

Adult services task force begins work

A task force to assist in planning the future of FCBDD adult services held its first meeting on September 4th. Creation of the group was prompted, in part, by significant growth in the number of adults choosing to receive day supports from private providers. That number has increased from 140 to over 1,000 since 2008.

Factors driving the discussion include the state's Employment First initiative, legal developments in other states, the Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v. L.C. and E.W.*, funding, sub-minimum wage concerns and Medicaid regulations.

At the meeting, Superintendent Jed Morison stressed the importance of long-term planning. "Our financial outlook remains stable, however, we must manage wisely in order to provide families with needed options."

Kim Linkinhoker, Associate Director of the Ohio Association of County Boards and a former Chief of DODD's Office of Adult Services, served as facilitator of the discussion. He asked task force members to brainstorm regarding possible changes and consolidation of facilities.

FCBDD's Director of Program Operations Marcy Samuel and Chief Business Officer Dot Yeager are co-chairing the task force.

Other members are: Nan Burns, Shirley Jordan, *ARC North*; Paula English, Rebecca Nelson, Carrie Vamos, *Hague Living Skills Center*; Teresa Hall, *ARC South*; Lindsay Holt, *Service Coordination*; Teresa Kobelt, Adult Services Director; Kelly Marshall, *ARC East*; Linda Monroe, Faye Williams, *Bixby Living Skills Center*; Lynn Rutledge, *ARC West*;



Kim Linkinhoker

Jeff Smiley, *Employment Services*; Jennifer Turner, *Transportation*.

The task force welcomes all input. Please e-mail Marcy Samuel at marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org or Dot Yeager at dot.yeager@fcbdd.org.

After a 26-year run, Clarice Pavlick retires



Clarice Pavlick

The longtime director of ARC Industries East stepped down at the end of September. Clarice Pavlick served in the post since 1987.

"This is bittersweet for me," she said. "I have been so fortunate to have a career that I loved, but I am looking forward to the next chapter."

When joining FCBDD, Clarice had experience in the developmental disabilities field as a teacher and adult services director at the Columbus Developmental Center. Before that, she worked as a residential specialist in a community setting for three years. While in college at OSU, she was a teacher assistant at the Nisonger Center.

Clarice was born and raised in Sandusky. In her teens, she worked at Cedar Point Amusement Park ("a great job for a young person").

A strong believer in exercise and healthy living, Clarice is an accomplished runner. She has run 14 marathons, including the prestigious Boston Marathon four times.

"Running has become a lifestyle for me," she said. "And yes, I will be a grandma running with a jogging stroller!"

Besides continuing to run, Clarice looks forward to traveling and pursuing other hobbies, including pottery, reading and pets.

Superintendent Jed Morison praised Clarice's service. "She always viewed our service recipients as her number one priority. She has done her utmost to assure that ARC East is a place where all can thrive. In short, Clarice has been an awesome leader."

Educational garden project gets green light

The Gahanna Planning Commission unanimously approved the proposal of FCBDD and ARC Industries to develop a 4-acre garden on September 11th. The project, known as Sunapple Gardens and Education Center, will be located on county-owned property next to Northeast School at 500 N. Hamilton Road.

The project is intended to provide people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to grow organic produce and flowers for sale to area restaurants and farmers markets.

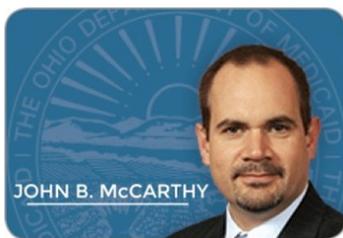
FCBDD Superintendent applauded the Planning Commission's decision. "I'm very pleased and look forward to the next steps," he said.

Director of Adult Services Teresa Kobelt is coordinating the project. Architect Jean Gordon of Moody-Nolan, Inc., drew up the plans. Attorney David Hodge of the Smith and Hale law firm represented ARC Industries before the planning commission.



