

Marci Straughter appointed to DD Council

Governor John Kasich has announced the appointment of Marci Straughter to the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. Marci works at ARC Industries South and as a statewide trainer for the Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility program (Project STIR).

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is a planning and advocacy organization committed to inclusion for people with developmental disabilities. Funded under the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, the council meets for at least two days every quarter.



Marci Straughter

A firm believer in advocacy and self-determination, Marci looks forward to being an active presence on the council. "Her enthusiasm and passion are contagious," said Jaime Graham, ARC South Supervisor.

On the same day she learned of her appointment to the council, Marci also received notice that she was accepted into the habilitation assistant program at Columbus State Community College.

"Now that is a day I will remember," she exclaimed.

Public invited to commencement exercises

Graduation ceremonies are slated at West Central School on Tuesday, May 20th and at Northeast School on Wednesday, May 21st. Both will begin at 7 p.m.

Mel Rhoads will be the commencement speaker at West Central. He is the Director of the Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) Community Connections program and an adjunct faculty member at Columbus State Community College.



Mel Rhoads

Cathy Bregar will be the commencement speaker at Northeast. She is the Director of Student Services with Reynoldsburg City Schools. Last year, she was honored at the Ohio Special Education Conference with the Kathe Shelby Leadership Award.

West Central School is located in Columbus at 1481 W. Town Street.

Northeast is located in Gahanna at 500 N. Hamilton Road.

As in the past, the public is welcome to attend the ceremonies in order to show their support of the graduates. For more information please call Cindy Massenelli at 342-5954.



Cathy Bregar

Meet our board

How well do you know the members of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities? The brief profiles below are intended to allow you to get better acquainted.

The board has seven members, five of whom were appointed by the County Commissioners, and two by the Probate Judge. Board members serve without compensation.

The board's primary role is to provide direction and oversight to the agency. It establishes policies, determines strategies and sets priorities.

The board approves the agency's annual budget and action plan. It also oversees the performance of the Superintendent who is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the agency.



Renée Stein

President Renée Stein has held that post since January. She has been a member of the board since her appointment by the Franklin County Commissioners in 2009.

Mrs. Stein is employed by American Express where she is responsible for channel management and lead generation. She holds a degree in communication from the Ohio State University.

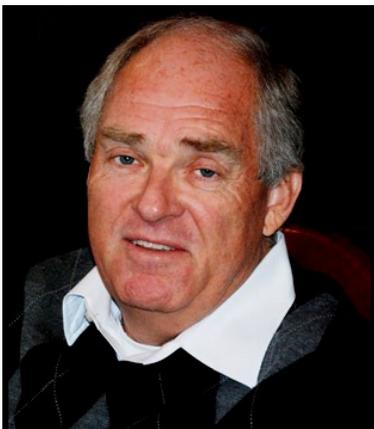
Along with her husband Richard, Mrs. Stein makes her home in Gahanna. They have two children, Justin and Mary.

Linda Craig

Linda Craig, Vice-President, has served in that office since January. She was appointed to the board by the County Commissioners in November, 2010.

Mrs. Craig is employed as the Community Outreach Coordinator and Executive Assistant for Franklin County Treasurer Edward Leonard.

With her husband Hearcel, who serves as a member of Columbus City Council, Mrs. Craig resides on the southside. The couple has four children.



John Bickley

A member of the board since his appointment by the County Commissioners in January, 2012, John Bickley has served as Secretary since January. He also chairs the Human Resources Committee.

A Gahanna resident, Mr. Bickley is retired from the post of Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA of Central Ohio.

Mr. Bickley and his wife Minda have two daughters, Jenny and Jessie.

Helen Ninos

Appointed to the board by the County Commissioners in 2006, Helen Ninos served as FCBDD President in 2010 and 2011.

She is Deputy Executive Director of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio. She formerly served as Director of Human Resources for Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray.

With her husband Michael Underwood, Ms. Ninos makes her home in Gahanna. They have three children.



Dean Fadel

First named to the board by Probate Judge Lawrence Belskis in 2007, Dean Fadel has served two terms as President, beginning in 2012. In addition, he has served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Mr. Fadel is a principal with Public Affairs Advocates and Vice-President for Government Relations with the Ohio Insurance Institute.

