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"Helping people to live, learn and work in our community"

Commissioner Brown visits ECE

Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown paid a visit recently to the Early Childhood Education and Family Center of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The Commissioner read two books to preschool age students after being greeted by children from the YMCA Day Care program. Students with and without disabilities enjoyed the stories and interaction with Commissioner Brown.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO stated that "Commissioner Brown visits often and has the rare gift of holding the attention of all the kids when she reads them stories. Her continued interest and support of our services means much."

Becky Love, Director of the Board's Early Childhood Education Department provided Commissioner Brown and Mike Hochran, her Policy Analyst, with a tour of the Early Childhood Center. She explained that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities partners with Head Start, the YMCA, The Ohio State University Medical Center and local school districts to serve children from throughout Franklin County. Infants, toddlers and preschoolers receive support in the Center and in their natural environments.



The Franklin County Board is also a partner in the 'Celebrate One' community initiative, which has a goal of reducing infant mortality. Funding is provided to the Family and Children First Council to help educate new mothers on safe sleep and other infant care safety measures.

Celebrate 50!

FCBDD celebrates 50 years in 2017.

Throughout 2017, we will celebrate 50 years of service provided by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, which were established on October 25, 1967. To help celebrate, each month we will include a bit of history in our journey over these past 50 years to help people live, learn and work in our community. Let's **Celebrate 50!**

ARC Industries was initially called ARCraft, when it was formed as ARCraft Division, Council for Retarded Citizens in October, 1963. In April 1980, the name was changed to ARC Industries to reflect a more industrial image with greater focus on work and production, rather than arts and crafts. The Placement Services Department was established in 1982 to support employment in the community, well before the 'Employment First' initiative.

Your Provider, Your Choice

2017 FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF DD PROVIDER FAIR

There will be Community Resources tables, Supported Living Options Specialist to help field housing questions, and much more. Please plan on joining in the festivities!

Wednesday, April 12
12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
The Lausche Building

17th Avenue & I-71 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds
FREE PARKING: Next to the building reserved for parents & individuals

Provider Fair - April 12th

The 2017 Provider Fair is planned for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the Ohio State Fairgrounds in the Lausche Building on 17th Avenue.

The Fair will be open from noon to 5:00 p.m. Over 100 providers are expected to be available for people to meet. Free parking and refreshments will be provided.

For additional details, families should contact their Service Coordinator or Alex Corwin at alex.corwin@fcbdd.org. Providers should contact Joni Sparks at joni.sparks@fcbdd.org.

Adult Day Services Rule effective April 1st

New rules related to adult day services have been approved and are effective April 1, 2017.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Medicaid waiver amendments for Ohio, which has led to the adoption of new rules. While some rules are similar to current rules, there are some important changes.

The new rules emphasize employment or 'paths' to employment and provide individuals with options. Outcome statements will be part of individual service plans. The six categories are titled:

- Adult Day Supports
- Vocational Habilitation
- Career Planning
- Group Employment Supports
- Individual Employment Supports

In addition to the adults receiving services, Service and Support Administrators (SSA)/ Service Coordinators and Providers will be impacted by the changes. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities intends to offer a transition period for full implementation of the rules.

These rules were initially intended to be implemented in November, 2016; however, the implementation date was delayed awaiting CMS approval. Training is now being provided for County Boards and Providers.

For more details or to read the new rules, go to www.dodd.ohio.gov and search for Adult Services Rules.

Using Technology to Create Independence Combining Smart Phones & Wireless Video (Story submitted by Created Housing)

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has always made it a priority to support parents and caregivers with services that are cost effective. One way for the FCBDD to accomplish this is to work in partnership with families to reduce paid staffing hours and parent stress within family homes, without losing safety for the individual.

As a parent when a child grows up and starts to stay by themselves at home its nerve wracking. If one happens to be the parent of a special needs child your anxiety is multiplied just thinking about leaving the child alone. The cost of technology is decreasing and can provide some peace of mind while also allowing your child to gain independence. For one Franklin County family a very simple solution has done just this.



Kody and his mom, Tamara.

Combining smart phone mobility with wireless video cameras, Kody has been one the first persons receive such technology. Kody is able to have a small amount of alone time while his mom Tamara runs a few quick errands. While away she can check-in with Kody to make sure he isn't trying to cook or leave the home. If Tamara sees something that is alarming on her smart phone video feed she can push a button on her phone to talk to and redirect Kody. This technology has "given Kody the alone time he desperately needed," Tamara added, "while being a tremendous help to me."

The system was installed by Creative Housing/ Creative Renovations. Christie Stouffer, Project Manager for Creative Renovations notes an "increase in the number of useful products that can be tied into smart phone technology and may be funded through the Medicaid waiver."

Kody's service coordinator at FCBDD, Karen McDaniel, added "easy modifications using this type of technology are starting to be funded through the waiver. These types of products are giving the families we serve more options for independence." Easy, cost effective technology modifications give solutions and possibilities to families who otherwise didn't think they had options. As the technology world continues to evolve we look forward to being able to offer even more solutions.

For more information, contact your FCBDD Service Coordinator.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to Scooter Nadolny, son of staff member Dave Nadolny, for being an Eagle Scout at age 16. Scooter earned the Disability Merit badge, volunteers for Special Olympics and built a foot bridge over a ravine behind a local school to provide space for art, music and science lessons.



Scooter Nadolny

Special thanks to Charbeth Cooke and West Central School for hosting a Black History Month event and poster display.

