



# SKY POINT

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Spring 2020

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## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Wall of Wins: Sharing Accomplishments

To us here at Sky Point, success is any accomplishment, no matter how small, that brings joy. Everyday, we have so many things to celebrate! A client may have gotten a job after being unemployed for five years, a new baby in the family, a contest winner, and employee of the month are just a few of the things that we want to celebrate with you.



In March 2020, we rolled out the Wall of Wins. What is the Wall of Wins, you may ask? The Wall of Wins is just as it sounds; a wall. But this is no ordinary wall. This wall is the focal point of the office and our mission. We strive to assist clients in reaching their goals and gaining independence. The Wall of Wins is where we showcase everyday things that live out our motto of **Believing the Best, Seeking Your Best, and Giving Our Best.**

This wall is just the beginning in taking on a new posture of gratitude and always seeking to see the best in all situations. To make this wall a success, we need your help. Do you have something to share? Let us know! We want to spotlight our clients, staff, and families. No win is too small or too big. Did you buy your first home? Did you learn a new skill? Did you win an award? The possibilities are endless!

Now is the time to build and share community, positivity, and love. Let the Wall of Wins be the place we come together as a family to celebrate one another in all areas of life.

### 2020 Census: How to Get Your Voice Heard

On April 1, 2020, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin the 2020 Census. A census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. It is important for everyone to complete the census because it provides information for lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others to use it to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. This is why it is important that people with disabilities and their families to participate and be counted! Complete the census and let your voice be heard.

*Happy Spring!*



# COVID-19: Resources and activities to stay engaged and healthy at home

## Resources for Those in Need

**Need Childcare Assistance?** Contact Brighter Futures Indiana at 800-299-1627 to speak to a referral specialist to get you connected in your community.

### Free Meals for Kiddos:

Fort Wayne Community Schools, East Allen County Schools, Southwest Allen County Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, and Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Department are offering free meals for school-aged kiddos while school is out of session. Visit our website at [skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates](http://skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates) for more details.



### Free Internet for Low-Income Families:

Internet Essentials from Comcast is offering low-income families free internet coverage for two months to assist with children completing schoolwork at home and for adults and parents working from home due to COVID-19. Visit our website at [skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates](http://skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates) for more details.

### At-Home Exercises:

Get free exercise videos from the YMCA to do at home! Visit [ymca360.org](http://ymca360.org)

# 211:

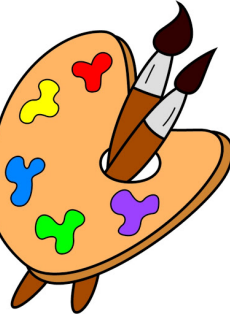
Need connected to other resources in the community? Contact the United Way for help at [211.org](http://211.org) or dial 211.

Visit our website at [skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates](http://skypointindiana.com/covid-19-updates) for even more resources, activities, utility assistance, meals, and more!



## Activities for the Whole Family

### Marble Paintings



- Take a cake pan and cover the bottom with a thin layer of shaving cream. Take food coloring and squeeze drops throughout the pan of shaving cream. Use a knife or wood skewer to make swirls throughout the shaving cream
- Take the bottom of a paper plate or paper and press down on the shaving cream. Gently lift and place on newspaper, shaving cream side up
- Start with one side of the paper and scrape shaving cream off in one motion using a ruler
- Let dry for your shaving cream painting

### DIY Lazer Maze

Take streamers and tape them in criss-cross motions along the walls of a hallway to make a maze of streamers. The kiddos can then try to pass through the hallway without touching a streamer.

### Alphabet BINGO

- For each person, take a piece of paper and make rows of boxes that are 5x5. Put random letters in each box
- Make little “chips” using scraps of paper and make a chip for each letter of the alphabet
- Place the chips in a cup and then draw at random to play Alphabet BINGO. First person to BINGO wins a prize!





## SPRING 2020:

To maintain the health, safety, and wellbeing of all Sky Point clients, staff, and families, we have canceled all Spring 2020 events. Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for future events in the summer!

