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Charitable campaign to kick off

FCBDD staff are gearing up for the annual Combined Charitable Campaign. The 2010 campaign will run from September 14th through October 16th.

The campaign asks staff to contribute to one or more of over 500 charitable organizations. The theme this year is, "Together we can weather any storm."

John Mitchem, Adult Services Director, is overall coordinator of the effort. Noting that FCBDD has led all county agencies in charitable giving for the past seven years, he called on staff to "continue their strong tradition of support."

Details regarding the campaign may be obtained by calling John at 342-5744 or Cathy Hutzel at 342-5734.



Star award recipients named

The winners of FCBDD's Community Star Awards for 2009 have been announced.

They will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday evening, November 4th, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. The event will include a social hour, dinner and musical entertainment.

Established in 2003, the annual awards program recognizes individuals and organizations who, through extra ordinary efforts, have helped FCBDD fulfill its mission.

This year's recipients are: **Bryan Becker**, employee, ARC West; **Tom Bilodeau**, Director of Information Technology, Administration; **Julie**



Cecchetti, Training Specialist, ARC West; **Danielle Chambers**, Service Coordinator.

Austin Hopkins, student at, Beechcroft High School; **Bill and Maggie Hyde**, volunteers, Good Samaritan Church; **Sasha Hughes**, Program Coordinator, Franklin County Residential Services; **Karen Lee**, Instructor Assistant, West Central School.

David and Dorothy Lynch, parents of **Clifford Lynch**, Bixby Living Skills Center; **Beverly Ryan**, Instructor, Early Childhood Learning Community; **Kurt Smith**, Director, ARC South; **Leroy White**, bus driver, East Compound; **CDC Headstart** and **Mattie James**, President; **The Forum at Knightsbridge**.

Reservations for the banquet are now being accepted. A reservation form is enclosed with this issue of Dateline. Please call Linda Rockwell at 342-5950 for more information.

Feedback sought on adult family care proposal

The following draft proposal has been distributed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) for the purpose of gathering feedback from families and other stakeholders throughout Ohio. No rules have been filed and there is no proposed effective date at this time. Feedback on this proposal should be submitted to DODD by email to peggy.martin@dmr.state.oh.us.

Background

When a state submits its home and community based waiver application to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), it must choose whether to allow family members to provide services. Many states have made the choice to exclude family members from being paid providers. However, Ohio has made the decision to allow family providers for adult individuals enrolled on the IO and Level 1 waivers because often it is in the best interest of the individuals served to remain in their family home and receive services from those who care most about them. Care within the family home also provides opportunities for natural supports which encourages more economical service delivery especially since services are not being shared.

Today there is a variance between natural supports provided by families who are also paid providers across Ohio. The costs of individuals who live with and are served by family members or guardians have become difficult to predict and vary from county to county. Homemaker/personal care delivered in the family home has become administratively burdensome

to document and is inconsistent with similar methods of service delivery (i.e. Adult Foster Care). For these reasons, the department has identified a new Adult Family Care service as one of the ways to address the long term fiscal sustainability of the IO waiver and to preserve the option for family providers that exists today.

Adult Family Care Proposal

Adult Family Care is a new waiver service that would apply to adult individuals (18 years of age and older) who live with a family member who is providing Homemaker/Personal Care (HPC) services as a paid I.O. certified waiver provider. The service is similar to Adult Foster Care because it establishes a daily rate for homemaker/personal care services, but it is different from Adult Foster Care because it allows a second, more flexible service delivery option.

Draft Service Definition

"AdultFamilyCare" means personal care and supportive services (e.g., homemaker, chore, and medication oversight to the extent permitted under state law) provided in a private home by a care giver, who is related by blood or marriage, who lives in the home and whose primary, legal residence is that home. Adult family care is furnished to adults who receive these services in conjunction with residing in the family home. Adult family care services, their associated activities, and skill development are part of the rhythm of life that naturally occurs as part of living in the family home. Homemaker and chore services are furnished to the individual as a component of adult family care. Due to the environment

provided by family care, segregating these activities into discrete services is impractical.

The term "family" as it applies to Adult Family Care means parents; grandparents, including grandparents with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand;" siblings; aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces, including such relatives with the prefix "great," "great-great," "grand," or "great-grand;" stepparents or stepsiblings; and spouses and former spouses of individuals related by blood or adoption.

Service Delivery Options

In order to address the need many families have for flexibility, the department is proposing two service delivery options. Each individual receiving Adult Family Care must choose one of the two options for service delivery and that choice must be recorded in their Individual Service Plan (ISP).

