

Boards approve Privatization Plan

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) and the ARC Industries Board of Trustees have approved the proposal to privatize certain services, effective in January, 2019. The approval means that FCBDD Adult Services staff will transition to the ARC Industries payroll in January, 2019.

This action is responsive to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) 'Conflict Free Case Management' rule. CMS has indicated to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities that organizations that provide Case Management (Service Coordination) cannot also provide Home and Community Based Services, which are funded by Medicaid waivers. Medicaid waivers help to fund FCBDD Adult Services and Adult Transportation so these services are required to be privatized.

Plans are not yet finalized on how Adult Transportation services will be privatized. An RFP (Request for Proposals) process is underway to analyze proposals presented from various organizations. One of the questions that remains is whether the entire Transportation Department will be privatized or just Adult Transportation.

All County Boards of DD in Ohio are impacted by this CMS ruling. Some Boards have already privatized. While CMS has given County Boards until 2024, they have also said that until organizations privatize, they should not accept new enrollees and by 2020, County Boards should be serving no more than 30% of the total population.

The approved plan will allow for continued stability in services and staff. Many parents, family members and staff requested this stability in light of the requirement to privatize. FCBDD will continue to contract with ARC Industries to support non-Medicaid funded services. FCBDD will also continue to fund the match for the Medicaid waivers.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO, stated that "We are pleased to have a plan that offers continued stability in services and staffing. We are fortunate to have the leadership of the ARC Industries Board to serve as our partners as we move forward."

Star Awards to be presented

The 2016 Star Award recipients have been selected and will be recognized at the event on Wednesday, October 5th.

The Community Star Awards are presented each year to recognize individuals and organizations for their extraordinary service. A total of twelve individuals and two organizations will be presented their awards at the dinner event held at Villa Milano. Over 500 guests are expected. Marcus Thorpe will serve as Master of Ceremonies and Dave Powers will provide entertainment.

Included in this issue of 'Dateline' is a registration form for the event. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

The 2016 Star Award honorees are:

***Christine Brown, Adult Participant/Self-Advocate
Austin VanAlmsk, Youth Participant
Pat Cloppert, Parent/Family Member
Bridget Alcaraz, Adult Services Staff
Jeannie Kunkle, School Staff
Career Camp, Provider Organization
Karen Duemmel, Volunteer/Good Neighbor
Tim Edwards, Transportation Staff
Carol Middaugh, Early Childhood Staff
Eric Frentzel, Residential Staff
Darin Easley, Management Staff
Carl Scott, Support Services
Amy Morse, Service Coordination Staff
Dublin Methodist Hospital/Ohio Health, Employer***

Representative Boyce visits

State Representative Kevin Boyce paid a visit to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities this summer and indicated he was impressed with the services provided.

Representative Boyce met with Superintendent Morison and toured the Early Childhood Education Center with Becky Love, Director of ECE. About the Board's services, he said: "I saw first hand the value of the Board's services through support provided to my nephew. You all do great work."



*State Representative
Kevin Boyce*

The Superintendent provided Representative Boyce with details on the overall services provided by the Board and explained changes related to Employment First, Medicaid, and rule changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that will require privatization of some services.

Superintendent Morison stated "we have appreciated Representative Boyce's support with both state legislative issues and at the city level, when he served on Columbus City Council."

West Central hosts Prader-Willi Family and Friends Festival

West Central School again opened its doors to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Ohio (PWSA of Ohio) for their Family and Friends Summer Festival.

The all-day event included swimming, carnival games, crafts and much more. Educational sessions for parents were also provided.

PWSA of Ohio is a chapter of PWSA-USA and is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization dedicated to providing understanding and awareness of Prader-Willi Syndrome and to supporting individuals and families to improve quality of life. Research is also a part of the mission.

Prader-Willi Syndrome is a genetic disorder affecting appetite, growth, metabolism, cognitive function and behavior. It is typically characterized by muscle tone, short stature, incomplete sexual development and the hallmark characteristics of chronic feelings of insatiable hunger and slow metabolism leading to weight gain.

To learn more about the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Ohio or to become a member, call (330) 723-0004 or visit www.pwsaohio.org.

Please send in your registration for the 2016 Community Star Awards.

Registrations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

2016 Arts and Autism Conference

The 2016 Arts and Autism Conference will be held on September 20th at the Columbus Museum of Art.

This is the second convening of its kind in central Ohio. The conference will feature practice, presentation and research in the arts and autism. The purpose is to bring together artists, arts and culture administrators, individuals with autism and their families, practitioners, support professionals, researchers, therapists and advocates who specialize or have an interest in the intersection of arts and autism.

Presenters and sponsors include: VSA Ohio, Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio Arts Council, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and the Autism Society of Central Ohio.

For additional details or to register for the conference contact info@vsao.org or call (614) 241-5325.

Mayor to visit

Mayor Andy Ginther plans to visit the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Thursday, September 22nd.

After meeting with Superintendent Morison to hear an update on services, the Mayor will take a tour and meet some of the people served and staff.



