

West Central, Northeast graduations set

Family, friends and school staff members will gather soon to celebrate the graduation of 28 students from FCBDD's school-age program. Graduation ceremonies will be held at West Central School on Tuesday, May 29th, and at Northeast School on Wednesday, May 30th.



Jackie Teny-Miller

Graduation speakers will be Jackie Teny-Miller at West Central and Mary Anne Ledinsky at Northeast.

Jackie Teny-Miller is Coordinator of the Community Habilitation Assistant Certificate Program at Columbus State Community College, where she is also the lead teacher of several classes relating to developmental disabilities, including intervention and teaching strategies. She is also a consultant with Norwich Consulting providing training to human services organizations throughout Ohio.

From 1988 to 1997, Jackie was the Director of ARC Industries West.

Mary Anne Ledinsky is the Secretary of the nonprofit corporation Franklin County Residential Services, Inc., where she has served as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2005. From 1988 through her retirement in 2003, Mary Anne served

as FCBDD's Director of Schools. She began her career at the agency as a teacher in 1971.

Both graduation ceremonies will begin at 7 p.m. The public is invited.



Mary Anne Ledinsky

Star search underway

Nominations for the 2012 FCBDD Community Star Awards are now being sought. The deadline for submission of nominations is May 25th.

The awards program was begun by the Board in 2003 to recognize persons who contribute in extraordinary ways to the betterment of the FCBDD community. Awards are presented in 14 categories.

If you know any individual or organization whom you believe deserving of consideration, please complete and return a nomination form.

A nomination form is enclosed in this issue of *Dateline*. For additional forms or information, please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

The awards will be presented on the evening of October 2nd.



Teresa Kobelt named adult services chief

Teresa Kobelt has been hired as FCBDD's Adult Services Director. She began working in the post in late March succeeding John Mitchem who retired after 36 years of public service.

Teresa has a wealth of related experience. Most recently, she served as Community Policy Adviser for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Employment First initiative. Before that, she was the Director of Transition Services for the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Teresa has done postgraduate study in Vocational Rehabilitation at Bowling Green State University. She has both a Master of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts from the Ohio State University.

According to Marcy Samuel, FCBDD's Director of Program Operations, "Teresa has worked on the state and local level to develop and implement new programs. I'm confident she will be a great asset to our organization."

With her husband Jeff, and two young sons, Teresa resides in Clintonville. In her free time, she likes to play with her kids and read.

On behalf of the FCBDD community we extend Teresa a warm welcome.



Graduation set for Project STIR program

A graduation ceremony for those completing the Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) training program is planned for Friday, May 18th at 10:30 a.m. The location will be FCBDD's Administration Building, 2879 Johnstown Road.

"The graduates deserve a memorable conclusion to their time in this program," said Superintendent Jed Morison. "We hope to make it a special occasion."

A reception, including refreshments, for graduates and invited guests will follow the ceremony.

Please contact Linda Fleming at 342-5950 for additional details.

Councilman Craig visits agency

Columbus City Councilman Hearcel Craig paid a visit to FCBDD on April 4th. He spent the afternoon touring the Early Childhood Education and Family center and ARC Industries East. He was accompanied by Superintendent Jed Morison.

Councilman Craig is a lifelong resident of Columbus who has served on City Council since 2007. He currently chairs the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee as well as the Veterans Affairs Committee.

"Councilman Craig showed a keen interest in our agency's services," said Superintendent Morison. "His support and interest in our services mean a lot."



Scholarship applications due

Interested in applying for a scholarship from the John J. Siebold Memorial Scholarship Program? If so, you must complete and submit your application to ARC Industries by Friday, May 11th.

To be eligible, an applicant must be employed by FCBDD for a minimum of one year, have a high school degree or equivalent, be pursuing a college

degree (any level) in a field related to developmental disabilities, and be either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.

John J. Siebold, for whom the scholarship is named, was a 27-year employee of FCBDD who died unexpectedly in June, 2003. At that time, he was Operations Director of ARC Industries.

Scholarships are awarded in the amount of \$1,500 annually at the discretion of the scholarship committee. The committee has awarded a total of \$74,000 since 2004.

