

MEMORANDUM

To: All OGC Families, Staff and Volunteers
From: Kyle Hauth, Executive Director
Subject: OGC Update
Date: October 18, 2007

I hope you are planning on attending the October 23rd Parent Meeting which will be held in the OGC Habilitation Center Training Room at 7:00 p.m. We will bring you up to speed on changes that are taking place at Orange Grove and, as usual, have an open forum for questions, comments and general discussion. I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening. Much has taken place since our meeting in July and I know you will benefit by attending.

The TN Division of Mental Retardation Services will be conducting a Town Hall Meeting on November 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Orange Grove Center cafeteria. This meeting is held each year to allow officials from DMRS to discuss challenges the Division is facing and their plans to address them. I found last year's meetings to be both informative and interactive. I strongly encourage you to attend this meeting and hear for yourself the direction DMRS is going in terms of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities. I also ask that you talk with other people who may be interested in services for individuals with intellectual disabilities. For those people who are waiting for funding from DMRS, this would be an excellent time to speak up and share your frustration with the system and acquire input as to what plans are underway to improve upon the current dilemma. As I understand it, they will have more of a question/answer session this year than in times past. If you would like more information regarding this meeting, or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please take the time to visit our website and become acquainted with some of our most recent endeavors. As you will note, Orange Grove will be conducting the 2nd annual DSP Playoffs in Nashville for Tennessee Community Organizations on November 14th. If you visit our website, you can view videos from last year's event and gain a better understanding of the innovation that Orange Grove has infused into the critical components of staff training. Please also click on the newsletter link and read our recent edition of the Osage Connection.

You may have noticed that Wal-Mart has a new \$4.00 generic medication program they have launched across the nation. They now have over 300 generic medications that fall in the \$4.00 category and it is my understanding that CVS will also honor the price list that Wal-Mart offers on generic medications. You can read about their plan at the following link to the list of generic medications:

walmartstores.com/GlobalWMSStoresWeb/navigate.do?catg=709&contId=6441

Thank you for your attention in these matters.