *The Challenger* in color? Check out our website anytime to see past Challengers or find current information at www.dcdsnb.org !

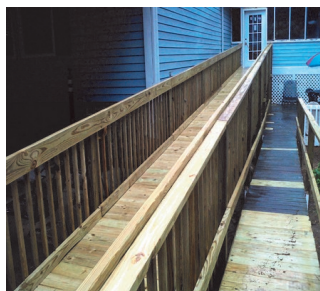


Profile of Service

Tammy Johnson, Service Coordinator Supervisor



Billy Cato
with Service Coordinator
Lora Knotts



Wow! What a nice ramp with a lot of footage. Billy Cato is the proud recipient of an Environmental Modification with his HASCI Waiver services. Billy is satisfied and believes his ramp “is great.” He thinks the world of Lora Knotts, Service Coordinator. Initially, Billy was frustrated with the HASCI Waiver protocol and lengthy process required in order to receive his ramp. Billy’s primary concern was his safety with the condition of his prior ramp. He was at risk, having to travel up and down such great lengths in his power wheelchair to get to his favorite spot. Billy uses this path as an exit daily to get to his workshop next to his home. His workshop is his passion, along caring for his animals.

Staff Support Team News

Dawanda Brown, SST Chairman

On Friday, July 13th, the Staff Support Team served spaghetti lunches. We would like to thank all of the staff who assisted in preparing and delivering the lunches, as well as staff who participated by purchasing a lunch. This was a very successful fundraiser for the Staff Support Team so we will be planning another luncheon in the near future.



Kim Johnson and Tamera Hyman



Margie Pearson, Dawanda Brown, Jacquay Archer and Joni Pendergrass

Service Coordination

Tammy Johnson, SC Supervisor

Targeted Case Management (TCM) rate proposed is \$20.00 per fifteen minutes (15) unit for home visits and \$15.00 per fifteen minutes (15) unit with other types of contacts for Service Coordinators. For example, other contacts include a Service Coordinator meeting with a person at their job site, school, office, or day program. A contact has to involve a core function related to assessment, care planning, referral and linkage, monitoring or follow up. KeyPro is the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) of South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to determine and authorize the amount of units yearly for each person we serve.

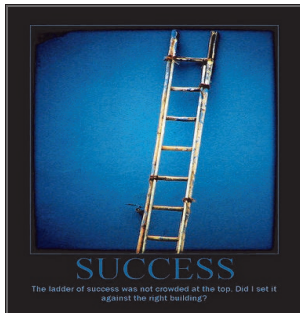
Community Support Waiver (CSW) is up for renewal. Anticipated concerns with addressing Case Management as a separate need on the Support Plan along with asking for stringent skills and qualifications of Service Coordinators is obsolete.

In Loving Memory: Mrs. Earline Bright Gilliard at 83, served on the Board of Directors for DCDSNB from 2000-2006. DCDSNB would also like to express condolences to the following Staff and Board members who have lost a loved one: Mrs. Hattie Hughes, a member of the DCDSNB Board of Directors in the loss of her father, Arthur Douglas. Mr. Joe McCullough in the loss of his brother, John Jordan McCullough. Byron Wilson for the passing of his uncle and sister-in-law; condolences to Janice Dickson in the loss of her father.

Human Resources Bridget McClendon, HR Administrator



Congratulations to the employees that have joined the staff at Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board. Vanessa Cabbagestalk, Transporter – Direct Support Professional (TEMP Pool); Betty Coe – Direct Support Professional (part-time) at Washington CTH II; Tamera Hyman – Residential Administrative Assistant and Training Coordinator (full-time); Carietha Jackson – Qualified Intellectual Disability/Developmental Disability Professional (full-time); Doris McCoy – Direct Support Professional at Reagan ICF (full-time); Jeannette Short – Direct Support Professional at Reagan ICF (part-time). Shonna Taylor—Executive Assistant / Marketing Coordinator (full-time); and Tammie Sullivan—Finance Director (full-time)



On the Move: Congratulations to Eddie Hough, Sr., and Carrie Johnson on being chosen to fill full-time Direct Support Professional positions at Bridging the Gap and Reagan ICF respectfully, and also to Kimberly Johnson on becoming the House Manager at Yarborough CTH II.

Public Release Announcement: Bridging the Gap

Bridging the Gap Enterprises, a division of the Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, located at 201 N. Damascus Church Rd., Hartsville, SC 29550, licensed by the SC Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, announces the sponsorship of U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program for

eligible service recipients. This institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C., 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

The Darlington County Disabilities and Special Needs Board is an equal opportunity employer and human services provider.

To request a copy of the Income Eligibility Guidelines for Free and Reduced Price Meals, contact Bridging the Gap Enterprises at (843)393-2224, ext 202.

