

Agency with Choice

Agency with Choice-New Member Option AHCCCS/ALTCS members who receive hourly supports (Attendant Care, Habilitation) will have the opportunity to choose a new member directed option known as Agency with Choice effective Jan 1, 2013. Your support coordinator will be discussing this new option with you at your upcoming ISP meetings. This new option allows the member to take on tasks such as selecting his/her direct care worker and determining their schedule and duties. Arion Care Solutions currently follows this model as we encourage the family to choose their provider and to determine schedules and duties. The difference is if the member's guardian, or Individual representative, is also the paid provider. The individual representative acts on the members behalf in choosing and directing care. If you are currently helping a member to direct their care (as their guardian) and also serving as a paid provider and wish to continue, you don't have to do anything. You can stay with the traditional agency model. Please feel free to contact your Arion Area Manager/Supervisor if you have questions. You can also check the AHCCCS link below for more information.

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/SDAC.aspx?ID=notices>

Monthly Shout Out: ***Erin Baker***



Contact Sonia at sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com to nominate your favorite provider. Recipient will receive a \$50 gift card.

I want to tell you about our outstanding provider, **Erin Baker**. We definitely feel like she should be the provider of the month because she truly goes above and beyond our expectations on a daily basis. Erin has been working with our son Keaton since early this year and he just adores her. She works with him at every visit on his therapy goals, and we feel like she really provides positive reinforcement, rather than constantly just pushing him. We also find Erin to be a sweet, respectful person and have truly welcomed her into our family. We are very grateful to have Erin as our provider through Arion; she exudes a wonderful positive energy and we feel blessed to have her caring for our son.

Sincerely, Lori Mouer

Special Day for Special Kids

Scottsdale Sunrise Rotary will host its 28th annual Special Day for Special Kids on **Saturday, March 23, 2013** at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. The event is designed to honor and provide a fun day for special needs children and their families.

It is totally free for the kids and their families -- admission, the rides, the fair and the food.

The event provides free train and carousel rides, hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and beverages for all. In addition there are appearances by Ronald McDonald, the Cardinal's Big Red and cheerleaders, Suns Gorilla, Coyotes Howler, Liberty Wildlife, Boy Scouts, Scottsdale Police K-9 Unit, Scottsdale Fire Department and Diesel Media. The Scottsdale Service Learning students set up booths with games and face painting which adds to the fun and enjoyment by all. Food and beverages were donated by Albertson's, Bars-S, Frito-Lay, Bluebell Ice Cream, Reddy Ice, and Gatorade.

March Science Project for all

Color Wheel Science Project

Items Needed:

- 2% or Whole Milk
- Round plate
- Food coloring (4 or more colors)
- Q-tip
- Dish washing liquid



Directions: Pour milk onto plate, covering bottom of plate. Place 3 drops of each color of food coloring into the milk. Take a Q-tip that has been dipped in dish soap and place the Q-tip in the middle of the plate, hold firm and watch the colors explode and dance around the plate and make a beautiful swirling color wheel. The detergent reacts to the proteins in the milk, and creates a dramatic color wheel.

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