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DayOne Network's 20th Anniversary Celebration!!!

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'A Night To Shine' for DayOne

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Welcome to 2009- a momentous year for DayOneNetwork. Over the last twenty years, DayOne has grown from a small organization with 5 staff members, servicing 300 children and adults, to almost 50 dedicated staff members assisting over 3,100 children and adults each year in Kane County, Kendall County, and Hanover Township of Cook.

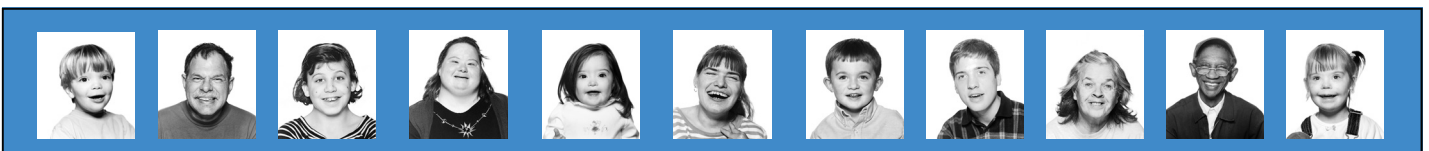
Today, because of DayOne's efforts, 21% of infants in our early intervention programs do not need further special education after age 3. In addition, DayOne has a 90% success rate of all service requests submitted to the State for funding. Finally, even with limited State funding increases, DayOne has risen to the challenge of providing services to 70% more clients from 2004 to the present.

In honor of DayOne's continued growth and dedication, a celebration for its 20th anniversary is in order!

For this milestone year, DayOne will host 'A Night to Shine' Gala and Auction, March 20, at the beautiful Q Center in St. Charles, IL. Starting at 6:00 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, attendees can bid on items at our silent auction. As a new feature, the auction will be featured online nationally at www.cMarket.com and www.biddingforgood.com, which anyone in the nation can bid on prior to the event. Then, DayOne is privileged to have world famous chef, Chef Francois Sanchez, serve an entrée of chicken and crab cakes. At the end of the evening, attendees will dance the night away to the live trio band, Cirrus Falcon.

As one of DayOne's largest fundraisers each year, this upscale event celebrates the children we serve, gives thanks to the families and businesses that donate their time and money to our cause, as well as, raise over \$30,000 to continue our work and dedication.

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From the Director's Desk

It is hard to believe that 2008 has come to a close and even harder to believe that DayOne Network is celebrating its 20th Anniversary in 2009. The agency was founded in 1989 to serve as the “front door” to the service delivery system for children and adults with developmental delays and disabilities and continues to serve in this capacity in the Kane and Kendall Counties and Hanover Township of Cook County. DayOne has grown from serving approximately 300 persons at its inception to now over 3100 in FY2009.

Although funding continues to be challenging for many, including us, DayOne remains constant in its mission to those we serve and we see our 20th anniversary as a time of renewal in spirit and purpose. Our mission is to find solutions for the children and adults with developmental delays and disabilities and their families and to make connections to access needed services and supports. We are here for those we serve from DayOne. Our programs help individuals and



their families navigate through the maze of community services to make informed choices.

To celebrate our 20th year of operation, DayOneNetwork will be hosting a Gala Auction event on March 20th at the Q Center in St. Charles. The theme of the event is “**A Night to Shine**” beginning at 6PM with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, previewing the silent auction followed by dinner, a live auction, and then entertainment by **Cirrus Falcon**. We are excited to host this event and encourage you to visit our web site www.dayonenetwork.org and click “Events” to register. Sponsorships will enjoy not only signage but promotional opportunities through the Gala’s cMarket internet auction service reaching larger audiences

beyond the evening of the event.

Our celebration year will continue with our golf outing in August 24th and the 2nd Run for DayOne on September 13th in St. Charles. More details to come. All proceeds of the events in 2009 go towards benefiting our clients. Join us this year to honor those we serve and help us celebrate our heritage and further our partnerships.

