



New Hope Program

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Biloxi Junior High: Three Students Graduate from Day Treatment Class

Oscar James works in the day treatment class at Biloxi Junior High. Currently, there are thirteen students placed on his caseload. Each of these students follows a level system designed for use in a day treatment classroom.

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When a student is first placed in the class, he begins on the first level. This level means that the student has no privileges at all. Level two means that the student has the privilege of attending lunch in the cafeteria and school-wide assemblies. A student moves from level two to level three by earning 81 of 108 points.

BJHS day treatment graduates three students

In level three, the student is allowed to attend one class in the general education setting. Similarly, level four adds another general education class to the student's schedule. The student moves from level four to level five by earning 92 of 108 points.

In level five, the student adds another general education class, bringing to total to three classes. By mid-week, the student may have behaved well enough to add yet another general education class. At this point, the student is earning 103 out of 108 points. At level six, the student is out of the day treatment class all day excepting a 5th period of social skills.

In the last level, level 7, the student in out all day except for power hour social skills. Achieving this level takes a lot of work and determination from the student. Oscar works with these students consistently on social skills so that they may respond appropriately when in tough social situations. The students use the skills Oscar teaches them to succeed in the general education setting.

Upcoming Meetings and

Out of the thirteen students in Oscar's class, two graduated from the program last month and another will graduate at the end of the school year. In celebration of their achievement, they were awarded a certificate and a gift card to Wal-Mart. We are very proud of Oscar and the accomplishments of his students.

Holidays

For more information about this project and other projects New Hope Program employees are involved in, please contact Tom Moore, Director of New Hope Program, at tmoores@bgcgulfcoast.org.

Follow up with Recycling to Rebuild project

Recycling to Rebuild Update

On April 23rd, seventeen students at the Pascagoula Opportunity Center painted trashcans and ate pizza to celebrate Global Youth Service Day. This was part of the Disney Youth for Change grant awarded to the New Hope Program to fund a program focused on environmental change. The youth will collect cans and recycle the cans for money. The money earned will be donated to the American Red Cross for the Haiti Relief Effort. Additionally, three local businesses allowed the students to place a collection trashcan in their break room. Everyone enjoyed the activity and the students were very well behaved and cooperative.



Upcoming Meetings and Holidays

May 13th

Staff meeting @ 3:30



Last Day of School!!!

5/21- Harrison, BWSD, PSD, and Biloxi

5/24- Stone