To obtain more information, including an application, please call Cathy Hutzel at 342-5734.

FCRS plans PDP changes

Franklin County Residential Services, Inc., (FCRS) is in the process of making some infrastructure improvements to the Parent Directed Program (PDP). The changes are responsive to suggestions from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

Currently FCRS receives in-kind support for the program from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) administrative support staff. Also, FCRS uses multiple Medicaid billing rates. DODD has suggested that FCBDD end its in-kind support and that the program adopt administrative procedures similar to other Medicaid providers.

FCRS is implementing these changes with the establishment of a separate not-for-profit organization that will employ the direct service workers. Administrative support staff will be housed at FCRS offices at 1021 Checkrein Avenue by September 30th, and new administrative procedures will be operational by June 30th.

According to Ed Harper, Executive Director of FCRS, the transition should not present major changes for the individuals served, their family member or providers except that the location of the administrative activities will change.

Troupe presents dance contest spoof

Members of the FCBDD Recreation Department's Theater Troupe and Choir Class collaborated to perform an exciting stage show on Wednesday evening, March 28th. *Death By Disco* billed as "the ultimate murder mystery... and 70's party," was performed at The Spaghetti Warehouse, 397 W. Broad Street. Audience members were treated to dinner and a hilarious and spectacular show.

Under the direction of Rob Sampson, cast members began rehearsing the comedy in October and were soon remembering lines and bumping to that disco beat. The Choir, under director Mary Kerr, performed several disco numbers. After the show, cast and choir members autographed show programs to the delight of many members of the audience. Both cast and choir members enjoyed the time spent rehearsing. Many have committed to the next show, a whimsical version of *The Wizard of OZ*.

Cast members included: Steve Segal as "The Boogie Man," James Vaughn as "Tony Maroni," Ella Mae Johnson as "Kathleen," Danielle Williams as "Angela Moroni," Jennifer Beck as "Teresa Maria Garcia," Robert Calbert as "Wally Papo," Roy Neil as "Anthony Moroni Sr.," and Mike Butchko as "Vincent Elbodini." Members of the choir included: Lauren Bryant, Lindsay Pencek, Rebecca Weinberg, Christy Lafflin, Mary Baumgartner, Rena Mae Wilson and Shawna Spanel.

First winter formal was memorable

by Becky Niles

It was an evening to remember as Franklin County Recreation members, Ohio Dominican University (ODU) students, friends, guests and volunteers danced the night away at the first Winter Formal on Friday, March 30th.

Over 150 people enjoyed music, dancing, and hors d'oeuvres in the Bishop James A. Griffin Student Center on the ODU campus.

Students and volunteers had planned the event in conjunction with Franklin County's Recreation Department.

Music was provided by Joe Ebberts and Ron Clark of the Grandview Dance Plus Ballroom. Dancers from the Gala dance class demonstrated the ballroom and line dances they learned over the previous three months.

A favorite stop was the souvenir photo booth operated by Columbus Photo Booth. Almost 400 pictures were taken that evening, and everyone got to take home the photos that night.

To add to the excitement, the weather took a short turn for the worse. But neither rain, lightening, nor even the threat of a tornado could dampen people's spirits. After a short evacuation, everyone returned to the dance floor and got the party started again.

As the evening wound to a close, many recreation members stayed to chat with the ODU student-volunteers. Some of the comments heard were: "I haven't had this much fun in a long time," "What a great night," and "When are we going to do this again?"

After surveying her students, Maryalice Turner, the ODU professor whose class sponsored the event, said the overwhelming feeling is that they should hold the event again next year.



The always crowded dance floor.

Shawna Spanel and Mary Baumgartner raise their hands in celebration.



Justin Kemper and Jennie Coffey.



Posing above is Chauntelle Craig.

Donors support dress giveaway

by Becky Niles

The dresses were lovely -- long, short, sparkly, plain and all the colors of the rainbow.

Thanks to the generosity of many members of the community, and the Fairy Goodmothers Foundation, women with tickets to the Winter Formal had the opportunity to choose from over 200 donated dresses along with shoes and other accessories. Over thirty women took advantage of the opportunity.