Health News Dawanda Brown, LPN Lead Health Care Coordinator

Summer is approaching and the temperature is rising. One important thing we need to keep in mind is that a heat stroke is a medical emergency. In extreme heat, high humidity, or vigorous physical exertion under the sun, the body may not be able to dissipate the heat and the body temperature rises. Signs and symptoms of heat stroke is high body temperature, the absence of sweating, with hot red or flushed dry skin, rapid pulse, difficulty breathing, strange behavior etc. Cooling the victim is a critical step. Get the victim to a shady area, remove clothing, apply cool or tepid water to the skin, fan the victim to promote sweating and evaporation, and place ice under armpits and groin. If the person is able to drink liquids, have them drink cool water or other cool beverages that do not contain alcohol or caffeine. As always, make sure the person follows up with their physician.



Family Advisory Committee FAC Corner

The next Family Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, August 4, 2012 at 6:00 pm at The Scott Center. The meeting will be held to discuss planning and organizing of the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

We held our annual picnic on May 4, 2012 at Bridging the Gap. This gave our consumers a chance to enjoy some outdoor activities, great food and a day of fun with their family and friends. Music was provided by DJ Maurice Coleman. There were several activities that were scheduled throughout the day. There was a Hole In One competition, Water Games, water balloons and water guns, Basketball, Ladderball, Horse Shoes, Strike Zone, Bowling, Jot the Spot, Ring the Bottle and Musical Chairs.

A special Thank You goes out to Hines Funeral Home and The Hartsville Recreational Department for providing tents and also Pee Dee Foods for their donations for our event.



Anyah Aiken and Grace Hawkins



Wendy Wallace and Sylvia Hawkins

Early Intervention Deb Newsome, EI Supervisor



Darlington County's Disabilities and Special Needs Board is pleased to announce that the Early Intervention department has received a score of 100% compliance with (BN). In spite of other areas having difficulty obtaining referrals for their program, the Early Intervention department here in Darlington County has proven themselves as a leader and continues to receive referrals to their program. The Early Intervention department has partnered with Hospice Care of South Carolina to provide pediatric hospice care. If you have any questions regarding the Early Intervention department, please contact Deb Newsome at (843) 332-7252 ext.117

*The Darlington County Disabilities Foundation
appreciates all of our generous donors.*

The following Donations were received after the last printing of the Challenger.

Thank you to the following Businesses /Individuals who donated to the upcoming 1st Annual Beach Blast:

Nucor Steel

Sonoco Products

Hartsville Drug Company

Anderson Brass Company

Saleeby & Cox

Palmetto RX

Darlington Raceway

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home

Pilot Club of Hartsville

SPC Credit Union

Kimberly Roddy, RN

Uncle Albert's Famous Bar-B-Que Sauce

Norton Funeral Home

Therapeutic Designs & Services

Dr. R.M Chapman

Kim Alton

Quality Habilitative Services

Dr. Robert Bullard

Pee Dee Center

Deborah Rayfield

Kertrina Graham

Jesse Addison

Clay Brown

Commodore Charles

Ruth Thomas

Deb Newsome

Teresa Hilton

Jackie Young

Denise Stanley

Carnetha Dunham

Knorphe Byrd

Byron Wilson

Dawanda Brown

Janice Fields

Pam Amerson

Wilton Griffith

Brenda Cranford

Jammie Sullivan

Gloria Johnson

And special thanks to :

Mitchell's Floral Design

The Hartsville Messenger

Sidney Josey

Todd Sullivan

Darlington County Disabilities Foundation

Abbreviation / Acronyms

DCDSNB - Darlington County Disabilities & Special Needs Board
DCDF - Darlington County Disabilities Foundation
DDSN - (SC) Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
ICF - Intermediate Care Facility
CTH - Community Training Home

FAC - Family Advisory Council
EI - Early Interventionist
SST - Staff Support Team
DSP - Direct Support Professional
BTG - Bridging the Gap Enterprises
SC - Service Coordinator

Darlington County Disabilities & Special Needs Board
201 N Damascus Church Rd
Hartsville SC 29550

Nonprofit Organization
US Postage Paid
Hartsville, SC
PERMIT NO. 50



UNITED WAY

Darlington County Disabilities & Special Needs Board

201 North Damascus Church Road
Hartsville, SC 29550

Telephone: 843-332-7252 • Fax: 843-332-3168 • Website: www.dcdsnb.org

Ruth Thomas, M.A.
Executive Director

Board Members:

Rev. Troy Shaw, Chair
Amanda A. King, Secretary
Hattie E. Hughes
Dr. Jeffery Eric Long
Margaret Lanier
Dr. Alvin Rogers
Elve Williams
Mary Alice King

Foundation Members:

Gregory Alexander, Chair/ Treasurer
A. T. (Bud) Register, Secretary
Lamar Caldwell
Debbie Fink
F. W. (Chip) Auman, III
Hattie E. Hughes
Rev. Troy Shaw
Margaret Lanier
Dr. Joe H. McCullough



UNITED WAY