Option 1 will offer simplified billing and documentation for those families that already provide all or most of the HPC services to an individual. The family provider will bill the daily rate that is applicable to the individual's Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP). The table below contains the daily rate for each ODDP grouping. A non-family member who is a certified provider may bill for a day of respite only when a family member has not billed for Adult Family Care services on that same day. Prior Authorization (PA) may be considered if respite or other waiver services (i.e. transportation, home modifications etc.) put an individual over their ODDP funding range, but the daily rate is a fixed rate.

Option 2 will allow flexibility to those families who utilize non-family providers on a regular basis (in addition to the family provider), especially those who choose to split days between a family and non-family provider. In either case, the costs at the end of the waiver year will be the same or nearly the same. The family provider and any other non-family provider may continue to bill HPC in 15 minute units and their documentation requirements will remain the same. However, HPC services are subject to the same annual cost caps as in Option 1. In other words, an individual's total HPC costs for the waiver year cannot exceed the applicable daily rate x 365 days. PA may be considered for the costs of waiver services other than HPC (i.e. transportation, home modifications etc.)

Rates

There are four proposed daily rates which apply to ODDP groups as illustrated in the table below. The proposed rates are based on the current costs of homemaker personal care services delivered to adults identified as living with family and utilizing a family provider.

The same rate applies to both independent and agency providers. Agency providers that employ direct care staff who live with and provide services to a family member who are enrolled on the IO waiver will be subject to the Adult Family Care rate.

The daily rate will be adjusted according to the cost of doing business (CODB) county of the individual. The accompanying table contains the rate

Proposed Adult Family Care Rates*

ODDP	Daily Rate	Annual Cost
1	\$48.60	
2-4	\$93.15	
5-6	\$145.80	\$53,217
7-9	\$182.25	\$66,521

bands for an average CODB county.

*The proposed rates have not been submitted to or approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) or filed in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) and are subject to change.

Marc Tassé is Director of Nisonger Center

Marc Tassé, Ph.D., has been appointed Director of the Ohio State University's Nisonger Center.

Dr. Tassé has been Associate Director of the University of South Florida's Center for Inclusive Communities, which he helped establish in 2005.

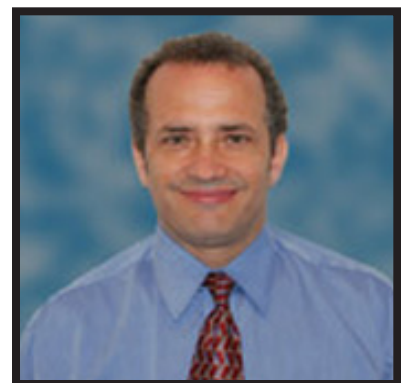
Previously he served for seven years on the faculty of the University of North Carolina's Center for Development and Learning.

Dr. Tassé completed his post doctoral fellowship at Ohio State in 1995 under the mentorship of Dr. Steven Reiss, who formerly served as Director of the Nisonger Center.

Commenting on the appointment, Superintendent Jed Morison said:

"We have been very fortunate to have a collaborative partnership with the Nisonger Center for many years, and look forward to continuing it under Dr. Tasse's leadership."

Dr. Tasse's immediate predecessor, Dr. L. Eugene Arnold, served as Interim Director at the Nisonger Center for two years.



Marc Tassé, Ph.D., Director of the Ohio State University's Nisonger Center.



Northeast dedicates learning environment

The new Outdoor Learning Environment at Northeast School was dedicated in a ceremony during Open House at the school on August 27th. The Outdoor Learning Environment offers students opportunities to learn and practice functional skills in a natural and accessible environment.

The facility includes not only equipment for climbing, hanging, swinging and rocking, but also pathways for mobility training, gardens for environmental activities, game and sport areas, and other sensory stimulation devices. Rubberized paths leading to swings and other equipment allow all children to play and learn throughout the fully accessible areas.

A team effort involving Northeast School staff, Parent Teacher Organization, Knights of Columbus, and local Eagle Scouts, worked together to generate resources and implement the master design created by landscape architect Blake Rafeld.



The ribbon cutting ceremony seen at right included, from left: Landscape Architect Blake Rafeld, Director of Schools and Special Projects Jack Brownley, Valorie Ashburn, Marie Patellos and student Ron Lewis, student Rachel Denniston, Assistant Principal Bonnie Ford, student Megan Weithoff, Board Vice-President Helen Ninos, Superintendent Jed Morison, and Director of Program Operations Marcy Samuel.

American Legion hosts picnic

Every year the American Legion South Post hosts a summer picnic for FCBDD Special Olympics athletes. This year the picnic was held on Sunday, July 19th at the post at 3253 S. High Street.

