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Adult Services planning continues

A proposed plan to integrate adult day services with adult transportation will be considered by the ARC Industries Board and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in January.

The plan has been developed in response to the "Conflict Free Case Management" rule of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This means that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities must privatize those services funded by Medicaid Waivers, such as adult services and adult transportation.

Under the proposed plan, ARC Industries would eventually provide transportation services for most who attend the ARC North, ARC East, ARC West, Northeast and Bixby Centers. Currently, some of the individuals supported at those Centers receive alternative transportation. Transportation to and from the buildings and into the community would be provided in smaller vehicles rather than large school buses, which would result in shorter routes and greater community access. In a memo to individuals served, families and staff, Superintendent/CEO Morison stated that "Adult Services management staff have indicated that they will give preference to current Adult Services and Transportation staff for the positions related to the integrated services."



While adult day services and adult transportation must be privatized, this rule does not apply to Early Childhood Education and School services because these services are not funded by Medicaid waivers. Transportation for early childhood and school programs is expected to continue being provided by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Public hearings on the proposed plan to integrate adult day and adult transportation services will be held on January 9, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. and January 11, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at 2879 Johnstown Road. The public is invited to attend.

To receive a copy of the proposed plan or to provide feedback, individuals can call Marcy Samuel at (614) 475-6440 or email at marcy.samuel@fcbdd.org.

Superintendent honored with prestigious award by Dot Yeager, Chief Business Officer



(left to right) Kellie Brown, Vice President of the Ohio Superintendents Association, Caribeth Legats and Dr. Terry Ryan are pictured with Jed Morison holding his award for visionary leadership.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) was recently recognized by the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) by receiving the Kenneth Legats Award.

In 2000, the Board of Trustees of OACB commissioned an annual award in memory of Kenneth Legats, named the Kenneth Legats Award for Visionary Leadership in Administration. This award is presented annually to an executive who has been duly nominated by the Board of Trustees and who, over a career of more than twenty years has shown high ideals, vision, and moral leadership in administration of programs for people with developmental disabilities.

The award was presented at the OACB Convention by Dr. Terry Ryan, former Superintendent of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Ryan's presentation included a look back at Superintendent Morison's career and community involvement.

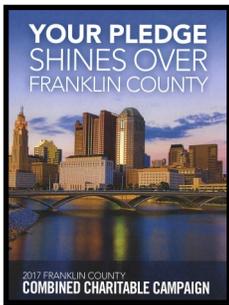
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Staff give to combined charities

Thanks to the generosity of staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) over \$86,000.00 was raised for Combined Charities.

The annual Combined Charitable Campaign is held to raise funds for dozens community organizations. Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs was this year's Coordinator.

Jed Morison stated that "Jack Brownley and all his Department Coordinators did a terrific job, especially during a year when so many were volunteering for our levy campaign."



The theme for this year's campaign was

"Your Pledge Shines Over Franklin County." Jack Brownley stated "Once again our amazingly generous staff responded to support the Franklin County Combined Charitable Campaign with over \$86,000 in pledges. FCBDD led the county agencies in total contributions, with pledges representing 22% of the total county campaign goal!"

The 2018 Campaign Coordinator is Jennifer Schueneman, Controller.

Special thanks to all of the Combined Charitable Campaign leadership:

Mike Boyce, Jack Brownley, Diane Capretta, Courtney Congrove, Randy Cuenot, Mike Dancho, Marcia Duffy, Bonnie Ford, Sarah Gillilan, Vince Gualtieri, Debbie Guyton, Anthony Hartley, Silicia Hedges, Mandy Holland, Joann Howard, Pam Lenahan, Todd Lilley, Larry Macintosh, Mary Martin, Cindy Massenelli, Marybeth McDonald, Linda Monroe, David Ott, Travis Sherick, Jeff Smiley, Greg Sorenson, Susan Stoney, Maryalice Turner, Gretchen Uhl, and Dot Yeager.



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He started in the 1970-71 school year as a teacher, served as Ohio's Director of Special Olympics in the 1970s and has served as Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent with the Board since 1977. In his community, he served on Bexley City Council for 14 years and volunteered in sports programs for over 30 years. He authored the "[Special Olympics Event Director's Guide](#)" for the Kennedy Foundation, the "[A Guide to Conducting Levy Campaigns](#)" for the Ohio Association of County Boards and "[Over 150 Years of History](#)" of services for persons with Developmental Disabilities.