## NEW FACES:

**Welcome to the Sky Point Family**

**Habilitation Facilitators: Hab**  
**Direct Support Professionals: DSP**  
**Behavior Consultants: BC**



**Danyiel  
Hab**

**Joy  
Hab**

**Jean  
DSP**

**Kate  
DSP**

**Aleshia  
DSP**

**Kristina  
DSP**

**Robert  
BC**

*Oh Baby,  
Baby!*

This Spring and Mother's Day, we want to celebrate all of the new and experienced mothers who are current and past members of the Sky Point family. Congratulations, mamas and welcome to the world, little ones.



**Valerie, former DSP, and Elie**  
Born: December 27, 2019



**Stephanie, BC, and Max**  
Born: January 3, 2020



**Jena, former Director, and Peyton**  
Born: March 1, 2020



**Dana, Vice President, and Jubilee**  
Born: March 3, 2020





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### OUR FOCUS:

Sky Point Social Services aims to provide services to clients with developmental, intellectual, and emotional health needs. Sky Point serves children, teens, and adults.

### OUR MISSION:

Sky Point Social Services is committed to support individuals with ALL abilities in reaching their fullest potential by providing the care and services that will enable them to live enriching lives in the communities where they are valued and respected for their abilities and contributions.

### OUR BELIEFS:

- We believe in empowering our employees and the clients we serve.
- We believe in treating everyone with respect and dignity.
- We believe in continuous improvement.
- We believe in people and their dreams.
- We believe in reaching for the sky!

### OUR PROGRAMS:

- Supported Living
- Employment Services
- Behavior Management
- Community Mental Health Wraparound Services (CMHW)
- Individual, Group, and Home-Based Therapy (DCS and Juvenile Probation)



## CLIENT CORNER

### Vocational Success:

#### A Timeline of Adam's Journey to Employment

**October 2018:** Adam started his journey with Sky Point Social Services receiving Employment Services as referred by Vocational Rehabilitation.

**February 2019:** Adam began the volunteer program at Parkview Hospital where he cleaned the nurse's stations and completed other general cleaning tasks in order to learn job skills during Discovery. The Discovery process consists of doing work experiences or volunteer experiences to determine the vocational theme of the individual to ensure success in future careers.

**September 2019:** Employment Services Manager, Cathy Roberts, had an informational meeting with the one of the owners of Deister Concentrator, Donald Ross. During this meeting, Cathy and Donald spoke about the needs of Deister and the many strengths of individuals with disabilities.



**What is Deister?** For over 110 years, Deister Concentrator has been one of the leading manufacturers of equipment for the mineral, coal processing, and waste water industries. Besides the lab size shaking tables, Deister Concentrator

also manufactures and sells single, double, and triple deck concentrating tables as well as a complete line of heavy media and classifying cyclones, sieve bends, heated screens, and hydraulic classifiers.

During the meeting, Cathy and Donald discussed the staffing needs at Deister and Donald inquired if Sky Point had any individuals that could fill that need. At that point, Cathy immediately thought of Adam and shared his abilities and many strengths with Donald. That night, Cathy spoke with Adam and shared the opportunity with him and Adam completed an application. Adam was very excited about the opportunity of a full-time position with satisfactory pay and benefits.

**October 2019:** Adam was offered, accepted, and started his new position at Deister. In this position, Adam would be responsible for painting with a brush and roller on wood and cast-iron parts, cleaning material prior to painting, sanding wooden products before and after painting to remove imperfections, placing items in storage, cleaning his work area, and parts assembly.

**January 2020:** Adam, his supervisor Josh, and Cathy met for his 90-day evaluation; where Josh commented that Adam was performing well and has not missed a day of work or had been late. At that point, Adam was then officially welcomed into the Deister family.

Everyone here at Sky Point would like to congratulate Adam for all his hard work and dedication to his new job! Sky Point would also like to recognize and thank Deister Concentrator for their willingness to employ those with differing abilities and giving a wonderful individual a chance at a rewarding career.