Mr. Fadel's brother Jeffery receives services from FCBDD. The two are active in Ohio SIBS. Mr. Fadel resides in Blacklick with his wife Jacquie, and daughter Rachael.

Beth Savage

Beth Savage has served on the board since being appointed by Probate Judge Robert Montgomery in January, 2012. She chairs the Finance Committee.

Ms. Savage is employed as Director of Forensic Services with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, LLP. She has also been an active volunteer and officer with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio.

Ms. Savage resides in Worthington. She has two children, Ellie and Jack.



Marie Crawford

The newest board member, Marie Crawford was appointed by the Franklin County Commissioners in May of last year.

A parent consultant, Mrs. Crawford works with families and individuals transitioning from high school to adulthood. She was associated with Nisonger Center's LEND program from 2006 through 2008.

Mrs. Crawford resides in the Clintonville area with her husband Dan. They have three sons, two of whom, Peter and Patrick, receive agency services.

Kickoff event held for Project SEARCH by Kris Potridge

Years of planning and collaboration among five organizations have set the stage for the launch of a new program to provide valuable skills to adults with disabilities.

A kickoff celebration for Project SEARCH was held at the DSW Distribution Center, 4150 E. 5th Avenue on April 8th. Partners in the project are: DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse), Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, Cincinnati Children's Hospital and both the Fairfield and

Franklin County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

The Project SEARCH model arose from business needs rather than philanthropic motives, so it is different from most school-to-work programs. The model typically provides high school students with developmental disabilities internships to gain real world experience. The program has grown from a single site at Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 1996 to an international network of 275 sites today.

The DSW collaboration has been tailored to fit the needs of adults. Unlike the student model, this version will allow the interns to be paid minimum wages during their work experience. Participants will come from both Fairfield and Franklin County.

Interns will be provided with up to three different 10-week internships within the DSW Distribution Center in Columbus. DSW will have the opportunity to hire some of the graduates of the program. Others will go directly into job development to seek employment.



(L to R) Kevin Miller, OOD Director, Jeff Girard, DSW Vice-President and Chair of the ARC Industries Business Advisory Council, Suzie Rutkowski, Project Search Co-Director, Kurt Schmitter, FCBDD Director of Workforce Development and Laurie Green-Lauber, FCBDD Field Operations Manager.



YAS holds open house

An open house for family members of persons served by the Young Adult Services (YAS) program of Goodwill Columbus was held on April 15th. The setting was Northeast School, 500 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, whose north wing has been undergoing substantial remodeling to house the YAS program.

The program will be moving there soon from a Creative Housing facility across the street. A road-widening project on Hamilton Road necessitated the move.

Parent Elaine Bechant was among those in attendance. "I'm very pleased," she said. "It has everything on my wish list."

Kenny Hughes, Director of the YAS program, gave his thumbs-up. "This is a pleasant, home-like environment and conducive to learning."



Kenny Hughes, YAS Director.



One of two well-equipped kitchens.



Natural light creates a pleasant effect.

Nominations open for star awards

It is that time of year again. Nominations are being accepted for FCBDD's annual Community Star Awards.

Since 2003, FCBDD has presented the awards to recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding commitment to the agency's mission. The awards are given in these 14 categories:

Adult Participant; Child Participant; Employer; Volunteer; Organization; Support Services staff; Service Coordination staff; Early Childhood staff; School staff; Adult Services staff; Residential staff; Transportation staff; Management/Supervisory staff; and Family Member.

Here is where you come in. If you know of an individual or organization whom you believe worthy of an award, please complete a nomination form and send it to Linda Fleming, Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, or e-mail it to linda.fleming@fcbdd.org. She may also be reached at 342-5950.



Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

A star may well have been born recently when **Ethan Boerner**, who represents ARC Industries East on the Consumer Advocacy Council, played a role in a new music video. *Heart Tear*, by singer **Hunter Powell**, carried an anti-bullying message. The video can be viewed on [YouTube](#). Ethan demonstrated great acting ability.



