

OACB honors Dean Fadel for distinguished service

FCBDD Board President Dean Fadel was recognized for his service in the field of developmental disabilities by the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) on December 4th. He was one of three persons to receive the Distinguished Service Award at the organization's 30th annual convention held at the Easton Hilton.

President Fadel has headed FCBDD since January, 2012. He has also been active on the state level as a member of the board of trustees of OACB. He chaired that board in 2012.

Along with his brother Jeffery, Mr. Fadel has been a strong supporter of the sibling movement. The pair gave the keynote presentation at DD Awareness Day festivities at the Ohio Statehouse in March.

"People say he (Jeffery) is lucky to have me," Mr. Fadel said, "but I am lucky to have him. People say,



Dean Fadel

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Agency purchases 10 propane-fueled buses



Continuing its effort to be more environmentally friendly, FCBDD has purchased ten propane-fueled school buses. Delivery of the vehicles is expected in May.

Since 2011, the agency has been using one propane-fueled bus on a trial basis. The rest of the fleet runs on diesel fuel.

The trial has been successful according to FCBDD Director of Transportation Paul Chenderlin. "We wanted to see how well a propane bus would work for us," he said. "It has worked very well."

He pointed to several advantages. "Propane results in fewer tailpipe emissions than diesel fuel. It is about 30% cheaper. And since the propane buses lack exhaust cleaning systems, less maintenance is required."

The buses were purchased from Cardinal Bus Services, the Ohio distributor for Blue Bird buses.

The buses will have the same markings and be the same color as other agency buses, but they will have conventional school bus fronts, rather than flat fronts as other large FCBDD buses have.

OACB honors outstanding legislators

In recognition of their work on behalf of persons with developmental disabilities, two state legislators from Franklin County were honored at the 30th Annual Convention of the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) on December 5th.

Representative Anne Gonzales of the 19th District and Representative Michael Stinziano of the 18th District received Legislator of the Year awards.

Representative Gonzales represents Westerville, New Albany, Gahanna, Minerva Park, and Sharon, Blendon and Mifflin Townships.

Representative Stinziano represents central Columbus.

"It is truly a credit to our county that two of our legislators earned this recognition," said FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison. "Representatives Gonzales and Stinziano deserve our thanks."



Representative Michael Stinziano



Representative Anne Gonzales



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'Oh, you are so nice to help him.' But he never hesitates to help me."

Mr. Fadel has also served as a volunteer group leader with the Next Chapter reading club.

Speaking at the award luncheon, FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison said, "Dean is a true gentleman, who strategically and effectively gets things done. He brings solutions to problems rather than criticize or complain."

Mr. Fadel was first appointed to the Franklin County Board of DD by Probate Judge Lawrence Belskis in 2007. He filled the unexpired term of the late Dr. Raymond Horn.

Mr. Fadel is a principal with Public Affairs Advocates, a consulting firm. He is also Vice-President for Government Relations of the Ohio Insurance Institute.



Dean Fadel with his wife Jacquie, and daughter Rachael.

ARC Industries East supports soldiers

The consumers and staff at ARC Industries East are doing their part to make the lives of American soldiers in Afghanistan a little bit more comfortable.

Since September, they have sent ten care packages containing a variety of "goodies," not to mention greeting cards, prayers, and letters from home.

According to staff member Glenna Miller, the project "has given our employees a chance to be on the giving end of something important. Seeing them so happy and proud to be helping others is rewarding."

The project began in September after Army SPC. Kelly Plantz was deployed to Afghanistan. He is the son of staff member Roxanne Plantz.

The soldiers on the receiving end of the care packages have expressed their appreciation. As one put it, "Acts of kindness like this help us realize that people back home haven't forgotten us."



SPC. Kelly Plantz serves with the Army in Afghanistan.



Tim Zeller shops for soldiers.



John Martian, Chris Wagoner, Joel Benis help on the project.



John Martian has a message for his niece who serves in Afghanistan as a member of the Air Force.

Adaptive computers in use at ARC North

Thanks to the variety of programs available, the adaptive computers at ARC Industries North are proving to be a very valuable resource.

Language Development Specialist Michelle Mineo and Certified Occupational Assistant Joan Gillis have been very busy providing programs and activities geared for different groups and ability levels.

"I love using the computer with my group," said staff member Margie Parkman. "The interaction is great."

Activities have included apple picking and pumpkin picking.



From left - Asijah Slaughter, Joan Gillis, and Glenn Woodward.

Agency leads charitable campaign

FCBDD staff members have pledged \$97,964 to the 2013 Combined Charitable Campaign.

Once again FCBDD has led all county agencies in total support for the campaign, a record it has maintained since 2002.

Superintendent Jed Morison lauded the staff's generosity. "I never cease to be amazed at the staff's

support of this campaign. Once again they have come through in a big way."

These results "reflect some fantastic work by our building and department coordinators," said Jack Beatty, 2013 campaign coordinator. He thanked all who contributed as well as the volunteer coordinators who helped lead the effort.

