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## Michael Underwood appointed to the Board

Michael J. Underwood has been appointed to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities by the Franklin County Commissioners.

Mr. Underwood attended his first meeting of the Board in March and his term will run through January, 2022. He replaces Helen Ninos, who completed three full terms on the Board and was not eligible for re-appointment.

Mr. Underwood is an attorney and partner with the Porter Wright law firm. He has considerable experience in all major areas of labor and employment law, including public and private sector law. He also has provided extensive community volunteer services, including service as a Board member for the Gahanna Parks and Recreation Foundation, and past Board President of Traynor Halfway House. Currently he chairs the Personnel Committee of the First Congregational Church.

Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison stated "Mr. Underwood's work and community experience will be invaluable, particularly as we negotiate the many issues related to privatization required by the federal government."

Mr. Underwood is a resident of Gahanna and he and his wife, Helen Ninos, have three adult children. He will serve on the Board's Finance and Ethics committees.



Michael J. Underwood

## Your Provider, Your Choice

Provider Fair • Wednesday, April 18th 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
The Lausche Building • 17th Avenue at I-71 • Ohio State Fairgrounds

## State Director visits ECE

John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and member of Governor John Kasich's cabinet recently paid a visit to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) Early Childhood Education and Family Center.

The Director was accompanied by Dr. Mary Kate Francis, Assistant Medical Director for the Ohio Health Department of Health. The visit was a part of the Governor's State of the State Address events on March 6th, where cabinet officials highlight services and programs that feature best practices in their field.

Director Martin was greeted by Rebecca Love, Director of Early Childhood Education and children, where he answered questions from the preschoolers. His tour of the Center included an explanation of the fully inclusive services being provided by FCBDD staff and the many partners in the Center, including Head Start, YMCA, School Districts and the OSU Medical Center/ Nisonger Center.

About the visit, Director Martin state that he was "very impressed with the inclusive nature of the services, the outstanding partnerships that have been cultivated over the years and the quality. This was a real highlight for me."



John Martin, Director of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) visits FCBDD's Early Childhood Education and Family Center.

## State Director visits ECE continued...

John Martin has been the Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for eleven years, providing leadership over all services for individuals with developmental disabilities. According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO, "Director Martin has done outstanding work, navigating our complex systems through some challenging times due to changes at the federal and state level."

Following Director Martin's visit, he attended a panel discussion on 'Hospitality Listens' with representatives of OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) and The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology. 'Hospitality Listens' works to inform, educate and support Hospitality professionals so they can develop practices that will invite all families, including individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.



*DODD Director John Martin was greeted by children at the Early Childhood Education and Family Center.*

## Inclusive community employment at Nissan Germain - NEC

Congratulations to Justin Martin and Jacobe Scheiderich who are now employees of Germain Nissan!

Justin and Jacobe both participated in the 2017 summer P.I.E.C.E project which is a joint venture between the Ohio State University and FCBDD. This project helps job seekers gain skills necessary for community employment. To build on this, Justin and Jacobe were offered internships with Germain Nissan to detail cars every Friday.

These internships began on December 2, 2017 and were to continue for 12 weeks. Both interns were paid minimum wage through Arc Industries.

Germain employees embraced the program from the very beginning and both Justin and Jacobe excelled throughout the internship. Eight weeks in and both interns were hired as Germain employees detailing cars at the Nissan location with their wages exceeding minimum wage.

According to Jack Karner, Director of Northeast Center, "Lynsey Cooner and Amber Dunn, Northeast Community Specialists, did great work with the interns to make this a successful partnership. We are all so proud of Justin and Jacobe's accomplishments and wish them well as they start their careers. Special thanks also to Germain Nissan and staff for all their support."



*Germain Nissan employees and Northeast Center staff join Justin (left) and Jacobe (second from right) at Germain Nissan.*

## Transportation planning continues

Plans for adult transportation, that will eventually be provided by ARC Industries, are continuing with development of new 'catchment' areas for the five ARC locations.