Special Olympians enjoyed a full picnic consisting of cheeseburgers, brats, hotdogs, chips, potato salad and desserts. Entertainment included representatives from the Port Columbus International Airport Police and Fire Departments. The latter brought firetrucks as well as a talking robotic dog.

A disc jockey played music throughout the picnic, which was appreciated, as dancing is a popular activity among the athletes.

Everyone enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon, good food, friends and some wonderful weather. Special thanks to Kenny Timmons, the event organizer.



The Cummings brothers show their OSU pride in front of a Port Columbus fire truck. From left are: a Port Columbus Police Officer, J. R. Cummings, Ricky Cummings and a representative from the Port Columbus Fire Department.

Good For You

Notable achievements in the FCBMRDD community

For **Steven Poindexter**, bus driver, burning the midnight oil has paid off in a big way. He received his Master of Business Administration degree from Ohio Dominican University in May. Congratulations, Steve!

Longtime instructor **Harriet Eakin** was one of sixteen educators from across the state to receive the Franklin B. Walter Award for excellence on August 11th. Harriet currently teaches a class of FCBDD students at Central Crossing High School. Way to go, Harriet!

Photos by former FCBDD staff member **Paul Wilber** will be on exhibit at Fresh Air Gallery, 131 N. High Street, from September 2nd through October 30th. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

At the courthouse, a vacancy left by the retirement of veteran County Auditor **Joe Testa** has been filled. The new County Auditor is **Clarence Mingo**, a lawyer and Gulf War veteran.

For the 4th consecutive year, the Columbus Board of Realtors has recognized **Creative Housing** for "it's accomplishments in improving the real estate and housing environment in Central Ohio." The Realtors Foundation Fund also provided a grant of \$4,800 to Creative to assist its efforts.

Recreation Department staff accompanied 18 participants on a visit to the Columbus Zoo on July 28th. A highlight was seeing the new baby elephant. After the visit, the group went to Max and Erma's for lunch.

Career Milestones

35 years

JoEllen Warner

30 years

Erick Berquist
Virginia Forsyth
Catherine Gordon
Roslyn Jackson
Lynette Jones
Karen Lee

25 years

Lori Boxill
Diane Dildine
Amy Nowjack

20 years

Christine Burgess
Mary Butler
John Lee
Larry Martin
Karen McDaniel
Betty Scott

15 years

Pete Cox
Sara Daniell

10 years

Regan Mauk

5 years

Erica Anderon
Debra Hamilton
Kathryn Hopper
Susan Jones
Donald Knox
Sherry Lane
Susan Moore

Pair witnesses bill signing



Bryan Becker of ARC Industries West and Cathy Ticknor of ARC Industries South were among the guests of Governor Ted Strickland on Friday, August 28th, for the ceremonial bill signing of Senate Bill 79. Bryan is on the Governor's right and Cathy sits to his left. Senator Jimmy Stewart, sponsor of the bill stands between and behind Cathy and the Governor.

The bill deleted "mental retardation" from the names of county boards and the state department serving people with developmental disabilities.

Agency earns 'green fleet' seal

It's not easy being green, but FCBDD's transportation staff have risen to the challenge.



On August 13th, the agency's fleet of over 200 vehicles was certified by Clean Fuels Ohio as a 3-star Ohio Green Fleet. It is one of only seven fleets in the state to be so designated.

Mike Bollinger, East Compound Associate Service Manager, displays the 3 star green fleet certificate.

To qualify, a fleet must demonstrate significant, measurable reductions in emissions and petroleum use.

To that end, FCBDD has switched to low-sulfur fuel and implemented anti-idling strategies. Staff have also installed diesel particulate filters and oxidation catalysts.

"This recognition by Clean Fuels Ohio is a great credit to our transportation staff," said Superintendent Jed Morison. "They're looking out for our environment as well as the health of those we serve."

Calendar

September, 2009

- 7 Labor Day - all county facilities closed.
- 8 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 9 Parent League meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 12 Ohio State Buckeyes v. USC Trojans, Ohio Stadium, 8 p.m. GO BUCKS!
- 13 2009 Buddy Walk, Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio, Columbus Crew Stadium, 9 a.m. Please call 236-6020 for details.
- 14 FCBDD's 2009 Combined Charitable Campaign begins. Please call John Mitchem, Campaign Coordinator, at 342-5744, for details.
- 15-16 Ohio Self-Determination Association Conference, University Plaza Hotel, 3110 Olentangy River Rd. Please call 890-9822 for details.
- 21 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 23 Autumn begins.
- 24 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 24 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

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"Quotable quotes"

"The work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives and the dream shall never die."

-- Edward M. Kennedy