In addition to testimonials offered by FCBDD staff, Christine Brown, Self Advocate, noted Jed's leadership in starting the Self-Advocate Advisory Council: "giving individuals the opportunity to speak out, as well as his support of Project STIR over the last three years." John Martin, Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities described Jed as a "dignified, honest, kind leader, universally admired as the ultimate professional and statesman."

Linda Craig, President of FCBDD, credited his "visionary leadership as an unwavering testament as he works to enrich the lives of others, particularly those most vulnerable."

Dean Fadel, OACBDD Board President and FCBDD Board member, described Jed as "the best listener I have ever witnessed: whether a parent, senior staff or a member of the cleaning crew, Jed listens. It's one of the reasons FCBDD is stable and the programs are strongly backed by the local community."

Superintendent Morison was surprised by many of his staff who were in the audience. When the award was presented, they all held up 'Jed' placards.

In accepting the award, Superintendent Morison gave credit to others. He said "sometimes when a person heads an organization, he gets credit for what others have done. It's our awesome staff, the individuals we serve, their families and our providers who deserve this just as much for all their work and partnership over the years." He also said we still have lots to do and has no plans for retirement.

The OACB Annual Convention was well attended, with over 1100 in attendance over the 3-day period.



Several staff members and Board Member Dean Fadel joined Jed and Joyce Morison after the presentation.

New statewide effort to assist in recruitment of direct care staff

The Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) has launched a new statewide DSP (Direct Support Professional) recruitment effort that combines multi-media advertising to brand the term DSP with an on-line DSPOhio job-site that connects potential employees with provider employers.

“DSPOhio is a direct response to Ohio’s developmental disability system’s number one challenge-finding direct care staff”, says Jeff Davis, OPRA’s Director of Government Relations. “We have to continually increase awareness of and familiarity with the important and rewarding role of providing direct supports to individuals with developmental disabilities and then give interested individuals an easy way to connect with employing providers”



The DSPOhio website and Facebook page are up and running. Visitors to the sites can click on their county of interest and get information on all the organizations who offer career options. For more information, go to www.dspohio.org.

Opiate use prevention resources

Editor’s Note: There has been much news in Columbus and Ohio about the opiate crisis. Many individuals, family members, friends or others have been touched by this crisis. Columbus and Franklin County Public Health Departments have developed a resource guide to help educate people on the problem and provide resources for those who are impacted by opiate use and addiction. We have reprinted their information below.

What is Addiction?

Addiction is a chronic, relapsing brain disease that is characterized by compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences.

Drugs change the brain. These changes can be long-lasting, and can lead to the harmful behaviors seen in people who abuse drugs.

How to respond to an overdose:

- **Try to wake the person** up by yelling their name and rubbing the middle of their chest with your knuckles.
- **Call 911 and explain** that the person has stopped or is struggling to breath.
- **Make sure nothing is in the person’s mouth** that can block their breathing. If breathing has stopped or is very slow begin rescue breathing.
- **If possible, administer naloxone** (Narcan).

What is Naloxone?

Naloxone is a medicine commonly known as Narcan that can be used to **reverse an overdose** caused by opioid drugs.

When administered during an overdose, naloxone blocks the effects of opioid on the brain and restores breathing.

It can be given as an **injection** in a muscle or as a **nasal spray**. Naloxone works rapidly and will not harm the person receiving it.

How do you know when you’re ready to get help?

- Have you ever felt you should cut down your use?
- Have you ever felt guilty or bad about using?
- Have you ever been in trouble with the law, at school or work due to your use?
- Has your drug use caused problems at home with your spouse/partner or family?

What are Opioids?

Opiates are drugs that depress or relax the activity of the nervous system which decrease feelings of pain and effects breathing.

Opioids include drugs such as heroin, oxycodone (Percocet, Percodan, OxyContin), hydrocodone (Vicodin, Lortab, Norco), fentanyl, hydromorphone (Dilaudid), buprenorphine (Subutex, Suboxone), codeine, methadone, morphine, and tramadol (Ultram).