Plans for the new Sunapple Gardens & Education Center have been drawn up (left). The garden will be built on empty land on N. Hamilton Rd. (right).

Ohio Medicaid director visits



John McCarthy, Director of the Ohio Department of Medicaid, paid a visit to the Central Ohio Self Determination Association at the group's monthly meeting on August 14th.

He provided updates on Medicaid; Medicaid Buy-In; the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program; Balancing Incentive Payment Program; new eligibility system and managed care. Director McCarthy was accompanied by Shawn Lotts, Chief of Eligibility for Medicaid.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid was established as a separate Department effective July 1st. Previously Medicaid was under the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Superintendent Morison commended advocate Christine Brown for reaching out to Director McCarthy. He also thanked Director McCarthy and Chief Lotts for "taking the time to attend and answer questions."

CARF survey results awaited

A team of three surveyors from the Commission on Accreditation (CARF) visited FCBDD's adult programs on September 16, 17 and 18th to evaluate how well the agency's services measure up. At *Dateline's* press time, the results of the survey were not yet known.

The surveyors conducted extensive interviews with families, persons served and agency staff. They also toured FCBDD's adult facilities and Administration.

Adult Services Director Teresa Kobelt oversaw the agency's preparation for CARF. Providing key support were Chris Reese and Cathy Hutzel.

Founded in 1966, CARF is a private, not-for-profit organization that accredits human service providers.

Northeast recognizes retirees

Legacies of services were left by three recently retired Northeast School staff members. To honor Mary Flynn, Crate Gallion and Sheila Sparks, a reception was held at the school on May 31st. Strawberry cake was served.

Instructor Mary Flynn joined the staff in 1986. Throughout her career she demonstrated great compassion for students and co-workers.

Maintenance worker Crate Gallion also joined the staff in 1986. He was "always there" when cleaning, repair work or moving items was necessary.



Sheila Sparks, Mary Flynn

Receptionist Sheila Sparks joined FCBDD at old Southeast School in 1977. Eventually she made her way to Northeast where she was well known for efficient work, a quick smile and a comforting word.

Commenting on the retirements, FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison said, "Mary, Crate and Sheila brought much talent and personality to their work. We thank them for their excellent service and wish them the very best."

Collaborative social work group continues

A program that provides a 2-year field placement for Master of Social Work students has entered its fourth year thanks to the continued support of FCBDD, the Ohio State University School of Social Work and the Nisonger Center.



Pictured from left to right: Susan Coffey, Taylor Guerrant, Kristopher Oest, and Katie Patterson

Students who undertake the program gain hands-on exposure in the diagnosis and treatment of people with developmental disabilities. Upon completion, they will be ready to enter the work force having been trained to provide the highest level of services.

"Quotable quote"

"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it, you will still land among the stars."

-- Les Brown



Columbus Academy students help out at ARC North

Ten Columbus Academy students paid a visit to ARC Industries North on Friday, September 13th, as part of their school's required community service. During the visit, students performed a variety of activities including painting an office, hanging wall paintings, playing games with consumers, providing one-on-one time to consumers, and assisting with production.

Columbus Academy staff and students expressed their appreciation for the experience and the North consumers loved having them. Staff member Erick Berquist coordinated the visit.



Seated, left to right: Margaret Sutton, Addison Anders, Grace Christiansen, Lauren Lane, Lauren Cullen

Standing, left to right: Erick Berquist, Beth Reifeis, Grayson Wise, Ryan Jung, Seva Vsevolod, Michael Gurwin, Brian Korda

