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

Men's Wearhouse and Cinderella's Closet make Prom special

Thanks to the generosity of Men's Wearhouse and Cinderella's Closet, the West Central students who attended their 2017 Prom were dressed in style.

According to Mike Ross, Principal at West Central, "our young men and women had a terrific time and looked better than ever." He thanked Jill Hicks, Transition Specialist for reaching out to Men's Wearhouse and Cinderella's Closet, who donated the outfits.

May was a busy month at West Central with Prom on May 5th and graduation on May 24th.



Celebrate 50!

FCBDD celebrates 50 years in 2017.

*Throughout 2017, we are celebrating 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!***

When Amended Senate Bill '169' created County Boards, our original name was the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and we were called the Franklin County Program for the Mentally Retarded.

In 1980, the name changed to the Franklin County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and in 2009, the name changed again to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Fred Cloppert appointed to Guardianship Services Board

Fred Cloppert, parent of two individuals served by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and retired attorney, has been appointed to the Franklin County Guardianship Services Board, effective in January, 2018. Mr. Cloppert will replace Frank New, whose term will end on December 31, 2017.

The Guardianship Services Board was established by Probate Judge Montgomery to improve guardianship services for individuals in Franklin County who need guardians and have no good alternatives. The Franklin County Guardianship Services Board is the only such Board of its kind in Ohio and has been of interest to other counties and states. Former Senator Jim Hughes sponsored the legislation to permit the establishment of the Board.

Fred Cloppert comes to this Board position with impressive credentials. In addition to being a parent and guardian, he is retired from the law firm of Cloppert, Latanick, Sauter and Washburn. Fred Cloppert was the founding attorney and senior partner until his retirement in 2008. In addition to his law practice, he has served as a law clerk to a Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court and as Assistant Attorney General. He is a graduate of Loyola University and Georgetown University Law Center and has served on numerous boards and committees, including the Goodwill Columbus Human Relations Committee and the Ohio Industries for the Handicapped Board.

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Senator Stephanie Kunze visits

Senator Stephanie Kunze recently visited the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities to learn more about services and to tour the Early Childhood Education and Family Center.

Senator Kunze, former State Representative, was elected to her Senate seat in November, 2016. Senator Kunze represents Ohio District 16.

The Senator met with Superintendent/ CEO Morison to learn about all the services provided by the Board for children and adults who have developmental disabilities. Following this meeting, she toured the Early Childhood Education and Family Center with Rebecca Love, Director of Early Childhood Services.

About her visit, Senator Kunze indicated she was impressed with all the Board does. Superintendent Morison stated "Senator Kunze has been very supportive of our services over the years, including her legislative initiatives related to early childhood education and the P.L.A.Y. project headed up by Childhood League."



Pilot for Multi-System Youth off to good start

Thanks to the efforts of Boundless, Inc. (formerly Franklin County Residential Services, Inc.) and collaboration of several county agencies, a pilot residential project for multi-system youth is off to a good start.

Services for up to four youth, between the ages of 16 and 22 are now able to be served in a home at Kimberly Woods, located near Eastland Shopping Center.

Susie Burke, Director of Community Living Services for Boundless, stated that the leadership and staff at Kimberly Woods are doing a terrific job. Jamie Fox, Residential Manager, Sasha Hughes, Program Manager and Laura Wettstaedt, Behavior Support Specialist and the entire staff are overseeing the day to day operations.

The four young men who are served at the home are all Franklin County residents who had to be placed out of their home. Two were previously served at NECCO in Southern Ohio, one came back from the T.C. Harris Center in Indiana and one was living in Dublin.

OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence), with funding from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, is assisting with programmatic, environmental and behavior support consultation. In a recent training with staff, the OCALI consultant, Dr. Brenda Smith Miles, told staff that "they were changing the trajectory of these kids lives."

Susie Burke stated that "this collaboration between the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD), ADAMH, Franklin County Children Services and the Family and Children First Council is remarkable. There is nothing comparable in the state and we (Boundless, Inc.) are honored to be implementing this service, which brings kids back closer to their families."

Custody has already been returned to two families and the others are in process.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD stated that "we are so pleased that Patrick Maynard, CEO of Boundless, Inc. and his staff have accepted this challenge. Susie Burke has provided excellent leadership."

Larry Macintosh, Administrative and Support Director for FCBDD, came up with the idea to use an apartment at one of the ICF/IID locations, which allows for state and federal resources, along with all the county partners. Superintendent Morison stated "we think it is a great model that other counties may want to consider for those youth who need services from multiple organizations, yet have few local options."

For details on this pilot, contact Susie Burke at (614) 844-3800.