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Last year’s run and walk were terrific with great weather, vendors, food, entertainment and friends of DayOne. We see this September event to be twice as special as our 1st run and walk.

The Run for DayOne committee has the planning for the event well underway.

Please note that “the River” 95.5 FM will be on site to help us have a great time. Further details will be on our website as we get closer to the event.

Thanks To Our Friends

Funding for not-for-profits is difficult especially in these economic times. We count on local funding sources as well as foundations to help support our mission and our services.

Thanks goes to the Kara Foundation and to Pentair Foundation for their generous support to help DayOne address increased operating costs.

Local funding bodies— Geneva Mental Health

Board, St. Charles Mental Health Board, Geneva Community Chest, and Hanover Township Mental Board have also be supportive to assist us in funding our programs.

Thanks goes to the Knights of Columbus who recognized DayOne with an award for our helping them with their Tootsie Roll drive.

Also thanks goes to the Community Foundation of Fox River Valley and to the Hansen-Furnas Foundation for

their generosity in helping us purchase our new phone system at DayOne. We are grateful for this support as our phone system was very outmoded and had reached its capacity.



Did You Know???

-You breathe in about 7 quarts of air every minute

-The liver performs over 500 different functions

-Humans are the only animal that have to be taught to swim

-There are approximately 500 hairs in one eyebrow

-There are 206 bones in the adult human body

Illinois Insurance Facts

Effective December 12, 2008, all individual and group health insurance policies and HMO contracts must abide by the provisions of Public Act 95-1005 (215 ILCS 356z. 14). This new Illinois law provides coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders for children under the age of 21, establishing an annual benefit of \$36,000 for services provided pursuant to this Act.

The Autism Law does NOT apply to: self-insured, non-public employers, self-insured health and welfare plans, such as union plans, and insurance policies or trusts issued in other states. The law does not change the autism coverage provided by public health care programs such as Family Care and All Kids. Contact the specific program for more information about its autism coverage.

Children under the age of 21 who have health coverage through an individual or group

policy will receive coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.

For individuals diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder, the new law also requires coverage for the following treatment: psychiatric care, psychological care, rehabilitative care, therapeutic care, including speech, occupational, and physical therapies addressing self-care and feeding, pragmatic, receptive and expressive language, cognitive functioning, applied behavioral analysis, intervention, and modification, motor planning, or sensory processing.

This new law requires insurance companies to provide up to an annual limit of \$36,000. An insurance company may provide coverage beyond this limit, but is not required to do so by law. Insurance companies are prohibited from limiting the number of visits to a physician or other service provider and treatments for conditions not

diagnosed as autism will not apply to the \$36,000 annual limit.

Insurance companies may not categorize benefits historically covered under the Serious Mental Illness Mandate as benefits now covered under this new law.

For more information on this new Illinois Insurance law, please call the Division of Insurance Consumer Services Section at 312-814-2427 or the Office of Consumer Health Insurance toll free at 877-527-9431 or visit the website at www.ins.state.il.us.

This information was taken directly from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation Division of Insurance issued December 2008.

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Child and Family Connections

Child and Family Connections (CFC) welcomes Susie Hulse as our newest Service Coordinator. Susie has a Master of Education degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia, and taught school in both Missouri and Texas. Susie replaces Tyisha Brown, who took a new job at Illinois Benedictine University.



continued. In the previous re-bidding four years ago, DayOne was re-awarded the CFC contract. Our CFC has maintained or improved its performance substantially in DHS' performance-based contract.



Early Intervention has just finished the launch of its training and testing program for interpreters. Anyone who desires to verbally interpret, or do written translation, must go through training in the role of interpreters and



demonstrate competence in verbal skills and/or written translation of reports. The need for training has long been a concern, as there have not been standards for this service provision except one's own word and fluency in a language.

