

SPOTLIGHT ON SUCCESS:

Lexi Haas has been chosen to be DDR's Spotlight on Success story this quarter. Lexi has been with DDR, Inc. and her QP, Carli Butler for 5 years. Lexi developed a neurological condition called kernicterus as a result of newborn jaundice. Now, at the age of 8, Lexi is extremely intelligent but can't yet sit up, walk, talk, or hold anything in her hands without assistance. On July 29, 2009, Lexi became the first person to have a procedure called Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) to help her manage her severe movement

disorder. Since the surgery, Lexi has noticed some improvement in her muscle tone. She does need intensive rehabilitative therapy that is not offered in NC.

A Celebration of Hope was held on Lexi's behalf on July 31, 2010. The event was held at the Weddington Chase Clubhouse where donations were taken for Kernicterus research. Food was donated and even an appearance was made by Shawna Robinson (first female Nascar driver). We wish Lexi and her family



strength and courage and will send our support in any way possible!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

**FALL FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 8TH
3P-6P**

DDR IN HOUSE TRAINING:

**SEPT. 14TH 4P-5P
OCT. 25TH 4P-5P
NOV. 16TH 4P-5P**

**MINT HILL MADDNESS
SEPT. 24TH-26TH**

**COME SUPPORT
DDR PITBULLS
SOFTBALL GAMES
TBA**

**DDR CONNECT
RAY'S SPLASH
PLANET SEPT 17TH**

CFAC

DDR, Inc. will be hosting a CFAC (Consumer and Family Advocacy Committee) meeting. If you would like to participate, please contact Gina Lemons at (704) 573-9777.

Fall Festival

You are invited to DDR's Annual Fall Festival this year the Festival will be held on Friday, October 8th from 3p-6p at Reedy Creek Park, Shelter #3. The Festival is open to the people we serve as well as their providers and families along with the community. Just like in years past, we enjoy the afternoon with hotdogs, hamburgers, popcorn, cotton candy, games, music, fun, and giveaways!!! There will be a drawing at the end of the afternoon so be sure to enter your name upon arrival at the door. Please mark your calendars and come out for a day of fun!



Satisfaction Surveys Are In:

Please visit www.ddrinc.org to see how you have helped shape the services we provide!

Connecting at Carowinds!

August was the month of hard work for the crew at DDR, Connect. The group agreed upon planning a trip to Carowinds.

In order to raise enough money for everyone to go, the group had 2 fundraisers. The first was a car wash where everyone pitched in and helped.

The second fundraiser was a plate sale. The Connect group pre-sold hotdog, hamburger, and chicken plates. The day of the fundraiser was busy with grilling and preparing the food. Raffle tickets were also sold with the winner being DDR's own Gina Lemons. Gina graciously donated her winnings towards the trip!

After a huge team effort, DDR Connect raised enough money for 40 people to go to Carowinds. The money also paid

for everyone's lunch while at the theme park. The Intimidator was the first ride everyone wanted to go on. It seemed to be everyone's favorite ride. The group made their way around the park and rode almost every ride. The weather was nice which helped make it a great day for all involved.

The Connect group is already planning their next outing. If anyone is interested in touring DDR Connect or being a part of this fun group please contact Marlo Wallace or Diana Fox at (704) 545-2662.



Meet DDR, Inc.

DDR, Inc. is pleased to welcome a new member to our family. Many of you might have already seen her in the office, her name is Nancy Hamlin-Slater. Nancy brings many years of experience with her to DDR.

Nancy is originally from Michigan and spent 15 years living in Florida before moving to Charlotte. Nancy received a degree in Recreational Therapy and initially worked as a OP for 8 years.



Prior to coming to DDR, Nancy spent 4 years providing case management for Family Preservation Services.

Nancy has been married for 28 years and has recently watched her son graduate from UNC—Chapel Hill. We are all very happy to have Nancy as a part of our team. Please stop by and say hello to Nancy next time you are in the office.

MECKLENBURG GETS NEW WAIVER!

Mecklenburg County LME (Local Management Entity) has been awarded a 1915 b/c Waiver program. This came about due to the success of PBH's service performance and cost containment since implementing the waiver in 2005.

The Waiver brings many changes. We recommend all our people served, families, and providers pay attention to any news or informational meetings regarding waiver changes. DDR will be post-

ing updates in the office as well as on the website any available information.

To give you a little information about the 1915 Waiver, it allows the LME the chance to waive some of the requirements for Medicaid. It establishes a managed care system for community mental health by combining services for all Medicaid eligibles into a single funding model. The idea of a Waiver would allow a LME to receive a fixed payment

rate for each Medicaid member per month. This money would go towards oversight, coordination, and payment of all services. The LME would be responsible for authorizing the payment of services, processing and paying claims, conducting care utilization, and quality management functions. There is change coming our way for Mecklenburg County and we will work as a team to make a smooth transition.