



MEMO: Participants, Parents, Caregivers
FROM: Virginia Walker and Kim Hash
DATE: May 29, 2020
RE: **Watauga & Ashe Opportunities – Continued Facility Services Pause due to COVID-19**

I hope this finds all of you and your family safe and well.

At the present time, **Watauga Opportunities must continue to pause facility based services** at both our Boone and Jefferson locations.

We will re-evaluate the continued need for this facility service pause as NC gets closer to moving from Phase II to Phase III.

- Reopening of our facility based services could possibly occur at the beginning of Phase III. This could mean a **possible** begin date of services as early as Monday, June 22nd. Watauga Opportunities will continue to closely monitor NC and the governor's recommendations.
- During this service pause we will continue to pay any participant who worked at WOI or AO their average amount earned every two weeks.
- If you currently are not but would like to join our Zoom meetings or phone calls, please contact your program Director, Melissa at Boone or Joye at Ashe and they can get you started.

Watauga Opportunities is utilizing DHHS, CDC, and OSHA guidelines to establish necessary procedures, facility modifications, and training for the safety of participants and staff.

We will keep you informed as this reopening process continues and provide you with more information regarding changes. There will be another update in your next check. We look forward to everyone's return!

Stay safe and stay well!!