Transportation services will continue to be provided for ARC East, ARC North, ARC West and the Bixby and Northeast Centers. To decrease travel time, and increase efficiency, the changes will result in shifts in enrollment for all locations. For those who live in a catchment area that is different from their current location, transfers will be offered, or other options will be considered.

The changes are expected to be phased in over the next few months as overall transportation services shift from buses to vans. Eventually, ARC Industries will provide the transportation services with staff assigned to each ARC location.

This shift in provider is required by the federal requirement of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that says Ohio must have 'conflict free case management.'

Every County Board of Developmental Disabilities in Ohio is required to privatize adult services, including adult transportation.

As details regarding enrollment shifts are finalized, individuals will be notified of their options. For further information, questions or comments can be directed to [marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org](mailto:marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org).

## Guardianship Training offered at FCBDD

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) is once again offering guardian training for the 3-hour annual continuing education requirement. This is a requirement for all guardians of adults who have already completed the initial 6-hour training. The training will be held on April 30th at 9:30 a.m. or 5:00 p.m. at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio, 43219. For more details or to register, please contact Angie Frankie at (614) 342-5972.

# Good for you

## Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to Sean Patterson, Service Coordinator, for being recognized as an honoree at the annual Pathfinders assembly at Steubenville High School marking Black History month. Sean is a 1991 graduate of Steubenville High School. He was recognized for all his work with abused, neglected and dependent children and individuals with developmental disabilities and for founding the 411 Foundation, which was founded in 2010 in honor of his late father who was 'passionate in helping others.'



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Special thanks to Becky Love and the Early Childhood Education Department for hosting State Director John Martin for a 'State of the State' Celebration Event.

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Special thanks to Carl Scott, David Ott, Keith Ogle, Zach Kendall, Mandy Holland and all coordinators who have helped to make the Operation Feed campaign a success.

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Thank you to all who have contributed funds or food for the Operation Feed campaign. There is still time to help!

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Congratulations to Christine Brown, Self-Advocate, for an excellent presentation at the DD Awareness Day event at the Ohio Statehouse on March 7th.

Congratulations to Sunapple Artists: Lorenzo Carson, John Smith and Robin Horner for having work accepted in *Accessible Expressions Ohio 2018* exhibit. On March 24th Sunapple artists participated in a *Day of Arts for All* at the Westerville Community Center. Accessible Expressions Ohio is an adjudicated, statewide exhibition and tour of visual art for artists of all ages with disabilities. Please see the schedule below so you will not miss this traveling exhibit.

**2018 AEO Tour Locations**

*Westerville Community Center*  
March, 2018

*Riffe Gallery, Columbus*  
June, 2018

*First Community Village, Columbus*  
July-August, 2018

*FCBDD West Central,*  
November-December, 2018



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Special thanks to Larry Macintosh and the Provider Council for arranging for presentations on Remote Monitoring/ Remote Supports, as we continue to educate individuals and Providers on this preferred option for some.

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Thank you to the Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology and OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence) for promoting "Hospitality Listens," with the mission of informing, educating and supporting Hospitality professionals to make Columbus a more inclusive community.

# Career Milestones

## 30 years

- Cheryl Collins
- Fred Copsey-Pearce
- Brenda Isenhardt
- Mark Lowery
- Theodore Rhodes
- Tamara Rucker
- Brenda Toney

## 25 years

- Julie Williams
- Connie Willis

## 20 years

- Marla Mills

## 15 years

- Amber Dzodan
- Carla Lynch

## 10 years

- Lori Rains

## 5 years

- Gina Williams

# Grove City Dream Baseball field and Buddy Ball

Buddy Ball in Grove City offers opportunities for people of all ages with disabilities to play organized baseball on the newly built adapted field, called the "Mirolo Dream Field". With the support of a buddy, players get the experience of hitting, throwing and moving around the bases with their peers.

For details, call (614) 594-9515 or go to [www.gcdreamfield.com](http://www.gcdreamfield.com).