The giveaway was the brainchild of Shawna Spanel, Recreation Program

Coordinator. She recognized that many women might decide not to participate in the Winter Formal because the cost of a dress was out of reach. She enlisted the help of students at Ohio Dominican University and the Fairy Goodmothers.

Several students spent three days sorting, cleaning, steaming and repairing the dresses in preparation for the giveaway on March 23rd. West Central School was turned into a dress boutique, complete with screened changing areas and a full-length mirror.

Volunteers assisted the women in choosing dresses, trying them on, and finding matching accessories. With so many dresses available, almost everyone was able to find a dress that fit her personality and style.

Plans are in the works to expand the dress giveaway next year to include more dresses, accessories, shoes and jewelry. So don't send that old formal dress to the thrift store. Save it for next year's dress giveaway!



At right are Pam Semon and Andrew Kabelen



Christy Laflin, with back to camera and Gail Guest.

ECE plans for walk/run

Saturday, May 19th, 9 a.m. is the date for an ECE sponsored fund raiser. The walk/run includes a kids fun run before the actual event. The location will be at Wolfe Park in Bexley. The cost is \$25.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Sarah Gillilan at 342- 5803 or sarah.gillilan@fcbdd.org

LACE UP FOR FUTURE LEVY
Join us for a 5K Walk/Run to Early Childhood Education Partnership



FREE Kid's Fun Run before main event!

Saturday, May 19th, 2012
9am

Where: Wolfe Park
105 Park Drive Columbus, Ohio 43209

Cost: \$25
(This fee will support future levy efforts of Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities)

Please register at: www.secondsoleracing.com

Any questions please contact Activity Coordinator, Sarah Gillilan at 342-5803 or sarah.gillilan@fcbdd.org

Non-Medicaid services policy adopted

At its monthly meeting on April 26th, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities adopted a new policy titled "Non-Medicaid Adult Services."

The policy places conditions on the receipt of county-funded services by adults. The chief requirement of the policy is that adults receiving

county-funded services must apply for Medicaid home and community based services, and if determined ineligible for Medicaid, they would be required to pay up to 50 percent of the cost of services.

"This policy will allow us to stretch our dollars further by ensuring the maximum use of available federal

funding," said FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison.

For a copy of the new policy, please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

Focus on SELF waiver

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has announced federal approval of a new waiver. The Self Empowered Life Funding (SELF) waiver will enable individuals with developmental disabilities to direct where and how they receive waiver-funded services.

Here are some highlights:

When will the waiver begin?

Enrollment is expected to begin in July.

What is the waiver's capacity?

The capacity is up to 500 individuals in the first year, increasing to 1,000 in the second year and 2,000 the third year. Note that the capacity includes 100 children with intensive behavioral needs.

Who is eligible?

Individuals must meet ICF/DD level of care requirements and be willing to participate in self-direction. A pre-screening tool will be completed prior to enrollment. The 100 children with intensive behavioral needs must meet the criteria outlined on the Children with Intensive Behavioral Needs checklist in order to receive one of the state-funded waivers.

Are there caps on costs?

Yes. Annual cost caps are \$25,000 for children and \$40,000 for adults, with some service-specific limitations built in to the waiver as well. Annual limits will be reevaluated after the waiver becomes operational to determine appropriateness.

Will participant direction be required?

Yes. Everyone on this waiver will be required to engage in participant direction for at least one service. Two components of participant direction are offered on the waiver: budget authority and employer authority.

Budget authority allows an individual to allocate the budget to waiver services however he or she chooses, and to manage the budget accordingly.

Employer authority allows the individual to manage (including hiring and firing) the workers. The individual can either serve directly as the employer of record or enter into an arrangement whereby a third party (e.g., a provider agency) is the employer of record.

Will a support broker be available to assist an individual?

Yes, if an individual voluntarily chooses to have a support broker and pays for this service out of the funding allocation. A support broker may serve as the agent of the individual, advising and assisting in coordination of services as well as helping explain responsibilities related to selecting service providers and negotiating rates. Support brokers must meet required qualifications.