Signs of an overdose:

- Slow breathing (less than 1 breath every 5 seconds) or no breathing
- Vomiting
- Face is pale and clammy
- Blue lips, fingernails, or toenails
- Slow, erratic, or no pulse
- Snoring or gurgling noises while asleep or nodding off
- No response when you yell the person’s name or rub the middle of their chest with your knuckles

How to Help Others:

An overdose is a medical emergency and **911** should be called immediately.

For more information, visit:

adamhfranklin.org
netcareaccess.org
equitashealth.com
columbus.gov/harm

Transition to work Summer Program

Editor's Note: The following article was submitted by Liz Jones, Director of Day Programming for the Association for the Developmentally Disabled.

Early in 2017, FCBDD partnered with Add (The Association for the Developmentally Disabled) to complete the first Transition to Work (TTW) Summer Program that incorporated the Career Discovery Waiver Service.

Forty-five high school students from throughout Franklin County participated in the program. TTW's Discovery Team worked with the students to explore career options, identify work related interests, and pinpoint existing skill sets. Thirty-five local businesses welcomed TTW students, allowing their skills and talents to surface.

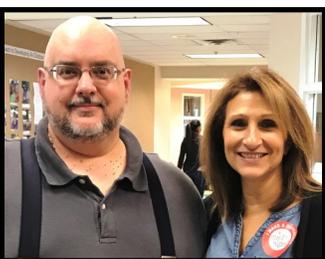
In September of 2017, each student received their individualized comprehensive Discovery Profile, which will aid them as they continue on their pathway to employment in our community.

Applications for the 2018 Transition to Work Summer Program will be available in February, 2018. For details or to apply for next summer's program, contact Lilian Beck, FCBDD Transition Coordinator, lilian.beck@fcbdd.org, 614-342-5272.



FCBDD honored by American Red Cross

The American Red Cross recently honored Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) for hosting blood drives throughout the past year at the 2017 Life Sharing Challenge Event. The event honored more than 70 organizations for their blood collections during the period from July 2016 through June 2017. FCBDD was presented with an award in the Government Division.



Jeff Baird and Mary Martin

Superintendent Morison commended Mary Martin (Early Childhood Department) and Jeff Baird (Technology Department) for their extra efforts in coordinating blood drives throughout the year. "Mary and Jeff do a terrific job, in addition to their day to day responsibilities."

The Life Sharing Challenge is a yearly competition among organizations sponsoring blood drives in a variety of categories, including businesses, religious congregations, schools and hospitals.

"We simply could not fulfill our mission without the vital support from businesses and community organizations," said Rodney Wilson, communications manager for the American Red Cross Central Ohio Blood Services Region. "Without these volunteers who make blood drives happen, we would not be able to support patients depending on us for potentially lifesaving blood products."

The Central Ohio Red Cross collects approximately 185,000 units of blood in Central Ohio annually, about half of which is from Franklin County alone. To learn more about blood donation or to make an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

Calendars proposed

Calendars for the 2018-2019 program year have been drafted and will be considered by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in their January 25, 2018 meeting.

The program calendar year has traditionally been from July 1st to June 30th, but next year it will be different with the privatization of adult services in January, 2019. The adult services calendar will only extend through December 31, 2018. The ARC Industries Board is expected to adopt calendars to be effective in January 1, 2019.

The proposed calendars for the Early Childhood and School programs have staff returning from summer break on August 20, 2018 with West Central students beginning on August 22, 2018 and early childhood children will begin their center based services following initial home visits and schedules communicated by the Early Childhood Education staff.

Winter recess for early childhood and school programs would be from December 21, 2018 through January 1, 2019 and Spring recess would be from April 22-29, 2019. School and early childhood calendars are similar to Columbus Public School calendars, however there are a few differences due to observance of some county holidays.

Comments regarding the draft calendars can be submitted to the Superintendent's Office.

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to Timothy Prenzlin and Richard Forney of Sunapple Studios for being selected as recipients of the 'Art for All' scholarships for greeting cards, ceramics and two-dimensional works at Winterfair and the Gifts of the Craftsman exhibition at the Ohio Craft Museum and sponsored by the Ohio Arts Council.



Congratulations to Marci Straughter on an awesome 'power talk' presentation at the 2017 state conference of the Ohio Association of County Boards.



Special thanks to Anne Russell, Service Coordination Supervisor, for representing FCBDD at community events and conferences.



Congratulations to Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel and Dr. Jeff Marinko-Shrivers, Psychology Supervisor for completion of the 2017 Superintendent Development program.