**Mayor Andy
Ginther**

"We appreciate the Mayor's consistent support, going back to his days on the Columbus School Board and City Council," stated Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse) received the 'Corporate Caring Award' from *Business First Newspaper*. **Kurt Schmitter**, Workforce Development Director for ARC Industries nominated DSW for the award for their support with Project Search and employment for individuals who have developmental disabilities. Congratulations!

Congratulations and thanks to **Doug Smith** for over 30 years of outstanding service as Rehabilitation Engineer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Doug's creative innovations over the years have assisted hundreds of children and adults.



Congratulations to **ARC West** on rescuing a one year old black eagle. Wildlife officials were called and will return the eagle to the area where it was rescued when it is able to fly. ARC West sits on property adjacent to the Wilma H. Schiemeier Olentangy River Wetlands Research Park, 352 W. Dodridge.



Congratulations to the **Project STIR graduates** who work at the Rhodes Tower. Superintendent Morison stopped in to congratulate the group that was led by **Annette Ammerman**.



Debra Sherman, Licensed Practical Nurse has retired. Thank you for your many years of excellent service at ARC Industries North.



Congratulations to the **Ohio Business Leadership Network**, which now has 100 Ohio businesses who have joined the network focusing on the value of hiring people with disabilities. The Ohio Business Leadership Network is a peer-to-peer organization that provides employers with information and resources about how best to recruit, select, train and retain a workforce that includes individuals with disabilities.

Career Milestones

35 Years

Jeannie Brown
Lynn Watkins

25 Years

Valerie Bowen
Mariann Brush
Gregory Sorenson

20 Years

Tammie Brindza
Todd Cheek
Kim O'Brien

15 Years

Kimberly Ardit
Suzanne Gates
Anita Milano-Gay
Brian Turley

10 Years

Tiffany Banks
Rebecca Beaudet
Greig Brown
Diane Capretta

5 Years

Angela Price
Travis Sherick
Claudia Simmons
Janice Sullivan
Benjamin Talbott
Kelly Thompson

Special thanks to the **Eldon and Elsie Ward YMCA**, **Hilltop YMCA**, **Vaughn E. Hairston YMCA** and the **North YMCA**, for hosting Summer Center programs in June and July, 2016.



Nisonger to celebrate 50 years

Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University will celebrate 50 years of service on Saturday, October 15th.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration will recognize 50 years of expert research, training and service in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Dr. Mark Tassé, Director of Nisonger Center indicated that Representative David Leland will serve as Honorary Chair for the celebration. Representative Leland's father, Dr. Henry Leland, was a long-time faculty member at Nisonger and Dr. Leland also served as a Board member

for ARC Industries and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Guests at the event will enjoy dinner, a silent auction and entertainment from Josh Blue, winner of NBC's Last Comic Standing. The event will be held at the Ohio Union on The Ohio State University campus from 5:30-9:00 p.m.

For more information about the event, contact Tamara Hager at tamara.hager@osumc.edu or visit Nisonger.osu.edu.

Buddy Walk scheduled for October 2nd

The Columbus Buddy Walk will be held on October 2nd at the Columbus Crew MAPFRE stadium.

The event is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO).

For details or to register, call (614) 263-6020 or visit www.columbusbuddywalk.org.

OCALICON 2016

OCALICON, the nation's premier event in autism, sensory disabilities and low-incidence disabilities will be held on November 16-18.

Over 1500 participants from across the United States are expected to hear world-class presenters and to have opportunities to network with others. Discussion and sessions will focus on common concerns, and shared proven solutions that address issues and challenges faced by individuals with autism and other disabilities across their lifespan.

For additional details, contact OCALI at www.ocali.org or call (866) 886-2254.

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Calendar

September, 2016

- 5 Labor Day
- 8 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 11 Discover Your Abilities 5K, John F. Kennedy Park, 7232 E. Main Street, Reynoldsburg. For more details go to www.premierraces.com.
- 19 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 21 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 22 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

5k Event set for September 11th

The 'Discover Your Abilities' 5K event to benefit Franklin County Special Olympics will be held on Sunday, September 11th in Reynoldsburg.

This year's event will be at a new location: The John F. Kennedy Park (7232 E. Main Street) in Reynoldsburg. The event is being coordinated by the FCBDD Wellness Committee with support from United HealthCare and Premier Races.

The registration fee is \$10.00 for any who are eligible for FCBDD services and \$20.00 for all others. To register, visit www.premierraces.com.





Community Star Awards Banquet

Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Villa Milano – 1630 Schrock Road

Social Hour (Cash Bar) – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Lasagna Dinner & Awards Presentation – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$40.00 / Person • \$320.00 / Table of Eight

Please join us for an opportunity to recognize some outstanding people who contribute to our community and to celebrate their achievements and visit with friends.

Sponsored by:

ARC Industries, Inc.; Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities; Creative Housing; Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities; Franklin County Residential Services; Goodwill Columbus; Nisonger Center

Star Awards Banquet

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, September 23, 2016

Name(s): _____ Address: _____

(Please Print)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

- Enclosed is \$40.00 per person to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- Enclosed is \$320.00 for a table of eight (8) to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- I cannot attend, however, I have enclosed a donation for this event.

Make checks payable to: Citizens Committee for Persons with DD

Send to: Community Star Awards
Attn: Linda Fleming
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