



THE COORDINATING CENTER
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

The Center Line

CenterFlix Raises \$100,000 for Family Resource Fund

On May 10th, The Coordinating Center hosted its 35th Anniversary Celebration and 3rd annual CenterFlix Fundraiser at the American Visionary Art Museum with more than 200 guests. Attendees had the opportunity to meet two very talented artists, Darren Guest and Rob Florio, and learn more about the people we are privileged to serve. Thanks to Comcast for their [incredible documentary](#) about The Center.



Secretary Carol Beatty from the Maryland Department of Disabilities brought greetings on behalf of Governor Larry Hogan and First Lady Yumi Hogan and presented a Governor's Citation. "Be it known that on behalf of this state, in recognition of a grateful tribute to honor 35 years of successfully partnering with people of all ages and abilities and those who support them in the community to achieve their aspirations for independence, health and meaningful community life; and as our citizens join in expressing our congratulations, gratitude and best wishes for the future, we are pleased to confer upon you this Governor's Citation." Karen-Ann Lichtenstein, President/CEO of The Coordinating Center who has been with The Center for 34 years, graciously accepted the award on behalf of The Center's 300+ coworkers and the 10,000+ individuals with disabilities and complex needs served by The Center.

Special thanks to all of the CenterFlix Sponsors and each and every person who supported this special event. Thanks to your help, we reached our fundraising goal of \$100,000 for The Center's Family Resource Fund. This fund provides critical financial assistance to children and adults with disabilities and complex needs in Maryland.

[Click here](#) for the photo gallery link and directions for downloading images.

Upcoming Events

OriolesREACH High Five Fundraiser September 30th at Camden Yards

[Purchase Tickets Today](#)

Join us at Camden Yards on September 30th for a night of baseball fun as the Orioles play the Houston Astros. Tickets are \$20 with \$5 from the purchase supporting The Center's Family Resource Fund. Seats are located in the Left Field Upper Box Section.

Sponsorship Opportunity Community Resource Fair October 8th at BWI Hilton

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Each fall, coworkers at The Coordinating Center celebrate National Case Management Week at our Care Management Breakfast and Community Resource Fair. Join us as we celebrate our accomplishments. We are currently seeking exhibitors to take part in the Community Resource Fair, which gives coworkers the chance to learn more about a wide variety of resources that may be helpful to the clients we serve.

2018 Legislative Review



The 2019 budget included a 3.5% increase for development disabilities, and a 3% increase across the board for home and community based services and Medicaid Waivers.

Special thanks to Public Policy Partners for supporting The Coordinating Center and our constituents this legislative session. Beyond the budget, The Coordinating Center worked on bills that directly impacted our mission and constituents. Throughout the 2018 Legislative Session, The Coordinating Center worked closely with Public Policy Partners to successfully advocate for funding increases and worked in bills that directly impacted The Center's mission and constituents.

[Review](#) the bills we were following.

The Importance of Diversity

Decisions are influenced by a number of factors: personal experiences, background and environmental conditions, all of which can affect your choices whether you realize it or not. Our brains are accustomed to making incredibly quick judgments and assessments of people and situations without us realizing it. Implicit bias refers to attitudes or stereotypes that affect our understanding, actions and decisions in an unconscious manner.



Here at The Coordinating Center we strive for a diverse workforce of varying backgrounds and experiences. Implicit bias creates barriers to opportunity. As part of our commitment to diversity, The Center's Diversity & Inclusion Committee implemented a training for all coworkers on unconscious bias led by Cheri C. Wilson, MA, MHS, CPHQ, a Diversity & Inclusion expert.

More than 300 coworkers participated in small two-hour training sessions on unconscious bias. The purpose of the trainings were to educate coworkers about unconscious bias and how it can affect other people in the workplace and community every day. Terry Gaddy, Care Coordination Associate for The Center's Children's Community Services Division and member of the Diversity Committee found the training very worthwhile. "I am proud to be part of a team who values individuality and embraces inclusivity! I am grateful our leadership has made unconscious bias training a priority for our coworkers. I learned to meet people where they are and to ask difficult questions."

The Center's New Website



We are pleased to announce the launch of our newly designed website! Our goal with this new website is to provide our visitors an easier way to learn about The Coordinating Center's services and programs and ways that we are available to partner with others. Users can navigate

the site and find information based on both program and population group.

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