The reapplication process for CFC statewide has been delayed, due in 2009, by the State of Illinois with contracts for FY2010 to be

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Community Access Corner

Effective 2/01/08, the PUNS is not just a data base, but is the entry to services. An individual who needs state funded DD services must be on the PUNS to access services. The first random pick from the data base was in 11/08. Seven names were drawn from the DayOne service area and we are now in the process of assisting those families in attaining funding. It is recommended to keep up-to-date with this issue by visiting the DHS website (www.dhs.state.il.us) and/or The ARC of Illinois website (www.thearcofil.org).

Many advocacy groups and individuals continue to work

through their legislators and other politically connected groups to bring awareness to all communities concerning the desperate need for the State of Illinois to increase its funding sources to those individuals who meet the developmental disability criteria. One particular group filed a lawsuit against the State of Illinois in regards to individuals living in Integrated Community Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF/DD) not being eligible for other community placement, i.e. group homes. The State and plaintiffs have settle out of court and the decree is in the process of completion. The decree will

address individuals who reside in ICF/DDs and desire to move into small community based placements. Another aspect of this decree will provide funding to individuals who are in emerging crisis not full blown crisis. Funding is expected on 7/01/09 and will be spread over a 6 year period. The following are websites for additional information: www.dhs.state.il.us (click "About DHS" then click on "Ligas") and www.sonnenschein.com/docs/ligas.php.



Staff Spotlight



Don Casey has worked at DayOne Network for two years as the front desk receptionist. He stated he enjoys his job because, “the place is full of really nice people.”

Don had spent the previous thirty years working in sales in the computer aided manufacturing industry.

He and his wife, Johnel, have nine grandchildren, whom they adore and love to spend their free time. Don and his wife share their home with their two cats.



Chris Finks has been with DayOne Network for almost 13 years as the Business Manager. Chris said she likes working here because, “of the employees I work with daily.”

Chris enjoys riding her bike, gardening, photography, and playing games with her sons in her spare time.

Chris lives with her husband, Bob, and their two sons, Robby, 14, and Andrew, 9. They have two birds and one fish.



Adrienne LeFevre just began her employment with DayOne in January of this year as the Resource Development

Director. She stated that she enjoys working at DayOne because, “it has good people working for a good cause.”

Adrienne graduated from the University of Kansas in 1998 with a Bachelor Degree in Psychology and from DePaul University in 2001 with a Master Degree in Communications.

Adrienne enjoys sports and working out, and spending time with her husband, Andy, and their children, Genevieve, 4, and Reese, 1.

Executive Director:

Joyce Helander

Business Manager:

Chris Finks

Resource Development

Director:

Adrienne LeFevre

Office Coordinator:

Cheryl Warren

Support Staff:

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Christine Olsen

Michele Reed

Don Casey

Newsletter Staff:

Melissa Claus

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Bonnie McCrary

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Geneva

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RaeAnn Van Gundy -

Yorkville

Wanda Thomas -Aurora

Noonan Syndrome

Noonan Syndrome (NS) is a common congenital genetic condition which affects both males and females. The principal features include congenital heart malformation, short stature, learning problems, indentation of the chest, impaired blood clotting, and a characteristic configuration of facial features. It is named after Dr. Jacqueline Noonan.

Despite identification of four causative genes, the diagnosis of Noonan syndrome is still based on clinical features. In other words, it is made when a physician feels that a patient has enough of the features to warrant the label indicating association. The patient can be

tested for mutations in the PTPN11, SOS1, or KRAS genes; however, absence of a mutation will not exclude the diagnosis as there are more as yet undiscovered genes that cause NS.

The principal values of making such a diagnosis are that it guides additional medical and developmental evaluations, it excludes other possible explanations for the features, and it allows more accurate recurrence risk estimates.

The signs and symptoms of Noonan syndrome can be subtle. If you suspect you or your child may have the disorder, see your primary care physician or your child's primary care pediatrician. He or she may then refer your child to a pediatric geneticist or

a pediatric cardiologist. Noonan syndrome can be detected with molecular genetic testing. If your unborn child is at risk because of a family history of Noonan syndrome, prenatal tests may be available.