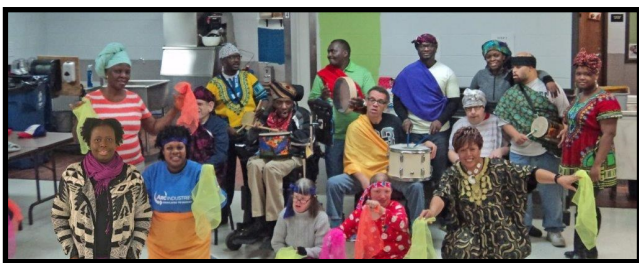
# African Dance and Drumming

by Margie Parkman and David Joseph

Wellness has come to ARC North in the form of Dance and Drumming.

The class was 12 weeks, consisting of drumming and dance. The group started out with 12-15 individuals and then in week 4 the class grew to 30 individuals. The purpose of the class was to learn dance and music from another culture through motion and movement.

Wellness and fitness are vital to our physical and mental health. It is enjoyed as an activity that entertains and gives pleasure as an expression of the good life. The therapeutic activity gives the individual a sense of calmness and relaxation and it is super fun! Pictured are some of the participants in the class.



Front row floor is: (left to right) Marlene Elosaint, Candy Boakye, Kim French, Mattie Scholl and Margie Parkman; Middle Row: (left to right) Cindy Owusu, Jonathon Mwangi, Shon Gibbs, Andrew Kabelen, Steven Allen, Tina Brewah; Back row: (left to right) Abdul Kamara, Stephen Mwangi, David Joseph and Florence Momoh

## Dateline

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[www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)

## Calendar

April, 2018

- 1 Happy April Fool's Day
- 2-6 Spring Recess for the school and preschool programs. Classes resume on April 9th
- 16 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Kemba Financial in Gahanna, 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m.
- 18 Franklin County Provider Fair at the Ohio State Fairgrounds Lausche Building on 17th Avenue, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- 26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 30 Guardianship Training, 2879 Johnstown Rd., Please contact Angie Franke for details (614) 342-5972.

## New OOD Council to be appointed

The Ohio General Assembly has recently approved legislation that will restructure how Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) receives feedback on vocational rehabilitation services. The legislation (Senate Bill 144 – Burke) will streamline the OOD Commissioners, Consumer Advisory Committee, and the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities into a single, more inclusive OOD Council.

There will be 15 seats on the OOD Council, all of which will be appointed by the Governor. These seats include representatives from disability groups, education, business, rehabilitation, etc.

The OOD Council will meet quarterly to examine and advise OOD regarding specific aspects of the vocational rehabilitation program as outlined in the federal regulations.

The OOD Council will also be responsible for reviewing state goals and priorities related to the VR services portion of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined State Plan. OOD will reimburse members for actual expenses associated with serving on the OOD Council, such as travel and personal assistance services.

Any questions about the council can be directed to [andrew.conners@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:andrew.conners@ood.ohio.gov) or at the following link: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OHOOD/bulletins/1dce2ce>.



# FCBDD Community Star Awards Nomination Form

*Do you know someone who should be recognized for extraordinary accomplishments or service supporting individuals with developmental disabilities?*

If so, please take a moment to complete and return this nomination form. Nominations will be accepted until **May 18, 2018**. All nominations will be considered by an Award Committee, and winners in each category will be recognized at the FCBDD Community Star Awards Ceremony on October 2, 2018. **Please submit this nomination to: Awards Committee, c/o Amy Magginis, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219.**

(PLEASE PRINT)

1. Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please complete one nomination per form and check the category for which this person or organization is nominated for an award:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Participant / Self-Advocate | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation Staff                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Participant                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Staff                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Family Member              | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Staff                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Services Staff              | <input type="checkbox"/> Management/Supervisory Staff          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School Staff                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Services/Other Staff          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Organization             | <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Department Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer/Good Neighbor           | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer                              |

3. The mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is as follows:

*To provide programs, services, and supports to eligible children, adults, and their families so individuals with developmental disabilities can live, learn and work in our community.*

How has this nominee helped to fulfill the mission of the Board? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please describe any other achievements or information regarding this person or organization to support this nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominated By: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Daytime Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline for Nominations: May 18, 2018**