



News from the  
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## PRIDE Dancers

### Bring It to the Stage

With the beginning of fall, a new journey for the PRIDE Dancers begins. Classes are held September through April and then the moment everyone waits for; the recital is held in May.

This year twenty-one dancers took the stage in two separate shows; *Now That I Can Dance* and *Time of Our Lives*.

Dance classes are a fun way for people to learn dance in a friendly setting. Dance also reduces stress, is good for your heart and increases your energy level.

This is the third year that the PRIDE Dancers have taken the stage. Each year dancers return, and new beginners join the class. It's a lot of work and commitment but once you bring it to the stage, it's all worth it!

The PRIDE Dancers dedicated their performance to a fellow dancer that was injured prior to the recital and was unable to perform.



**Months of practice and classroom time are spent on preparing for the one moment when we bring it to the stage! The PRIDE Dancers perform *Now That I Can Dance* and *Time of Our Lives***



#### 2018 PRIDE Dancers

Floretta Williams		Shelia Wilson
Ashley Anderson		Jacob Brozowski
Teddy Ellerbee	Gussie Jones	Gary Beckett
Amanda Eaves	Tony Powers	Justin Moates
Linda Singleton	Eric Wise	Nakeska Jessie
Eric Tobe	Kwame Johnson	Crystal Carnes
Janice Rhodes	Carla Creekmore	Cathy Vaughn
Tomakia Williams		Brandon Woodward

# Home & Community Based Services Final Rule



## Qualities that Settings Must Have to Comply:

In January 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced some changes to their rules. CMS is the federal agency that must approve of the Medicaid waiver program that provides Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to people with intellectual disabilities.

### HCBS Final Rule Applies to:

- Residential and non-residential settings, including licensed homes
  - Day Programs
  - Employment options, and
- Other independent living situations

### What is the Goal of the HCBS Final Rule?

- Full access to participate in the community.
  - Opportunity to work.
- Choices are honored, and rights are protected.

### How Will Your Services Change?

If you are currently working at a sheltered workshop, also known as a Work Activity Program, your services may look different. We want to make sure you have the choice to work in your community, where you can earn the same wages as other community members. If you currently live in a residential facility changes may include:

- More control of your schedule and activities.
- Visitors of your choosing, at any time.

Settings must have all the following qualities based on the needs of the person supported:

- The setting is integrated and supports full access of individuals to the greater community, including: opportunities to seek employment and work in competitive integrated settings; engage in community life; and control personal resources.
- The setting is selected by the individual from among setting options including non-disability specific settings and an option is provided for a private unit in a residential setting. Setting options are documented in the plan and are based on the individual's needs and preferences. For residential settings, options are selected from available resources.
- Ensures an individual's right of privacy, dignity and respect, and freedom from coercion and restraint.
- Optimizes individual autonomy, and independence in making life choices.
- Facilitates individual choice regarding services and supports.

Our agency is committed not only to complying with the Final Rule, but we strive to enhance the lives and services of the people we support. Continue to look for information about the Final Rule and what it means to you as a stakeholder with our agency.

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**  
**GREAT!** Way to Go!  
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**  
**CHEERS** Take A **BEST**  
**BOW!** **WISHES!**

## Years of Service Awards

**Five years:**

Jimina Cohen

**Ten years:**

Cindy Walker

Nathaniel Cannon

Carol Cook

**Fifteen years:**

Danny Timmons

**Twenty years:**

Leon Bluford

Brenda Burris

**Thirty years:**

Donna Caldwell

Frank Atchison

Robert Wayne Stewart

## Long Road Home State Conference

On May 17, 2018, IMPACT SC presented the Long Road Home State Conference. The conference focused on the Olmstead Act which was passed on June 22, 1999 by the US Supreme Court. The ruling requires that public agencies provide services in the most integrated community setting.

The Olmstead Act got started when Lois Curtis and Elaine Wilson, who had mental

health conditions and developmental disabilities wanted to live in the community and not in an institution. Lois and Elaine had been voluntarily admitted to a psychiatric unit in a Georgia regional hospital. Following their medical treatment, they were ready to move into the community. However, the women remained confined in the institution for several years after the initial treatment was resolved. They filed a suit under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for release from the hospital.

The highlight of the conference were presentations from two nationally known self-advocates, Bernard Baker and Cheri Mitchell. Baker and Mitchell lead Long Road Home rallies across the nation.

**The Long Road Home is a national movement that focuses on people receiving services in the community.**



**Representatives from *Voices for PRIDE* attend the Long Road Home Conference.**

**IMPORTANT  
DATES**

**Wednesday, July 4**  
- Independence Day  
Holiday

**Tuesday, July 31-**  
Agency Wide Training Day



Kindness Rocks are making their way into your community! If you

find one, tag us and post to #newberrydsrocks



The Ribbon Cutting for the new expansion to the PRIDE Park Picnic Shelter was held on March 23. The expansion was funded by a grant from the Newberry Rotary Club. Members of the Newberry Rotary Club and the Ruth S. Pugh Foundation were present for the ceremony.

