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DSP Appreciation Week



BRITTNI HODINKO - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

Celebrating Our Amazing DSPs!

September was full of fun as we celebrated DSP Appreciation Week! We kicked off the festivities with our Walk of Appreciation, coffee and breakfast, pies to the face, refreshing lemonade, and plenty of laughter. We ended the week with ice cream and a spirited game of kickball. It was an amazing celebration, and we had so much fun recognizing the incredible people who make Supernova so special.

Our Direct Support Professionals truly make Supernova go round. Their dedication, compassion, patience, and hard work make a difference in the lives of the individuals we support every single day. We hope each of our DSPs felt how important, valued, and appreciated they are—not only during DSP Appreciation Week, but throughout the entire year. Thank you for everything you do!

A special thank-you to Early Bird Coffee Truck, Coolie Skoolie Ice Cream, and Summer Squeeze Lemonade for helping us make DSP Appreciation Week extra special! We also want to thank everyone who worked behind the scenes to plan, organize, and bring each event to life. Your time, effort, and support helped create a fun and memorable week for our DSPs and the individuals we support. We truly appreciate everyone who helped make the celebration possible!







DSP Appreciation Week (contd.)























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Changes are Coming to Medicaid in 2027

Due to changes in federal law, you might need to follow new work requirements and renew your eligibility every six months to receive Medicaid, also known as Medical Assistance in Pennsylvania.

What you need to know

Starting January 1, 2027, there are two major changes that will affect some Medicaid recipients:

Renewing Medicaid Every Six Months

Some adults ages 19-64 will need to have their Medicaid eligibility checked by completing a renewal every six months instead of every year.

Meeting Work Requirements

Some adults ages 19-64 who do not have a dependent child under 14 years old must show that they are meeting work requirements. This will be reviewed during application or renewal.

More Information

Learnmore aboutfederal changes to Medicaid at dhs.pa.gov/MedicaidChanges

Learn more.
Scan withmobile device to go to dhs.pa.gov/ MedicaidChanges

Still Need Help?

Doyouhavequestions about what these Medicaid changes mean for you?
Contact your caseworker at your local county assistance office (CAO).

Find help.
Scan withmobile device to go to dhs.pa.gov/cao

Flu/COVID Vaccines

AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Colt Rx will be at the Supernova Office on **Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 10:00am** for the Flu/Covid vaccine clinic.

Any staff that are interested in receiving one or both vaccines, **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK BELOW** at least 48 hours before October 8th; no paper forms will be available.

Please contact Human Resources Director, Amy Stromberg, 878-212-0005, if you have any questions.

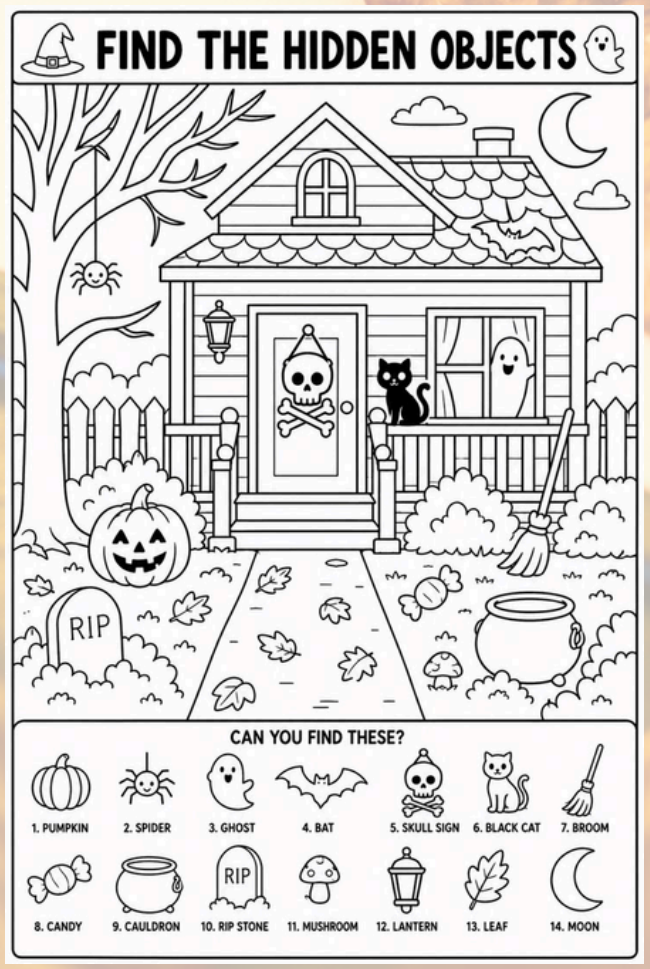
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Find the Hidden Objects!

HEATHER MILLER - DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

This October, take time to enjoy the season, explore your interests, and make memories that bring you happiness. Remember, your happiness, goals, and dreams matter!



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Happy Anniversary to our Supernova Employees!

