



ARC RESOURCE UPDATE



Hello! The weather is warm, school is out, it must be summer! June's Arc Resource Update is filled with a few summer resources for you and your family. Please contact your case manager for further details on each event. The Arc's phone number is 943-1191 and our website is www.arc-sedgwickcounty.org.

Training Opportunities

Families Together is excited to announce their first annual **"Planning a Seamless Transition from High School to Adulthood"** conference on **June 16th from 9am to 4pm in Kansas City** (2940 N 17th - Kansas City, Kansas). Registration is required before June 7th. Call **913-287-1970** for more information. The cost is \$10.00 per person, but the **first 75 to register are free.**

Community Resources

There are numerous community resources available to you and your family. Please call your TCM for more details.

Project Deserve is a program through the **American Red Cross** and **Westar Energy** that provides assistance with energy bills. People who are over the age of 60 or who receive SSI or SSDI are eligible to receive \$200 one time annually. Households below 110% of the federal poverty guidelines are eligible for \$100 one time annually. For an application, please contact **316-219-4070**. Applications must be postmarked between the 1st and 7th of the month. Applications that are not correctly postmarked will not be considered. With the hot summer months approaching, this is the time to apply!



Activities

If you are looking for something to do this summer, consider the **YMCA**. They offer discounted memberships based on income. Contact your local Y for more info. The West YMCA is also offering to wave membership fees for Arc clients interested in swimming lessons. Please contact **Shelley at 942-2271** for more info.

Youth Activity Advancement Alliance and the United Way has put out an activity catalog for youth ages 11-18. This book features numerous education opportunities, arts and crafts, entertainment, sports, and other fun classes to fill your child's summer. To obtain a catalog, please contact the United Way at **211** or view on their website at **www.unitedwayplains.org** or call Wichita YMCA at **264-4066 x258**.

Orchard Park Dance - June 19th - 7 - 8:30pm



YAC, Discovery Days, Adult Days, and Lunch Bunch will meet again starting Fall 2007. Have a great summer!

Join The Arc this summer for a Mini-Tour Vacation! Call 943-1191 for more information



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Arc of Sedgwick County News

At the May membership meeting, three new board members were elected. Ronda Maass is the VP/Branch Manager of Capitol Federal Savings Bank. Deborah Gdisis is a Financial Advisor for Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. Shakila Sauffullah is a PR Manager with Associated Advertising/Marketing/PR. Congratulations to the new board members and thank you to everyone who attended the membership meeting. **To become an Arc member, call 943-1191.**



Activities Continued

The Music Theater of Wichita is offering two Special Needs Matinees this summer. The first will be **High School Musical on June 14th at 1pm**. The second show will be **Cats on June 28th at 1pm**. Both shows will be at Century II. You must register to **David Frain at 265-3253 by June 1st**. These events are **free for children ages 5-18**.

Families Together Inc is hosting a 25th Anniversary Celebration Saturday, **June 2 from 8:30am -12pm** at First United Methodist Church. Call **945-7747 ext 111** to register for this free event. There may be a waiting list to participate. The event will include clowns, face painting, bunny rabbits, music, and more.

The Wichita Art Museum is offering **Family Adventure** on June 23rd from **11am-3pm** at 1400 W Museum Blvd. Tour the galleries and go to the studio for an art activity. **Free** for the entire family! Call Andrea Keppers at **268-4907** for more information.

Word of the Month



BASIS is completed annually by the first day of your or your child's birth month. This assessment is completed by a BASIS coordinator in order to ensure impartiality and consistency. BASIS consists of several sections, including: demographics, assessment information from the Developmental Disabilities Profile, and service information. The demographic section consists of the client's name, address, guardian, and other identifying information. The service section details the services a person is waiting for or currently receiving. The Developmental Disabilities Profile or DDP is an assessment designed to collect information about adaptive functioning skills, challenging behaviors, and health factors. This assessment produces three scores. The higher the score, the more severe the disability. These scores directly correlate with you or your child's Tier. The Tier Rate (1-5 and 0) may determine the amount of funding you or your child is eligible to receive. This rate is updated annually with the BASIS assessment. The DDP is typically performed only annually, but the service and demographic sections of BASIS are updated as needed. At the annual BASIS, it is important to include all members of the service team, including day, residential, and supportive home care providers.