Congratulations to Margie Pizzuti, CEO of Goodwill Columbus, for being recognized by Sunny 95 Radio as one of '20 Outstanding Women'.



Margie Pizzuti, CEO of Goodwill Columbus

Congratulations to Special Olympics Volunteer Coaches Ross Appledorn (Feazel Roofing); Alan Beymer (Merrill Lynch); Laura Dewert (BMW Financial Services) and Bart Earles (Express Scripts) for being recognized as "Thanks Coach!" honorees for 2017. Each Coach will be recognized at their place of employment by Ryan Phillips, FCBDD Special Olympics Coordinator.



Sunapple Artists from ARC West continue to be busy. Congratulations to artists on their work with Motorists Insurance, Very Special Arts (VSA) and Nisonger Center.



At VSA



At Nisonger Center with Dr. Mark Tassé

Career Milestones

30 years

**Gina James
Dianna Taylor**

25 years

**Verna Blevins
Pamela Lawson
Sally Starrett**

15 years

Andrew Hawk

10 years

**Raymond Boucher
Charity Buckley
Rachel McCarty
Claudette Moncrief
Adell Waugh**

5 years

Logan Burnside

Community Collaboration at West Central

by Patti Sanieł-Banrey, Intervention Specialist at West Central School

The intermediate students at West Central School had a wonderful opportunity this past semester making some new friends!

They had a chance to go to classes at Starling STEM K-8, a Columbus Public School, located across the street from West Central. The students who were able to participate generally have trouble getting out into the community on the shuttle bus due to medical reasons or nursing needs. They were able to walk across the driveway for a one hour class, instead of getting on a bus.

Students attended art, music, gym, and library classes 3-4 times per week for a ten week period. The experience was so positive for students and teachers from both schools, that for 6 weeks, students from Starling came to West Central School, 1-2 times a week for gym class and library class.

The collaboration has provided students from both buildings with an opportunity to learn about trying new things, making new friends, and communicating in new ways. Special thanks to the teachers and therapists who helped bring this project to life!



Haylee Munn (left) and Brianna Meza-Garcia (right)

Toby Paine collaborates with police

Thanks to the efforts of Toby Paine, Investigative Agent for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Board's MUI (Major Unusual Incident) Department, Toby now maintains an office and serves as liaison with the Columbus Police Department.

The MUI Unit investigates allegations of physical abuse, sexual abuse, misappropriation, exploitation, death and neglect. Often times the cases Investigative Agents work on are criminal in nature instead of administrative, therefore working together with law enforcement entities is a necessity.

Toby Paine has been an investigator for over 15 years and has worked very hard as a liaison to the Columbus Police Department as well as other Central Ohio police departments. The Columbus Police Department reached out to her and asked if she would solidify her relationship as a liaison and have an office at the Columbus Police Department.

In her work as liaison, Toby Paine will work mostly with fraud forgery, physical abuse and sexual abuse units. Sergeant John Hurst of the Physical Abuse Unit stated, "In 2004 I started my assignment in the Physical Abuse Unit.

I was introduced to the MUI Unit at that time and was impressed with the dedication of the MUI personnel. At the time we had a limited partnership between us. Over the last 12 years we have built on that partnership to where we are today. Having the MUI Liaison with us one day a week has truly taken our partnership to the next level"

Toby Paine said she is "... humbled that I was chosen for the position and trusted with the responsibility it entails. I am eager to help and already this position has been helpful for both agencies."



Investigative Agent Toby Paine works with Sergeant John Hurst in the Special Victims Bureau of the Columbus Police Department.

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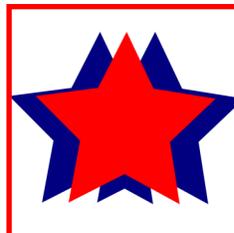
Information about the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is always available on the internet at:

www.fcbdd.org

Calendar

April, 2017

- 1 Happy April Fool's Day
- 7 Legislative Advocacy Day at Bixby Center, 4200 Bixby Road, 10:30 a.m.
- 12 Franklin County Provider Fair at the Ohio State Fairgrounds Lausche Building on 17th Avenue, 12-5 p.m.
- 14 Staff Development Day
- 17-21 Spring Recess for the school and preschool programs. Classes resume on April 24th.
- 17 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m.
- 27 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 27 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE
Community Star Awards
Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Villa Milano ~ 6:30 p.m.

FCBDD Community Star Awards Nomination Form

Do you know someone who should be recognized for extraordinary accomplishments or service supporting individuals with developmental disabilities?

If so, please take a moment to complete and return this nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until **May 17, 2017**. All nominations will be considered by an Award Committee, and winners in each category will be recognized at the FCBDD Community Star Awards Ceremony on October 3, 2017. **Please submit this nomination to: Awards Committee, c/o Amy Magginis, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219.**

(PLEASE PRINT)

1. Name of Nominee: _____ Daytime Phone# _____

Home Address: _____

2. Please complete one nomination per form and check the category for which this person or organization is nominated for an award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Participant / Self-Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Services Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Supervisory Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Staff | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services/Other Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Department Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer/Good Neighbor | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer |

3. The mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is as follows:

To provide programs, services, and supports to eligible children, adults, and their families so individuals with developmental disabilities can live, learn and work in our community.

How has this nominee helped to fulfill the mission of the Board? _____

4. Please describe any other achievements or information regarding this person or organization to support this nomination: _____

Nominated By: (Please Print) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone # _____ Work/Daytime Phone # _____

Deadline for Nominations: May 17, 2017