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FREE PARENTING TRAININGS

The Parenting Coalition of Hamilton County is offering free training through March for parents of children who have special needs. Topics include handling a disability diagnosis, parenting for independence and planning for a child's adult life. For more information, visit talberthouse.org/news.

NEWSMAKERS

Talbert House's Teri Nau was a guest on Local 12's Newsmakers in December with Hamilton County Job and Family Services' Moira Weir. Watch the interview at our Web site, talberthouse.org/video.

Capacity building for nonprofits

TALBERT HOUSE SELECTED AS OHIO TANF TRAINING PROGRAM PROVIDER

Talbert House's Institute for Training and Development has been chosen as a regional partner of the Ohio TANF Training Program (OTTP) to provide free capacity building training to faith-based and community nonprofits.

Through OTTP, nonprofits can receive all-day training on strategic planning, board development, building collaborations, fund development, grant writing, human resources and volunteer management.

"These trainings will help strengthen the organizational capacity of faith-based and community nonprofits," said Greg Landsman, director of Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. "Our trainings are in-depth and focus on what really works for nonprofits."

Talbert House is the OTTP provider for organizations in the Southwest area of the



GREG LANDSMAN, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED & COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, MEETS WITH LOCAL LEADERS.

state. Go to <http://fbciohio.gov> see trainings in other regions.

Talbert House will provide sessions in Sidney in February, Dayton in March and Washington Court House in April.

OTTP is a state-wide program funded by Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based & Community Initiatives. A complete list of trainings provided by Talbert House is available at www.talberthouse.org/training.

• TREATMENT •

Client receives Habitat home

SONNETTA AND FAMILY FEATURED IN 2008 ANNUAL REPORT



SONNETTA (CENTER) AND HER FAMILY AT THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OPEN HOUSE

Sonnetta, a Talbert House Adult Substance Abuse Services client, moved into her new Habitat for Humanity house with her family in January.

Sonnetta was featured in the agency's 2008 Annual Report and came to Talbert House after residential treatment. She received a Shelter Plus Care apartment and case management services. "Talbert House took me from transitional living to independent living," Sonnetta said. "They helped me learn everything I needed to be stable."

Sonnetta's home was the 20th home built by Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations, Sonnetta!

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Talbert House receives Cliff Skeen Award

CCC HONORED BY OHIO DEPT. OF REHABILITATION & CORRECTION



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION AND CORRECTION PRESENTS TALBERT HOUSE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITH THE 2008 CLIFFORD SKEEN AWARD IN COLUMBUS.

Congratulations to Troy R. Newman, supervisor at Community Correctional Center, for receiving certification as a Six Sigma Black Belt from the Certification Board of the American Society for Quality.

Talbert House accepted the 2008 Clifford Skeen Award in October for Community Correctional Center of Butler, Clermont and Warren Counties. CCC received the honor from Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction as the best Community Based Correctional Facility in Ohio.

CCC is a 72-bed facility located in Warren County. Open since 1995, CCC provides residential assessment, treatment, and reintegration programming for adult male felony offenders from the three counties. In fiscal year 2008, CCC had a 90 percent successful completion rate with 74 percent of clients maintaining employment for at least 90 days after discharge.

Updates to agency's jail treatment programs

In collaboration with Hamilton County, Talbert House redesigned several of its jail treatment programs to provide the county's justice system more flexibility in meeting the demands of its inmate population. Service delivery at the agency's two jail facilities was adjusted to meet the needs of reduced jail space following the closing of Queensgate.

These changes to the agency's programs allow the County's Justice Center to house the most serious offenders and continue to provide treatment options for low-risk offenders to help them return successfully to the community following their sentence.

Rewards Jail Intervention is a 58-bed treatment program for women referred by the Hamilton County Courts that uses gender-responsive techniques to address issues of chemical dependency, mental health,

prostitution, and criminality.

Turning Point is a 56-bed treatment program for men with multiple DUIs that provides educational sessions, counseling, and a 6-month continuing care program.

Extended Treatment is a 58-bed program for low-risk men with chemical dependency issues referred by the Hamilton County Courts. Services include continuing care and employment readiness with specialty tracks for anger management, relapse prevention, and domestic violence.

Work Reentry is a new 60-bed program for low-risk male inmates who are sentenced to participate in the Sheriff's work detail. The clients are transported to the Justice Center by the Sheriff and are required to participate in reentry services, such as educational and life skills groups and intensive discharge planning.

Community support for clients



The clients received an unprecedented outpouring of support during the holidays. Those who generously gave gifts to clients were the students and staff of Walnut Hills High School, Christ Hospital Behavioral Services Department, Procter & Gamble's CF R&D Human Resources and agency staff and board members. Also, the University of Cincinnati gave books and shelving to use as a library at Alternatives, a teen residential program for boys.

Thanks to Everybody Rides Metro

Talbert House thanks Everybody Rides Metro (ERM) for supporting clients with affordable transportation since 2007. In 2008, Talbert House clients received over \$41,000 in transportation subsidies from ERM. Clients from five programs received bus tokens: ADAPT, Community Link, Halfway Houses, Pathways and Workforce Reentry.

Everybody Rides Metro is a charitable foundation that subsidizes Metro bus tokens and passes for low-income individuals to support self-sufficiency. The foundation was created by the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority (SORTA) board of trustees. The foundation is a non-profit organization and is not part of SORTA or Metro. Go to everybodyridesmetro.org to learn more.

Silverman elected board chair



JOHN SILVERMAN IS THE 24TH CHAIRPERSON OF THE TALBERT HOUSE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John I. Silverman of Midland Atlantic was elected as Talbert House's 24th board chairperson at the agency's annual meeting in September.

In this position, Silverman leads the 38-member board and chairs the executive committee. He also serves on the development committee and the Foundation for Talbert House board. He joined the board in 2003 and previously served as board vice chair.

Silverman will serve a two-year term as chairperson, succeeding Haluk G. Nural.

Congratulations also to the newest board members elected at the annual meeting: David Hoguet, Joseph Mallory, Alex Triantafilou Esq., and Sourushe Zandvakili PhD.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Thanks to the following foundations and community organizations for their support of Talbert House:

- Louis and Louise Nippert Trust for IT enhancements
- William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation for the Fatherhood Program
- Page Ann Hayden Foundation for Children with Special Needs for Project PASS
- Molyneaux Foundation and West Chester/Liberty Community Foundation's Youth In Philanthropy for North Star
- The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati for Brown County Recovery Services
- The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati for Women's Mentoring planning grant

Bryan Black, accreditations manager, co-presented a workshop on proposed PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) standards for community corrections at the American Correctional Association's Winter Training Institute.

The workshop was presented in partnership with International Community Correctional Association and Ohio Community Corrections Association.

Talbert House participated in October's 2008 Red Ribbon Week Celebration on Fountain Square with other local prevention providers.

The event featured local students' artwork and performances.

Also, thanks to the students and staff of Our Lady of Victory School who gave to Talbert House in honor of Red Ribbon Week.



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Talbert House celebrates at 43rd Annual Luncheon

Talbert House held its 43rd annual luncheon in September with more than 300 in attendance. At the luncheon, the agency honored Ray Brokamp with the Ernest Talbert Award, Vice Mayor David Crowley with the Agnes Seasingood Good Government Award and Miriam West with the Community Service Award.

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