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- We are continuing to review and process the recently proposed new rules from Ohio Department of Medicaid and Ohio Department of Behavioral Health. If implemented, they will have significant impact on the way case management and day treatment is delivered, and the length of time that clients can participate in these services.

- Medicaid plans implemented service limits as of July 1. We continue to complete prior authorization for ongoing services when Medicaid service limits are reached for case management or day treatment and have found a number of barriers to approval that we are working through.

- Because of these concerns, we continue to take advantage of all advocacy opportunities so we can help our clients get the type and level of services they need.
    - We have participated in all "comment" periods on proposed rules.
    - Work with the Ohio Council for Behavioral Health Providers and Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
    - Participated in the Groudworks Ohio Road Trip to help inform their policy priorities. Groundworks made a stop while in the area to our Appalachian Family Life Center where staff talked to them about concerns families are facing.





- **We join the 317 Board and other partner agencies to congratulate The Gathering Place on its 50th anniversary!!**