

RTC News

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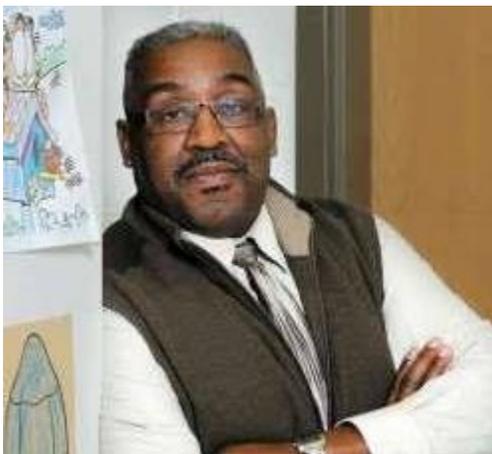
Staff Updates

Congratulations and best wishes Rosa Nance who accepted a new position with the Nord Center. Her last day was August 25th.

NEORTC

Trainer Kudos

The NEORTC would like to congratulate Bobby Grizzard, an OCWTP Trainer since 2010, who recently retired as a Detective with the Massillon (OH) Police Department where he served for nearly 30 years. Bobby spent nearly 20 of those years investigating child abuse cases and internet sex crimes. He has appeared on the *Geraldo Rivera Show* and on *To Catch a Predator* with *Dateline's* Chris Hansen. Bobby will continue to train caseworkers and foster parents on internet safety, while also enjoying traveling and photography. Bobby also plans to write a book about his experiences in law enforcement.



The Education Center will be getting a new roof within the next few weeks! What does this mean for trainers? There will be fewer parking spaces since a dumpster and roofing materials will be taking up space and training rooms may be cold - so be sure to bring a sweater. Some of our trainings may be

moved to the main building or off site. Construction is scheduled to begin on Oct. 7 and is expected to take six weeks. We will keep you posted.

NEORTC is asking trainers to stick to the 60 minutes/1-hour for lunch timeframe for a day-long training. Trainees are used to this schedule and there is too much confusion when it is changed. If you have any questions, feel free to contact NEORTC Director, Jeanne Bennett at 330-379-2003.

ECORTC

Staff Updates

Darla Zajack will be celebrating 20 years with the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program this November! Darla has held several positions within the RTC. In 1994 she began as a part-time receptionist and then became full-time data entry processor. Later, she was promoted to clerical specialist before being promoted in 2013 to Assistant Training Coordinator. Darla's dream is to stay with ECORTC for another 5-years or longer, then decide on retirement options! Darla's hobby is nature photography and travelling to see her 3 children. Please join us in congratulating Darla on hitting such a great milestone!

On an exciting side note, Darla's son, Eric Gorscak, is part of a Paleo Team from Ohio University that recently discovered a new species of dinosaur! This was big news in the science community and across the globe. For details visit: <http://www.ohio.edu/research/communications/rukwatitan.cfm>

Debbie Schott has a new addition to her family, her son and daughter in-law recently gifted her with another grandchild! Congrats Debbie! Now we know you have another great reason to take vacation time! Next time you see the youngest looking grandparent in the world, congratulate Debbie!

One of our long-time foster training specialists, Janice Wimer from Tuscarawas County JFS, will be retiring on October 31, 2014. We wish Jan all the best!

If you are travelling to Tuscarawas County for training, make sure you pay attention to the contact information from our confirmations.

ECORTC Training Room

Technology has been upgraded recently to add an APPLE TV device as a way for trainers to use Air Play. Air Play allows you to clone audio and video features through the large screen monitor using any Apple Device with the capability. Just let ECORTC Staff know you plan on trying this technology the day of the training and Brian can walk you through the simple process. We also have added Google Chromebooks to use in SACWIS Training modules for Staff and Caregiver Training sessions. This technology will allow new workers to utilize hands-on SACWIS features in a safe lab environment to build knowledge, skills, and confidence in the use of this technology.

Travelling to East Central Ohio?

As a reminder, the oil and gas industry has changed the travel landscape in our area. Trainers should book overnight rooms at least 60 days in advance to ensure a room of your choice. Also, the lunch hour can be a challenge for participants to return on time. Due to the overcrowded local restaurants, a brown bag lunch is recommended, OR you can ask your participants to order carry-out. Please see the RTC staff if you have questions about hotels or lunch challenges.

Trainer Kudos

Kudos to new OCWTP trainer Luella Gilbert! Her expertise in the Amish Culture has recently helped at least two of our counties become more culturally competent and successful in working with Amish families.

Also, a huge thank you goes out to David Zidar, Anthony President, Gene Smiley, and Sister Rybicki, Lynne Anderson, Michele Santin, Ronna Johnson, Brian Lowery, Kathy Lowery, Brian Bethel, Bert Nero, Marlin Cheyney, and Francesca Muscari (to name just a few) who are flexible and willing to come to our small counties even for one 3-hour session in the evening!

SEORTC

Staff Updates

The SEORTC participated in a staff teambuilding event on August 11th with the guidance of Les Helms. We learned a lot about our communication, personality, and conflict styles and enjoyed having lunch together.

During the month of July we caught up on our spring cleaning! The facility receiving a “deep” cleaning and Carmen cleaned out some old workshop files dating back to 1994!

WORTC

Staff Updates

The WORTC is happy to introduce Rachel Ewing as the new coordinator of Staff Training. Rachel most recently worked as a Caseworker III for Greene County Children Services. Rachel is replacing Michelle Bruce, who after 15 years as the coordinator took a job with CHOICES of Dayton, Ohio. Best wishes Michelle and welcome aboard Rachel!