More details regarding the SELF waiver may be found on the DODD website at <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/Medicaid>.

Did you know?

Writer and filmmaker Adam McKay, who is beginning work on the film *Anchorman 2* starring Will Ferrell, has responded to a request from the parent of a child with a disability to omit "the R-word" from the movie. "I agree," he replied. "That word is over."

Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBDD community



Jennifer Rash GLHS student.

Gahanna Lincoln High School (GLHS) is taking part in the international effort known as “Spread the Word to End the Word.” Students and teachers from the school’s classroom for students with multiple disabilities have gathered 2,000 signed pledges to support elimination of the “R word.” On April 6th, they brought their campaign to FCBDD’s Staff Development Day where they sold over 100 t-shirts and 75 bracelets in support of the effort. Special thanks to student **Jennifer Rash**, teachers **Tiffany Hanna** and **Cheryl Kempf**, and guest **Alana Reese** for their hard work. For more information, please visit www.r-word.org.

We are pleased to report that **Mark Johnson**, Assistant Director of the Service Coordination Department, has returned to work after having undergone successful surgery. Welcome back, Mark, and please remember that old saying, “Slow and steady wins the race.”

Heidi Hallas has been named by the **Franklin County Commissioners** to the position of Senior Performance Analyst II with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The open position had resulted from the recent departure of **Hope Foster** for the position of Controller at Franklin

County Children’s Service. Among Heidi’s duties will be to serve as liaison between OMB and FCBDD.

Those interested in keeping up with the latest FCBDD recreation news will be glad to know that the **Recreation Department** maintains a daily telephone recording with up-to-date information on activities, including times and locations. The recording is available at 475-9597.

To his long list of accomplishments, **Tom Fish**, Director of Social Work and Family Support for Ohio State’s Nisonger Center, can add ‘published author’ to the list. Tom’s book, Next Chapter Book Club: A Model Community Literacy Program, was published by Woodbine House. Co-authors are **Paula Rabidoux**, **Jillian Ober** and **Vicki Graff**. In the book’s foreword, Tom cites **Carl Sandburg**: “Nothing happens unless first a dream.”

Career Milestones

25 years

Toss Horton

20 years

**Nancy Braun
Tracey Triplett**

15 years

Michael Doran

10 years

Joshua Weisel

5 years

Holly Smith



The entire staff of the **Bixby Living Skills Center** wore blue to work on April 11th to show their support of National Child Abuse Prevention month. According to Center Director **Linda Monroe**, over 28,000 reports of suspected abuse and neglect were received by Franklin County Children Services last year.

The green spot

by Debbie Rose

The Green Committee at ECE is committed to finding a variety of curriculum activities to be used at the center throughout the school year. Appropriate for young children, these activities are designed to meet state education standards.

Activities include: recycle bins located in offices and classrooms (2,400 pounds of material are placed in the dumpster each month); the garden is watered using rain water stored in a cistern; taking care of the outside gardens and recently established worm farms for compost; reuse toys and materials whenever possible; and conserve energy.

The *Third Annual Earth Day Art Show* is displayed on 'Main Street' at ECEFC on Johnstown Road. This is held in conjunction with Earth Day activities.

Each classroom is encouraged to build its own creation using recycled or reused materials. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers to talk with the children about ways they can be earth-friendly.



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Calendar

May, 2012

- 1 Family Advocates of Adult Children (FAAC) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 11 a.m. Call Elaine Bechant at 939-0092 for more information.
- 8 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 10,11 OACB 2011 Spring Conference, Hilton Columbus at Easton, 3900 Chagrin Dr. Call Ann Neu at 341-0616 for details.
- 11 Deadline for applications for John S. Siebold Scholarship program. For more details, please call Cathy Hutzal at 342-5743.
- 13 Mother's Day
- 16 Family Support (formerly Parent League), 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 17 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 17 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 18 Project STIR graduation ceremony, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 21 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., 11:30 a.m.
- 28 Memorial Day observed - all county facilities closed.
- 29 West Central School graduation ceremony, 1481 W. Town St., 7 p.m.
- 30 Northeast School graduation ceremony, 500 N. Hamilton Rd., 7 p.m.