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SHINE BRIGHT WITH US!

THERESA HICKLE	SEPT. 2ND, 2019
DANIELLE JACOBS	SEPT. 2ND, 2019
DOMINIQUE JOHNSON	SEPT. 11TH, 2023
SAMANTHA CREGUT	SEPT. 12TH, 2025
KEVIN STROMBERG	SEPT. 22ND, 2025
DARIEN BAUST	SEPT. 26TH, 2022
LUANN WELSH	SEPT. 27TH, 2024
MIKE SMITH	SEPT. 29TH, 2022
SHANNON PARKER	SEPT. 29TH, 2025

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Meet Our New Supernova Staff!

WE ARE HIRING FULL/PART-TIME DSP'S $18.50 HOURLY. REFER FAMILY/FRIENDS FOR A ONE-TIME REFERRAL BONUS OF $100 *NEW STAFF MUST WORK 3 MONTHS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BONUS*



Brandi McCann
Employment Specialist
1.) Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

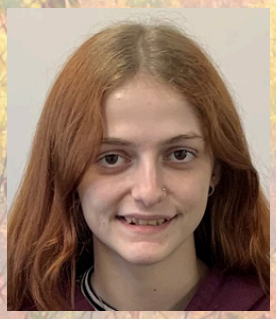
I play Bingo!

2.) What is your idea of the perfect day?

A day at the beach.

3.) What is the best concert you've been to?

Darius Rucker



Kylee Richards
DSP
1.) Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I was in Color Guard in High School!

2.) What is your idea of the perfect day?

A cloudy, 60 degrees Fall day.

3.) What is the best concert you've been to?

AJR



Brittany McFadden
Employment Specialist
1.) Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I prepare personal income taxes, and I love reading and crafting!

2.) What is your idea of the perfect day?

Staying at home with my children, cooking and watching movies.

3.) What is the best concert you've been to?

Drake



Tiana Apgar
Employment Specialist
1.) Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I do artwork and I like to write; My poetry was published 12 years ago!

2.) What is your idea of the perfect day?

Starting the day slowly, do artwork and take a walk in a National Park.

3.) What is the best concert you've been to?

Mother Mother



China McGill
DSP
1.) Do you have any hidden talents or hobbies?

I like to cook and garden!

2.) What is your idea of the perfect day?

Spending time with family.

3.) What is the best concert you've been to?

Bon Jovi





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Shining Stars - Dave Henderson



AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

1.) What do you enjoy most about your job?

I like helping the individuals feel better on bad days, keeping a positive attitude and aiding in redirecting negative thinking into positive thinking. Also, lifting them up when they are feeling sad or down and just overall helping them gain confidence in doing tasks by giving them encouragement!

2.) What has been your most memorable moment so far at Supernova?

I don't have a memorable moment, but I do enjoy going to picnics and taking the individuals to places that are quiet and serene like recreational parks.

3.) What is your favorite way to start the day?

I start my day by going on my computer and checking notifications, emails and weather. I also enjoy going on the Marketplace and looking for good deals! If I am off that day, I enjoy a nice breakfast with my wife.

4.) How do you like to unwind after work?

Nothing beats sitting on the couch after a long day, and either praying or watching something positive on TV.



Shining Stars - Mike Smith

AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR



1.) What do you enjoy most about your job?

Having an influence on the people that I work with. At the end of the day, knowing I made a positive difference in someone's life is just as fulfilling for me, as hopefully it is for them.

2.) What has been your most memorable moment so far at Supernova?

It is a tie between taking J.K. to see Gravedigger (monster truck), and taking a group of the ladies to the grand re-opening of the Science Center.

3.) What is your favorite way to start the day?

Shower, coffee, silence.

4.) How do you like to unwind after work?

Chatting with my wife about the days events, a beer and video games/writing for Dungeons and Dragons!



The Cooking Corner

MICHELE GRANDE-LOPEZ - PROGRAM SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

This month we baked some sweet cozy treats to enjoy as the weather gets colder! These Pie Pockets were prepped and baked by our Cooking Corner, and it was the perfect way to welcome Fall! 🍂



Ingredients/Seasonings:

Canned or homemade pie filling of your choice
Puff Pastry Sheets

Instructions:

1.) Thaw the puff pastry.
2.) Slice into three equal parts and then in half, creating 6 squares.
3.) Scoop pie filling onto a square.
4.) Slice slits into 3 of the squares.
5.) Top pie filling with slitted square and pinch together.
* Optional: Brush with egg wash and top with sugar or for apple – cinnamon sugar
6.) Bake at 425 until golden brown.
Now Enjoy!!!







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The Cooking Corner (contd.)











RELIAS

A reminder to all staff to please keep monitoring your Relias accounts for upcoming due dates to ensure that we are in compliance with the 6400 Regulations, for we must acquire 24 hours of training each year. Thank you all for being amazing as always!



Want your ideas featured in the Supernova Newsletter?

Please contact Amy Stromberg, HR Director, for more info!

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