Ethan Boerner

Friends of the Psychology Department's **Randy Cuenot** are aware that bowling is right up his alley. Thus, they were not surprised to see in the *Life & Arts* section of the **Columbus Dispatch** (April 12th) that Randy has been busy recruiting new members of the B'nai B'rith bowling league which was started in the 1930s. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Randy and others, the league is still on a roll!

ARC Industries East hosted the regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities on March 27th. Before the meeting, board members were welcomed by ARC East Director **Karen Mills** and treated to a tour of the facility by **David McFadden** and **Lisa Tillman**, ARC East employees.

People First of Ohio has honored a Franklin Countian as Self-Advocate of the Year. **Christine Brown** received the prestigious award at the group's annual conference, held in Wilmington on March 13-15th. Christine's advocacy work was much in evidence at the DD Awareness and Advocacy rally at the Statehouse Atrium on March 4th. Congratulations, Christine!



Christine Brown

Career Milestones

35 years

Janice O'Herron

30 years

James A. Turner

25 years

Donna Hulse
Alfred Sellers

20 years

Ronald Hess
Patricia Jordan
Edward Ruiz

15 years

Margaret Bruggeman

10 years

Stephen Brown
Aileen Burnside
Gary Durbin
Jean Hickman
Beth Speaks

5 years

Valerie Adams
Amber Basham
Tina Ellis
Bruce Herrmann
Julie Kaber
Valerie Talley

“Quotable quote”

“Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it.”

-- James Baldwin

Looking for DD Adult Day Waiver Services?
Look What We Found!

Developmental Disabilities Adult Services Provider Fair

Come meet providers of Adult Day Support, Supportive Employment Community, Integrated Employment, Adult Day Health Center, Supportive Employment Enclave, Vocational Habilitation and Non-Medical Transportations Providers in Franklin County!

THERE WILL BE A RAFFLE FOR PRIZES!

When: May 14th, 2014
Time: 10 am - 2 pm and 5 pm - 7:30 pm

Aladdin Shrine Center
3850 Stelzer Road
Columbus, OH 43219

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www.fcbdd.org

Calendar

May, 2014

- 6 Family Advocates for Adult Children (FAAC) monthly meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 11 a.m.
- 9 ECLC - Evening with the Arts Children's Show and Silent Auction, 4141 Rudy Road, 6 to 7:30 p.m. For details please call 342-4500.
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 Deadline for applications for John S. Siebold Scholarship program. For more details, please call 475-7007.
- 13 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 15 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, Northeast School, 500 N. Hamilton Road, 12 p.m.
- 15 FCBDD Board meeting, Northeast School, 500 N. Hamilton Road, 1 p.m.
- 19 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., 11:30 a.m.
- 20 West Central School graduation ceremony, 1481 W. Town St., 7 p.m.
- 21 Northeast School graduation ceremony, 500 N. Hamilton Rd., 7 p.m.
- 21 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 22 ECEFC - Family Picnic at the Franklin Park Conservatory. 1777 E. Broad St., 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contact Mary Martin at 342-5801 for details.
- 22, 23 OACB 2014 Spring Conference. Hilton at Polaris, 8700 Lyra Dr. Call Ann Neu at 341-0616 for details.
- 26 Memorial Day observed - all county facilities closed.

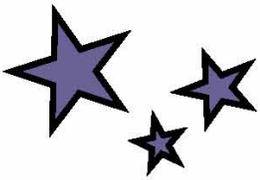
Scholarship applications due May 13

ARC Industries is seeking applications for scholarship funds from for the John J. Siebold Memorial Scholarship Program. The scholarships are awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500 each.

Since its creation in 2003, the program has awarded a total of \$91,000 to 47 recipients.

Applicants must be employed by FCBDD for at least one year and must be pursuing studies related to developmental disabilities.

For more information, please call 475-7007.



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 June 2, 2014. All nominations will be considered by an Award Committee, and winners in each category will be recognized at the FCBDD Community Star Awards Ceremony. **Please submit this nomination to: Awards Committee, c/o Linda Fleming, 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 | <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? _____

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

Nominated By: (Please Print) _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone # _____ Work/Daytime Phone # _____

Deadline for Nominations: June 2, 2014