Longtime ARC East staff retire

ARC Industries East staff members Jay Blakeslee and Anna Srba retired at the end of December. Together the pair served the agency a total of 65 years.

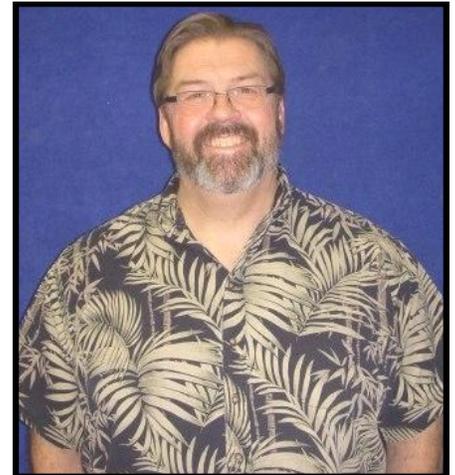
A breakfast buffet was held in their honor on December 19th. A large number of co-workers and consumers gathered to reminisce and offer best wishes.

Jay Blakeslee served as a Training Specialist for 32 years. Looking back on his career, he reflected: "I will greatly miss the special relationships I have developed with consumers and fellow staff members."

Anna Srba started her career at East as a Program Manager. She later became a Work Adjustment Specialist and then a Habilitation Specialist. Commenting on her 33-year career, Anna noted, "I've seen a lot of our consumers grow up to be mature and productive citizens. I've also met a special group of lifelong friends."



Anna Srba



Jay Blakeslee

Anna is looking forward to kayaking, gardening, bicycling and visiting friends and family. Jay plans to become a volunteer at the Humane Society.

"We all will miss Jay and Anna very much," said Karen Mills, Acting Director of ARC East. "We wish them the best in their well-deserved retirement."

NewsBits makes debut



On December 12th, a new FCBDD publication made its first appearance. *NewsBits* is an e-mail publication intended to provide small pieces of information related to the agency or the field of developmental disabilities. It will be sent out periodically rather than on a fixed schedule. In keeping with the name, news items will be brief, recognizing that people will be more inclined to read if not too lengthy.

If you would like to receive *NewsBits*, please send an e-mail to fcbddwebsite@fcbdd.org.

Barb Hennis to speak at FAAC

Family Advocates for Adult Children (FAAC) has announced its meeting schedule for 2013. The organization will meet the first Tuesday of each month except July and August. Meeting time will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and location will be 2879 Johnstown Rd.

Guest speakers will be invited to join the meetings based on requests or concerns of members.

FCBDD Service Coordinator Barbara Hennis will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, January 7th. She will speak on respite nursing home care for adults.

Aaron Bracone from the PALS (Peer Assistance and Leadership) program will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, February 4th.

FAAC was created four years ago when a group of parents gathered to share concerns about possible changes in policies regarding services for adults. To learn more, please contact the group at faaccolumbus@aol.com or call 939-0992.

"Quotable quote"

"As you ramble on through life, brother,
Whatever be your goal,
Keep your eye upon the doughnut,
And not upon the hole."

-- Mayflower Doughnut Shop
New York City



Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Elizabeth Beu is the newest member of FCBDD's **Self-Advocate Advisory Council**. Elizabeth, who works at the Columbus YMCA, was a trainer in last month's Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) training program at Deer Creek State Park. Best wishes, Elizabeth!

Special Olympics Director **Ryan Phillips** was chosen as the keynote speaker at the **2013 Athletic Business Conference Expo**, which was held in San Diego November 21st through 23rd. Ryan's audience included representatives of a wide variety of organizations, including educational institutions, parks and recreation departments, military bases, fitness centers and private resorts. Way to go, Ryan!

November 21st was a lucky day for two FCBDD staff members who supported the **2013 Combined Charitable Campaign**. **Debbie Guyton** of the Hague Living Skills Center was the winner of a \$500 gift card at Best Buy. **Jim Leake** of ARC Industries South was the recipient of the "Lucky Coordinator" prize. Thanks to Debbie, Jim, and all staff who supported this worthy effort!

A tip of the hat goes to **Kris Rogers**, the proprietor of a store in uptown Westerville known as **Outside Envy**. Among the merchandise carried there are items made by artists at **Sunapple Studio**. Proceeds from sale of these items go back to the artists. **Outside Envy** is located at 15 N. State Street.

Career Milestones

30 years

Ann Mason
Daniel Gilbert

25 years

Tina Davis
Rodney Frye
Cheryl Hodgkinson

20 years

Charlene Leach

15 years

Kathy Chase

5 years

Connie Carter
Jennifer Hicks
Jennifer Hopkins
Wesley Kline
Vincent McRae
James Roberts
Thomas Thomin

Registration open for DSACO gala

The Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) has announced that registration is open for its annual "Dancing with our Stars" gala, which is set for the Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road, on Saturday, February 1st.

The event raises funds to support DSACO's adult programs. Tickets are \$75 each and include hors d'oeuvres and dinner.

The event will honor Dr. Murugu Manickam, a DSACO board member.

For more information, please go to www.dsaco.net.



