

Developmental Disabilities Resources, Inc.

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DDR Connect's Anniversary

The opening of a day placement program has been a dream come true for DDR. On February 1, 2010 DDR Connect opened its doors at our 9929 Albemarle Rd office. The celebration was a fun way to thank all those that pulled together to make DDR Connect a success. Diana Fox and her team at Connect, along with many other volunteers, planned a day full of activities, food and giveaways. Everyone was a winner at the Connect first anniversary celebra-

tion. Each Connect participant and their individual care giver walked out with a prize. We are very proud of this program and the day to day activities to include: volunteering at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, animal shelter, men's homeless shelter, friendship trays, bowling, field trips and in-classroom activities like arts & crafts, skill building, computers and Spanish class. HAPPY FIRST ANNIVERSARY DDR!



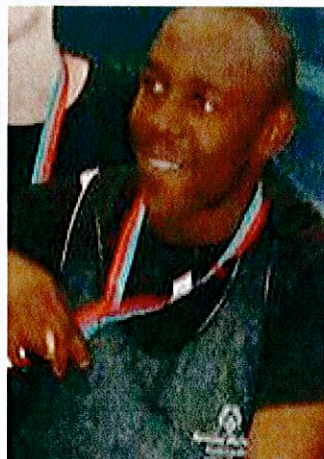
On May 10, 2011, representatives attended the Coalition Rally in Raleigh, NC. This rally was to advocate for the North Carolina legislature and senate to adequately fund services to the Mental Health/ Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse programs.

DDR met with many of the state elected officials. We encourage everyone to be active in the advocacy process with our elected officials!

Teamwork!

Johnny was one of the 5 players to make up the Men's Championship basketball team in the Special Olympics.

Johnny started practicing basketball and lifting weights last summer to prepare for the competition. This gold medal team



began practicing weekly at the Marion Diehl Center. Games began in March and the team played 5 games. On the championship day, the team played back to back games to get the gold! We are very proud of Johnny and the entire team for their hard-work!



DDR will be closed Monday, July 4th.



Autism
Awareness Night
7/15/11 Friday at
7:15pm
Vs. Louisville Bats



Save the Date:
2011 Buddy Walk
Saturday October 1, 2011
2pm-6pm



Aktion Club is a group of self advocates sponsored by the ARC of NC and the Kiwanis Club
www.arcmeck.org/Aktion_clubs.html

1915 (b)(c) Waiver Expansion

Services for people in North Carolina will soon be provided under a managed care waiver. This system will be statewide by July 2013. It is called a 1915(b)(c) Waiver. It is a system in which the LME (Local Management Entity, usually a county or group of counties) oversees the Medicaid services within the MR/DD/SA system. This waiver allows for predictable budget agreements between each LME and the State Medicaid program. Services are provided in

a cost effective manner and are based on needs. DDR has been providing services in PBH (an LME consisting of Union, Stanly, Rowan, Cabarrus and Davidson counties) since they began a pilot 1915 (b)(c) waiver in 2005. PBH was the first LME to work under the proposed managed care waiver. We have worked closely with their staff and have a very good understanding of the processes within this system. Services for people with Intellectual/

Developmental disabilities will be provided through NC Innovations. NC Innovations uses an evaluation tool called a SIS (Supports Intensity Scale). In the upcoming months, if you or your loved one is requested to complete a SIS interview, please take this evaluation very seriously. This tool will help determine the level of supports that you need. As more information is available about waiver services, DDR will provide materials or trainings to help with this process.

Who is new at DDR?

DDR, Inc. welcomed Rebecca Mills to our agency in March, 2011. Many of you may recognize this name. She goes by Becky Mills and has spent over 16 years in the human service field. Becky has spent time with many reputable entities around Charlotte to include Mecklenburg county LME and Family Preservation Services. Becky was born in

Gainesville, Florida but grew up in North and South Carolina. She moved to Charlotte in 1990 where she enjoys life with her husband Tim, 3 adult step children, and 4 grandchildren. Don't forget those two dogs and a Harley. I guess Becky has her hair in the wind on her time off! It's a pleasure to have Becky and all of her wonderful

experience on our team. Feel free to stop in and welcome Becky to our DDR family.

