



March 3, 2023

Welcome to SCRS-IL's Newsletter, Shout Out!

Shout Out aims to capture and highlight much of the unseen work at SCRS-IL. We want to recognize our consumers' accomplishments, no matter how big or small. We recognize that our consumers face challenges, but we must also recognize and celebrate their small victories and successes, which we want to share with our community.

February Highlights



Downey Open House

Our open house had an incredibly successful turnout, with more than 100 regional center service coordinators, community members, and families visiting. SCRS-IL Downey staff reintroduced our programs and services that are available to people with disabilities and their support systems.

Shout out to Mayor Pro Tem Mario Trujillo, who attended our open house and was eager to learn more about SCRS-IL!

February 7, 2023



Pasadena Open House

A winter storm did not deter folks from showing up to our open house in Pasadena. Once again, SCRS-IL staff reintroduced the programs and services that we provided, all free of charge, to regional center service coordinators, school district personnel, and families.

Shout out to the Department of Rehabilitation personnel for attending and always supporting SCRS-IL and our mission.

February 23, 2023

Success: Achieved One Step at a Time

Marc started with SCRS-IL employment services

back in August of 2021 in an effort to obtain the necessary employment readiness skills and gainful employment.

Marc unfortunately was laid off from the Micheals Craft Store back in December 2022. This time allowed Marc to work on polishing up his resume once again to get back into the workforce. Mid-February approached and a temporary employment opportunity presented itself as a receptionist at the Pasadena location. Marc and another candidate both interviewed for it with Marc being presented with a job offer on February 16, 2023. With technical assistance and his current soft skills, he was able to transition into the role of a fellow employee.

Marc currently greets consumers and directs them to the appropriate colleague. He takes calls and messages, and he is open to feedback. Marc is very timid at first. It takes a while for him to open up, but this role has allowed him to get out of his comfort zone because he is required to speak to consumers on a daily basis.



Marc A.
SCRS-IL Pasadena Receptionist



These two individuals have been selected for going "*Above and Beyond*" by their peers and consumers.

Kimberlyn Burnam
Shirley Aldana



Join us in celebrating our February Employee Anniversaries. Nicole Atkinson, our interim Program Manager in San Bernardino has reached her 1 year Anniversary.

Nicole Atkinson

Celebrate

WOMEN'S HISTORY

AND

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS

MARCH 2023



National Women's History Month is celebrated in March. The theme for 2023 is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." In addition, March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. President Reagan approved the presidential proclamation in 1987, during a period of significant social change and shortly before the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, calling on Americans to provide the "encouragement and opportunities" required for people with developmental disabilities to reach their full potential. It is crucial to support, collaborate, encourage, and celebrate these groups, as they deserve more than a month of recognition. As we work to remove barriers to employment and independence, we should celebrate their daily contributions to our history and society.

Take a look at how you can celebrate below!

Women's History Month

Learn

Documentaries & TED Talks -
[9to5: The Story of a Movement \(Netflix\)](#)
[Check out TED's round-up of 10 must-watch talks by women](#)

Read a book -
"A Room of One's Own" by Virginia Woolf ([Bookshop](#)) ([Amazon](#))

Listen to a Podcast -
[Woman's Hour](#)

Developmental Disabilities Awareness

Learn

Documentaries & TED Talks -
[CripCamp \(Netflix\)](#)
[Check out 8 powerful TED Talks on People with Disabilities](#)

Text & Toolkits
[NACDD Resource Guide](#)
[Books Honored For Disability Storylines](#)
By Shawn Heasley of Disability Scoop

Listen to a Podcast -

Take Action

Support woman-owned businesses
Donate to organizations in your community that support women and girls

[Girls Who Code](#)

[Girls Inc.](#)

[She Should Run](#)

Celebrate

1. Attend Women's History Events
2. Join a women's organization or club
3. Search Apple Music or Spotify for a Women's History Playlist
4. Write a thank-you note to the women in your life

[Boggs Cast](#)

Take Action

Donate to an organization that provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities

[The Arc](#)

[SCRS-IL](#)

[Easter Seals](#)

[United Cerebral Palsy](#)

[Friendship Circle International](#)

Support Disability-Owned Businesses [Here](#)

Don't see any in your area? - But know of someone who owns a business with a disability, add it!

Celebrate

1. Wear Orange, as it is the official color of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.
2. Share images, videos, and stories on Social Media that highlight individuals
3. Promote resources and events in your community and social media
4. Attend events that bring more awareness to Developmental Disabilities

Hello March!

Take a Peek at Upcoming Events this Month...

International Women's Day - **March 8, 2023**

A global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality.

Abilities Expo

Los Angeles - **March 10-12, 2023**

- See new products, tech, and resources to help you up your game! Buckle up for many adaptive sports, fun dance opportunities, info-packed workshops, and more.

Abilities Expo [Video](#)

For more information [click here](#)

To register [click here](#)

Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Webinar - **March 14, 2023, 3-4 PM, EST**

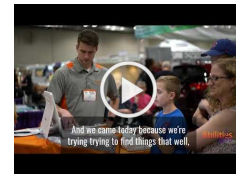
- Join the DETAC as they celebrate Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month with the National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities.

Find out more about...

- The role DD Councils play in leading systems change within communities.
- Innovative employment initiatives from DD councils in California and South Carolina
- The value of partnering with a DD Council in your state

Registration is required. If you'd like to register [click here](#)

Roundtable Discussion - Zoom Online Event



Reminder!

Daylight Savings Time Begins **March 12, 2023**

As we head into spring, remember to "spring forward" meaning **clocks are set forward one hour.**

For individuals who are physical/mobility impaired or those who have lived experiences with individuals who have this disability.

Here are the listed dates we're working on right now with the community that we're holding space for:

- March 8, 2023-Physically/Mobility Impaired
- March 13, 2023- Blind/LV
- March 15, 2023-Deaf/HH
- March 20, 2023- Blind/LV
- March 22, 2023-Deaf/HH
- March 27, 2023- Deaf/HH
- March 29, 2023- Physically/Mobility Impaired
- April 3, 2023- Deaf/HH
- April 5, 2023- Deaf/HH

All participants will receive a \$25 dollar gift card

For more information email: roundtables@paintedbrain.org

SCRS-IL | Women's Empowerment Summit
Arcadia Embassy Suites - March 30, 2023

- We want to organize our community, led by Women, to come together, unify, and send a powerful message.
- Panelists from Women of SCRS, Guest Speakers, Vendors & Resource Fair!

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