There's no specific treatment for Noonan syndrome. Management focuses on controlling the disease's symptoms and complications. Growth hormones may be used to treat short stature in some people who have Noonan syndrome.

Information gathered from Wikipedia and MayoClinic.com

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‘A Night To Shine’ continued

While the state of Illinois is in a financial crises, our mission remains the same. Thus, we need everyone’s support. DayOne would love to have you attend this fantastic and fun event in celebrating this pivotal year in DayOneNetwork’s history. Tickets are available for \$100 each, or \$750 for a table of 10 (for a savings of \$25/ticket) at www.dayonenetwork.org.

We are also in need of event sponsors, auction items, and auction bidders. To donate auction items, please contact DayOne Network at 630-879-2277, x114. To bid on items, please go to www.cMarket.com or www.biddingforgood.com the first week of March, and search for DayOne to place bids. Also, send us your email address to receive further information and

updates on the www.cMarket.com auction. All proceeds of the March 20th Gala and Auction will go to benefit the children and adults DayOne serves. Thank you to all who have been a part of the last twenty years and we look forward to continuing our ability to offer vital services to the children, adults, and families in our area.

Construction of Vestibule

DayOne has been in its office since summer of 2006 and is happy to be in an environment that is family friendly. However, we have just had a new vestibule added to the north entrance of the building to help provide shelter from the elements to that entrance as well as making an impact on our utility bills. The general

contractor was Alley Drywall following the design and character of the building built by Dwight Avram Construction. “As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, DayOne is thrilled to have its own facility of which it is proud, and the new vestibule just adds to this,” said Joyce Helander.



Golf Outing

DayOneNetwork will be hosting its first golf outing to be held at Mill Creek Golf Club in Geneva on August 24, 2009, Mark this on your calendar to “Save that Date”. DayOne Network will have the golf club to ourselves for the day. Also, lunch and dinner will be included. There will be an auction to



give golfers a chance at items such as donated rounds of golf and drivers. Details on the event are to follow. So golfers be prepared to turn out for an exciting golf time and help support a worthwhile cause benefiting the children and adults with developmental delays and/or disabilities.

DayOne Reliance

DayOne Reliance, Incorporated is a not-for-profit organization that provides assistance to families in planning a secure future for their family member, sibling, child or aging parent with a disability without jeopardizing their government benefits or entitlements. There are several options for meeting these needs.



Start planning for your child's future today!

For more information call
(630) 208-5555
or email
bmccrary@dayonereliance.org

Have you ever asked these questions...

- Who will take care of my child's needs after my death?
- What is a special needs trust?
- Do I need one?

--How do I fund a special needs trust?

--If I leave money directly to my child will that affect any future government benefits?

DayOne Reliance has the answers to these questions and more.

David, a 37 year old man with Bi-Polar disorder; works part-time and receives Medicaid and SSI benefits. David received a letter from his sister, Ann telling him that he had received an inheritance from a cousin. When she received the check, made payable to him in the amount of \$25,000 she immediately deposited the money into his checking account.

She had no idea that David could lose his benefits.

Medicaid only allows a person to have \$2,000 in assets. If Ann had known about special needs trust, she might have made a different choice for her brother. You have choices, know what they are. Call DayOne Reliance, Inc. at 630.208.5555. It's never too early to start planning!

Don't forget to check out our website at dayonenetwork.org

A big congratulations to DayOne Reliance for celebrating their 1 year anniversary on November 15, 2008!!!





Help individuals with special needs continue to live full and productive lives by naming

DayOne Reliance Incorporated in your Will. Remember, "The purpose of life is a life of purpose."

To learn more about making a donation please contact Bonnie McCrary.

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Friday, March 20th at the Q Center is St. Charles

Golf Outing: Monday, August 24th at Mill Creek Golf Club in Geneva

2nd Annual Run for DayOne:

Sunday, September 13th at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles

DayOne Open House: TBA

Donor Appreciation Celebration: TBA