Advocacy conference coming to Xenos

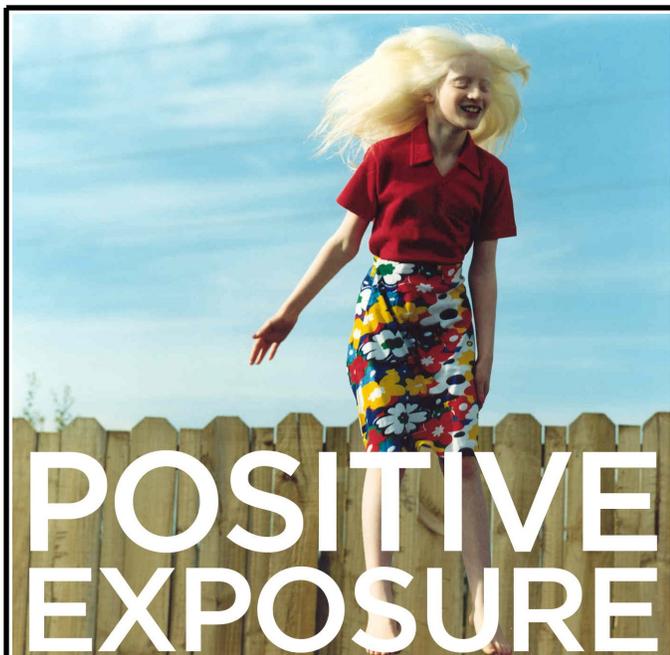
Roll On The Wheels of Knowledge, the annual advocacy training conference for FCBDD service recipients, will be held at the Xenos Center, 1934 N. Fourth Street, on Wednesday, October 16th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, please call Sharon Evrard at ARC Industries North at 342-5401.

Red Cross seeks disaster volunteers



The Red Cross is in need of volunteers to serve on its Disaster Action Team. Team member Steve Knorr, who retired from the staff at ARC Industries South last December, has found the experience worthwhile. If you have any interest, please contact the Central-Southeast Ohio Region, 995 E. Broad Street, at 352-2740 (Ext. 2403).



Promoting Positive Attitudes Toward Patients with Disabilities

Rick Guidotti, photographer and director of Positive Exposure, is coming to Columbus in October 2013 to present two art galleries celebrating the beauty of difference at The Ohio State University and at COSI.

For more information, visit:
go.osu.edu/positiveexposure
Or call: 614-688-2928

Southeastern Ohio Center offers programs

The Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living has scheduled two programs for October.

The first, *Integrative Medicine and the Behavioral Treatment of Autism*, will be presented by Dr. Allen T. Lewis on Thursday, October 3rd.

The second, *Walking Families through Government Benefits*, will be presented by Susan Sarlo of the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Tuesday, October 22nd.

Both programs will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Ohio University Lancaster, Gallery at 5th Floor of Brasee Hall, 1570 Granville Pike. Contact Linda McDonald at 740-689-1494 (Ext. 12) to complete required registration.

Patty Davis successful at Sodexo

Late last month, Patty Davis celebrated her five year anniversary with Sodexo, a food service company that operates in-house dining services.

Currently Patty works in the cafeteria at the BMW Financial Building on Britton Parkway in Hilliard. She has previously worked in the cafeterias at Nationwide Insurance in Grove City and downtown Columbus.

Patty really likes her job. She says the customers are "nice and friendly." When asked what she does at work, Patty said "a little bit of everything." Patty receives ongoing support from the Placement Department.

Congratulations, Patty, and keep up the good work!



Patty Davis

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Blaine Brockman is the newest member of the Board of Trustees of **Creative Housing, Inc.** An attorney with a focus on special needs and elder law, Mr. Brockman currently serves as President of the **Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities** and the **Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.**



Creative Housing provides housing to people with developmental disabilities in more than 800 locations in Franklin County.

The **New Leaf Wellness Team** hosted a competition this past month to find the best tasting homemade salsa. Contestants from throughout the agency competed. Winners were chosen September 19th. They were **Larry Macintosh** (traditional) and **Gina Williams** (non-traditional). Honorable mention went to West Central School's classroom 131, **Elizabeth Hosler, Kate Rosenberry** and **Alyson Tucker.** Many thanks to the panel of judges, **Jed Morison, Ryan Phillips, Jennifer Schueneman, Bernie Thurn** and **Julie Williams,** and to **Anna Osgard** for coordinating the contest.

