

LIFE PATTERNS INC.

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TA Waiver

AuthentiCare recently changed the order that it plays back the services for the TA waiver. As a result of that, many workers are clocking into TA-Agency Direct PCS, instead of the correct service, TA Self Direct PCS. Please notify your workers of the change, and make sure that they are clocking into the correct service. This only applies to TA.



Life Patterns Lowdown

SW Office Welcomes New Staff

The Southwest office located in Montezuma would like to welcome a new staff member. Nancy Heinrichs has joined our team as a Program Coordinator for IDD Aetna Better Health of Kansas. She will be happy to help you with all of your questions about hours, and also help direct your calls. Nancy comes to us with experience as a paraprofessional who assisted children with special needs, and also worked as a bank teller and customer service. Her experience will help us provide the best consumer service to all of our families. Help us welcome her to our team!

Tax Information 2021

Child & Dependent Care Tax Credit 2021

In March of 2021, changes to the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit were made through the American Rescue Plan. The Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit has increased from \$3000 to \$8000 for families with one dependent and \$16,000 for families with multiple dependents. This increase is just for the year 2021 as the pandemic continues to linger.

Notice 2014 –7

This is not new information, but likely applies to some of our families. Back in 2014, this notice was to provide information on how the federal income tax was to treat certain payments to individual care providers under state Medicaid HCBS Waivers for reporting requirements. It states that some payments may be excludable from income. Please talk to your tax preparer to see if you are eligible to exclude your income for the 2021 Tax Year from Federal Income tax.

W-2 Forms

W-2's are being worked on and processed. We will be mailing those out no later than January 31st, 2022. Please make sure your mailing address is up to date with us.

W-2 Form's can also be accessed in the same portal on our website as the paystubs. If you are not set up to view those, please email us and we will be happy to send you the information to set yourself up.

Topeka: kristen@lifepatternsks.org

Montezuma: eva@lifepatternsks.org

President's Day

OFFICE CLOSED

**February 21st
2022**

Open Enrollment

Just a reminder that open enrollment for switching MCO is January 1st—
March 31st, 2022.

If you wish to change, or have already changed MCO's, please let us know.

Excess Funds 2021

Any excess funds were paid out for 2021 along with regular paychecks on Thursday, December 30th, 2021.

Note: Only current workers are eligible to receive any excess dollars.

If you have any questions regarding the excess funds, please call your respective office.

Southwest office: 620-846-2658

Topeka office: 785-273-7189

Happy New Year for 2022!
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