Some who have helped to get the Multi-System Youth Pilot off to a good start, include from left to right: Brenda Smith Myles, Adama LaHai, Joshua Anderson, Sasha Hughes, Laura Wettstaedt, Jamie Fox, Donnie Spikes, in front Jestina Dewalt and Christopher Ebert.

Joyce Barrowman to retire

Joyce Barrowman, Director of Transportation for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, will retire at the end of June.

Because the majority of Joyce's public service has been under the School Employees Retirement System (SERS), she must retire prior to July or faces changes with her retirement benefits.

Joyce has been the Director of Transportation for the past three years. According to Marcy Samuel, Director of Program Operations, "Joyce has been excellent in all respects. Her steady and supportive guidance has resulted in several accomplishments, including consolidation of Transportation Compounds, full implementation of propane fuel, enhanced training opportunities, increased alternative transportation resources, participation in annual School Bus RoadEO, and more."



Due to the 'Conflict Free Case Management' ruling of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), adult transportation services will need to privatize. Anthony Hartley, former Director of A.D.D. (Association for the Developmentally Disabled) will begin in July to analyze transportation services and begin the process of establishing a private, non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization, which will allow services to be transitioned to this new organization.

Bill Ryan, long time Transportation Supervisor and former Bus Driver, has been promoted to the position of Director of Transportation Operations. According to Superintendent/ CEO Jed Morison, "we are very fortunate to have Bill's leadership. He knows transportation and he is an excellent and fair administrator. He'll do a great job and will work well with Anthony Hartley."

Best wishes to Joyce Barrowman and thanks for an excellent three years of leadership.

Graduation ceremonies at West Central

The 2017 graduating class of West Central celebrated their accomplishments on May 24, 2017.

According to Principal Michael Ross "it has been a great year. We are so proud of our students and their staff who have supported them over the years."

Linda Zelms, former teacher, long time volunteer and Special Olympics leader, provided the Commencement Address. Parents, staff and fellow students were honored for their school successes and plans to transition to community employment or other community experiences.

In addition to students who attended West Central, other graduates included young adults who were home schooled at Heinzerling Center or who attended Reynoldsburg or Southwestern City Schools and who were taught by staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

West Central School serves students ranging from 14-22 years old. Many students will participate in one of the summer transition options offered by the Board. Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs indicated that there will be three options offered to students, including a transitional community experience program, Career Camp supported by FCBDD and operated by Columbus Schools and a program headquartered at West Central. The 2017 school year will end on June 1, 2017.

State budget update

Discussions are continuing regarding the state budget proposals for the next two years (July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019).

As of 'Dateline's' deadline, several of the proposals from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities had been cut from the original budget bill (House Bill 49). Since being introduced, officials have indicated that revenue has not met expectations and reductions were necessary to make up close to \$800 million.

Among the cuts was the state's proposal to add 1300 state funded Medicaid waivers for Ohio.

The budget process is expected to be complete by the end of June. Once the House of Representatives and Ohio Senate complete their work, a Conference Committee will work out final details.

Fred Cloppert appointed to Guardianship Services Board *continued from page 1*

Superintendent/ CEO Jed Morison stated that "we have been very fortunate to have such excellent representation on this Board. Frank New has been excellent and Fred will also do an outstanding job."

Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, serves as the liaison to the Guardianship Services Board, which now provides services to over 190 people. Jack Kullman serves as the Director of the Board.

FCRS is now Boundless, Inc.

FCRS (Franklin County Residential Services, Inc.) has changed their name to **Boundless, Inc.**, and established another non-profit organization called **Franklin Management Resources, Inc.**

Dr. Patrick Maynard announced the change on April 5th indicating that **Boundless** will focus on day to day program operations and **Franklin Management Resources** will focus on the business operations, including fiscal services, property acquisition and leasing.

This new branding for the organization will clarify that **Boundless** and **Franklin Management Resources** are no longer formally connected to the 'County' and it is intended to communicate the expanded mission and growth of **Boundless** and **Franklin Management Resources**.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities stated "we are proud to have started this organization back in the 1980s and look forward to our continued partnerships."

For additional details on **Boundless** or **Franklin Management Resources**, go to <https://iamboundless.org> or call (614) 844-3800.



Be a foster parent

Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) has launched a new campaign to encourage caring adults to consider becoming foster parents.

Foster parents provide temporary care for children who have come under Children Services' care because of abuse, neglect, or unstable family conditions. Recently, not only in Franklin County but across Ohio, the number of children needing a foster home has increased. Homes are especially needed for teens, siblings and children with emotional or behavioral challenges.

Hundreds of kids in Franklin County are waiting. Kids who, through no fault of their own, are in need of a safe and loving home. While the number of children in need of foster care continues to rise the number of available foster homes has not. They're waiting for YOU. Become a Franklin County foster parent. Anyone over 21 with a stable source of income can apply. You just have to be willing ...to Foster Hope, Foster Love, Foster Franklin County.