Photography by FCBDD Administration staff member **Jennifer Cunningham** was chosen to be included in **Dublin Arts Council's** exhibit "Shifting Perspectives: My Perspective," which may be viewed through November 8th at the gallery located at 7125 Riverside Drive. For more information, call 889-7444.

Victoria "Tori" Sherman, a student at Northeast School, was recently featured in an article in The Ohio State University College of Education and Human Ecology's magazine *Inspire.* The article, "The Ed Tech Revolution," included a section on how new technologies are helping persons with developmental disabilities gain independence. Tori worked with **Dr. Helen Malone,** associate professor of special education at OSU and member of the FCBDD Human Rights Committee, to learn the imPromptu application designed by Dr. Malone and colleague **Joe Wheaton.** imPromptu uses video prompting to teach new skills and can be downloaded free to any iOS device.

Service Coordinator **Alex Corwin** wants to thank all those who helped spread the word about the **Best Buddies** program recently. The non-profit organization provides opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to develop one-on-one friendships. Founded in 1989 by **Anthony Kennedy Shriver,** the program has more than 1,400 chapters, including one at OSU. The OSU group set a record for participation this year by attracting 60 participants. For more information, please call Alex at 342-5594.

A free self-defense class for women was provided to FCBDD staff recently by the Office of Franklin County Sheriff **Zach Scott.** *Rape Aggression Defensive System* is a 12-hour course that provides practical tools to use to defend against attacks. For more information regarding the program, please call **Deputy Jessica Gabriel** at 525-4507.



Career Milestones

35 years

Michele Brosius

25 years

**Michael Boyce
Janet Montgomery
Michael Oliva
Leslie Smith**

20 years

Debra Dillard

15 years

**Thomas Allan
Mary Brooks
Tammy Bumgardner
Shirley Coleman
Jaime Graham
Dennis Green
Amy Lare**

10 years

**Mary Pappada
Julie Conley
Timothy Neff**

5 years

**Donny Thompson
Gregory Turner**



Looking for DD Services?
Find a Good Place to Land!

Developmental Disabilities Provider Fair

Come meet Service and Support Providers in Franklin
County – including providers for employment,
recreation, transportation and in-home services.

Sponsored by the
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Thursday, November 14, 2013
1pm-7pm

Aladdin Shrine Center
3850 Stelzer Rd.
Columbus, OH 43219

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Calendar

October, 2013

- 2,3,4 Synergy Conference, Dublin Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., sponsored by OSDA/PAR. For details, please call 419-522-6207.
- 8, 9 OPRA Fall Conference, Dublin Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Pl., For details, please call 224-6772.
- 8 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 9 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., 5:30 p.m. Please call 342-5950 for details.
- 14 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 16 FCBDD Annual Consumer Advocacy Conference, Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1934 N. 4th Street, 10 a.m.
- 22 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, ECLC, 4141 Rudy Road, 4 p.m.
- 22 FCBDD Board meeting, ECLC, 4141 Rudy Road, 5 p.m.
- 23 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 28 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!

Ohio SIBS conference set

Ohio Adult Siblings (SIBS) will be holding their annual conference on November 8 and 9th at the Columbus Airport Marriott Hotel. This will be an opportunity to meet and partner with other adult siblings and disability professionals.

Ohio SIBS serves as a unified voice and partner for adult siblings of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Please go to www.ohiosibs.com for more information on the conference.

Correction

Dr. Clark Mount-Campbell has served on the Board of Trustees of ARC Industries since 1982 and is currently Treasurer of the organization. Despite this, *Dateline* inadvertently omitted his name from the list of ARC Industries Board Members appearing in last month's issue. We regret the error.