Bowling fun set for Jan. 18

FCBDD staff bowlers will wage a friendly battle among themselves at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace on Saturday afternoon, January 18th.



The 9th annual *For The Fun of It* bowling tournament will feature up to 64 teams of four. Each will bowl three games. The event will run from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jack Brownley at 342-5960, e-mail at jack.brownley@fcbdd.org, or Ryan Phillips at 342-5984, e-mail at ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org.

The green spot

by Brian Baldrige, ARC Industries South

The centerpieces that adorned the tables at ARC Industries South's holiday party last month were assembled of all recycled materials. The wreaths were fashioned from branches of abandoned Christmas trees by Janet Mattingly and a group of employees. Later, berries from discarded dried flower arrangements and seed casings from a chestnut tree were added for decoration. The candles were created using heavy tubes, a leftover byproduct of a job completed at the workshop.



Photo by Michael Russell

The tubes were wrapped in burlap found in an abandoned art kit. Paper drinking cups turned upside down created a stand for twinkling lights (the only item not repurposed). Finally, each candle was accented with a strip of cloth from recycled dish towels. The end result was a simple but beautiful holiday decoration.

At ARC South, we might have dreamed of a white Christmas, but we were green at our holiday party.

Dateline

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Calendar

January, 2014

- 1 New Year's celebrated -- all county facilities closed. HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 FCBDD early childhood, schools, and adult programs resume.
- 3 2014 Discover Orange Bowl, Clemson Tigers vs. Ohio State Buckeyes, Miami, FL., 8:30 p.m. GO BUCKS!
- 7 Family Advocates for Adult Children (FAAC) monthly meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 11 a.m.
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 11 a.m. Please call 844-3800 for location.
- 15 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 18 9th Annual "For the Fun of It" bowling event, Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd. 1:30 p.m.
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed -- all county facilities closed.
- 23 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 23 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 27 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 29 FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.

Mark your calendar

The annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness and Advocacy Day will be held at the Ohio Statehouse on Tuesday, March 4th. Attendance will be open to all.

The theme this year will be "Ability at Work."

More details will be available soon at www.publicimagesnetwork.org. Also see DD Awareness and Advocacy Day on Facebook.



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Periodically, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities assesses community needs and services provided by the agency. Individuals who are served, families, staff, service providers, volunteers, advocates, collaborative agencies, and the public are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete and respond to this survey. Your response will assist the Board in its efforts to improve services and better meet needs. *Please complete the survey and return to Superintendent's Office FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, by January 15th.*

1. Please check as appropriate. (You may check more than one.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of FCBDD <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Collaborative Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Child Enrolled in Local School District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> News Media Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Service Provider/Contract Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of Franklin County School District <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Business Community <input type="checkbox"/> State Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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2. Please check which services (if any) of the following you or your family member are receiving from FCBDD.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education <input type="checkbox"/> School Program <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Adult Services Locations <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Employment Services <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resources / Respite <input type="checkbox"/> Residential / Supported Living Services <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Services <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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3. Please provide your satisfaction rating for the following categories by circling your choice.

FCBDD Services	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Early Childhood/Home Based	1	2	3	N/A
Schools	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Adult Services Locations	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Employment Services	1	2	3	N/A
Family Resources	1	2	3	N/A
Transportation	1	2	3	N/A
Special Olympics	1	2	3	N/A
Service Coordination	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Nisonger Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dental	1	2	3	N/A
Columbus Speech & Hearing LELP	1	2	3	N/A
Children's Hospital Early Intervention	1	2	3	N/A
Childhood League Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Easter Seals Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Dahlberg Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
ADD Community Connections	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / SAGE Senior Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Young Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Work and Behavioral Services	1	2	3	N/A
Heinzerling	1	2	3	N/A
Epilepsy Foundation	1	2	3	N/A
Creative Housing	1	2	3	N/A
Supported Living Services	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

4. Please provide your opinion of the following statements by circling your choice:

	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	N/A	
Overall, FCBDD is providing quality services to the community.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD tax dollars are being spent wisely.	1	2	3	N/A	
Parents/Family Members of FCBDD participants are involved and supported.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD collaborates well with other community organizations.	1	2	3	N/A	
Generally, FCBDD meets the needs of individuals in our community who have developmental disabilities.	1	2	3	N/A	
Participants have adequate choice in services offered.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD staff treat participants, family members and public at large with courtesy and with respect:	Participants	1	2	3	N/A
	Family	1	2	3	N/A
	Public	1	2	3	N/A
FCBDD communicates well.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD prevention services, including early intervention, and public awareness are provided adequately.	1	2	3	N/A	

5. Please respond to the following questions, if applicable:

- What are the strengths of FCBDD? _____

- How can FCBDD improve? _____

- If you or a family are not currently receiving FCBDD services, but anticipate need in the future, please indicate the service you will need and anticipated date: _____

6. If you would like more information regarding FCBDD or follow-up to questions, please indicate what you would like, and include your name, address and phone number: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

- If you do not currently receive *Dateline*, the FCBDD newsletter, but would like to receive it, please check the box and include email address to receive electronically: _____