Those interested in becoming a foster parent are encouraged to visit Children Services' website: fostercare.fccs.us or call (614) 275-2711 to learn more about the process and connect with a local foster care agency. FCCS partners with various foster care agencies to provide foster homes for Franklin County's children.

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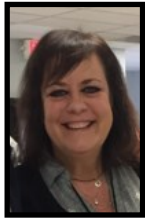
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Notable achievements in the FCBDD community



Congratulations to Patti Glick, Supervisor at ARC North on many years of outstanding services. Patti retired in May after 34 years of services, all at ARC North. We wish Patti well!!!

Special thanks to OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for consulting support with the Kimberly Woods multi-youth residential pilot project.

Special thanks to Linda Zelms, for providing the Commencement Address for West Central School on May 24th. Congratulations to all the graduates!

Congratulations to Derek Burns for having artwork selected for the VSA traveling exhibition, most recently on display at the Lancaster Decorative Arts Center.



Thank you to Dody Twyford, volunteer at ARC West, for coordinating the "Can Do Players" for over 20 years. A celebration to recognize Mrs. Twyford was held on April 27th with a special presentation of the "Can Do Players."

Congratulations to Boundless, Inc. on the successful start to the Multi-System Youth Residential Project.

Thanks to Northeast Center for hosting an open house on the Integrated Community Support project and for all staff who have participated in this project to explore additional initiatives in support of community employment and community experiences. Thanks also to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for grant funding in support of this project.

Congratulations and thanks to the school staff who will be retiring from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities after many years of excellent services for FCBDD. Retiree's include: Pattie DePassio, Ronda Gilliam, Darleen Hayhurst, Cheryl Huntzinger, Pat Samson, Sharon Skaggs, and Deb Tumblison. Best wishes on a well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations to Michele Brosius, Audiology/ Speech Pathologist and Laurie Shkolnik, Instructor Assistant on retirement after over 30 years of excellent services supporting children in the Board's Early Childhood Education Department. Best wishes on a well deserved retirement.

Career Milestones

35 Years
David Powell

20 Years
Amy Kulow
Pamela Weisbeck

10 Years
Jeffry Pattison
Tauhir Wise

5 Years
Ellen Baker

Transportation staff participate at school bus ROADeo

Congratulations to the transportation staff who recently participated in the 2017 Central Ohio School Bus RoadEO.

The event was held at Westerville Central High School on April 22 with several school districts competing. Many of the FCBDD Transportation staff volunteered to support the event. Missing from the picture is Chuck Dawson who was helping with the event when the picture was taken.

Superintendent Jed Morison visited staff at the RoadEO and commented: "We are so fortunate to have some of the best staff and best people in the state, who are willing to volunteer their time on a Saturday - above and beyond the call of duty!"



Back row from L to R: Mark Hafner, Faith Stephens, Theresa Alfred, Michael White, Annette Griffin, Joyce Barrowman, a family member, Mary Fairchild's son, Mary Fairchild, Deborah Everett-Croom. Seated from L to R: Yolanda Hairston, Amy Kulow.

Free Autism Training

The Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) has prepared training modules related to autism called ASD Strategies in Action.

ASD Strategies in Action are divided into four courses: Many Faces of Autism; Toddler and Preschool Age; School Age; and Transition Age. All of the courses are available at no cost for Ohioans, and the age-based coursework is available via subscription for those who reside outside of the state.

ASD Strategies in Action was developed by OCALI, www.ocali.org, in consultation with a blue-ribbon panel of internationally-recognized experts. The project was funded under the leadership of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Health Transformation.

For more information visit www.autismcertificationcenter.org.
Families should visit www.autismstrategies.org.

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Calendars

June, 2017

- 1 ECE/ West Central School last day of classes
- 2 ECE/ West Central School Parent/ Teacher Day
- 8 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 19 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 20 ECE Summer Center begins, 2879 Johnstown Rd.
- 21 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 22 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 23-25 Ohio Special Olympics, the Ohio State University. Please call Andrea Stonebraker at 342-5989 for details.
- 28 School-age Summer Center begins, West Central School.

July, 2017

- 4 Independence Day Celebrated - all county facilities closed.
- 5 School-age Transition to Work Summer program begins.
- 17 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 19 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 20 ECE Summer Center programs end.
- 27 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 27 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 28 School-age Summer Center programs end.

August, 2017

- 2 School-age Transition to Work Summer Programs end.
- 11 Staff Development Day for Adult Services and Transportation staff. All adult facilities closed.
- 21 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 21-22 ECE and School staff returns - Staff Preparation/ Development Day.
- 23 First day of classes at West Central School.
- 23-25 ECE Program Service Days – Parent Visitation (No Transportation).
- 28 First day of classes, ECE - please consult program schedule.