



## Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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**NewsBits**

### **Revised Web Site Launched**

The revised web site of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities ([www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)) was launched today. The updated site is easier to navigate and includes microsites on early childhood education, adult services and provider relations. Electronic sign-ups for '*Dateline*' and NewsBits are available and previous issues can be downloaded. The site includes links to other information and videos, including the recently released video on the Bill of Rights for persons with disabilities. The web site also can be read in most languages and allows for different font sizes for individuals who have visual impairments. The search function will get people to the information they need quicker and changes/additions to the web site will be able to be managed internally by FCBDD staff. Special thanks to Travis Sherick, Linda Fleming, Al Brehl and Dot Yeager for the leadership to make this happen.

### **Accreditation Certificate Received**

The Accreditation Certificate from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has been received and documents that the accreditation will be effective from June 1, 2014 through May 31,

2019. This is the longest accreditation allowed and demonstrates substantial compliance with state standards. State reviewers commended FCBDD in several areas immediately following the review in January, 2014.

### **Dispatch Article on Guardianship Plans**

The Columbus Dispatch published an article recently regarding proposed changes to the guardianship system. Probate Judge Montgomery has been working with legislators and county officials for the past two years to propose changes that will result in positive outcomes for individuals needing guardians. The article was in the June 29 issue of the Dispatch and is titled '***Judge tries to change system.***'

### **July 4th Holiday**

All FCBDD facilities will be closed for the July 4th holiday. Programs will resume on Monday, July 7th.

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