Special thanks to Mary Martin and Jeff Baird for coordinating FCBDD blood drives and congratulations on the recent recognition from the Red Cross.



Congratulations to Brenda Fletcher, Transportation Specialist, on over 20 years of excellent services for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Best wishes with retirement!



Congratulations to Bob Thomas, Supervisor with the Service Coordination Department and his team for coordinating another outstanding holiday celebration for close to 150 individuals who may not have had other opportunities to celebrate.



Congratulations to the Dahlberg Learning Center Preschool, operated by Add (Association for the Developmentally Disabled), for achieving a 5-star rating from 'Step Up to Quality.' This is the highest possible rating, granted from the Ohio Department of Education.



Career Milestones

30 years

Theresa Cohagen

25 years

Deborah Rinto

15 years

Ethan Grant

Joseph Kyte

Pamela Lett

Jennifer Schueneman

Scott Smith

Melissa Wren

10 years

Anita Brown

Jessica Fisher

Jeanie Kunkle

Monica Plucinski

Michael Rash

Tiffani Shay

Carol Weaver

5 years

Kara Lehosit

Jeff Marinko-Shivers

Timothy Noble

Quinten Wilson

Congratulations to Board Member Dean Fadel, who just completed another term as President of the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB). Mr. Fadel has stepped down as President of this Board and will continue to serve for another year with OACB and two more years on the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Thanks for your statewide and local leadership!



Winter weather options

When winter weather is severe, it is possible that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities transportation might have to be cancelled.

On days when FCBDD transportation is cancelled, Administrative, Service Coordination and Adult Services locations remain open so people can provide their own transportation to these sites. However, always be certain to call the building in advance just to be sure.

Individuals, family members and providers are also reminded that they can always decide not to send an individual even if the FCBDD buses are operating. Conditions may vary in different areas of the county. Individual circumstances and health considerations may require that people stay home to be safe.



Dateline

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www.fcbdd.org

Calendar

January, 2018

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 2 New Year's celebrated -- all county facilities closed.
- 2 FCBDD adult programs resume.
- 3 FCBDD early childhood and schools resume.
- 6 13th Annual "For the Fun of It" bowling event, Columbus Square Bowling Palace, 5707 Forest Hills Blvd. 1:30 p.m.
- 9 Public Hearing on Adult Services planning, 2879 Johnstown Road, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Public Hearing on Adult Services planning, 2879 Johnstown Road, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observed -- all county facilities closed.
- 17 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 22 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
- 25 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 25 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Annual Organizational Board meeting and regular meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Annually, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities conducts an assessment to seek opinions on the quality of services provided and needs in our community.

The survey can be completed anonymously and is designed to seek feedback from individuals served, families, staff, providers, volunteers, advocates, other agencies and the public.

The survey is included in this issue of 'Dateline'. We ask all to take a few minutes to offer your opinions to help with our future planning.

Thank you!!



Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Periodically, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities assesses community needs and services provided by the agency. Individuals who are served, families, staff, service providers, volunteers, advocates, collaborative agencies, and the public are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete and respond to this survey. Your response will assist the Board in its efforts to improve services and better meet needs. *Please complete the survey and return to Superintendent's Office FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, by January 15th.*

1. Please check as appropriate. (You may check more than one.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of FCBDD <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Collaborative Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Child Enrolled in Local School District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> News Media Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Service Provider/Contract Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of Franklin County School District <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Business Community <input type="checkbox"/> State Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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2. Please check which services (if any) of the following you or your family member are receiving from FCBDD.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education <input type="checkbox"/> School Program <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Adult Services Locations <input type="checkbox"/> ARC Industries Employment Services <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resources / Respite <input type="checkbox"/> Residential / Supported Living Services <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Services <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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3. Please provide your satisfaction rating for the following categories by circling your choice.

FCBDD Services	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Early Childhood/Home Based	1	2	3	N/A
Schools	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Adult Services Locations	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Employment Services	1	2	3	N/A
Family Resources	1	2	3	N/A
Transportation	1	2	3	N/A
Special Olympics / Recreation	1	2	3	N/A
Service Coordination	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Nisonger Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dental	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dual Diagnosis	1	2	3	N/A
Children's Hospital Early Intervention	1	2	3	N/A
Childhood League Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Easter Seals Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Dahlberg Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
ADD Community Connections	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / SAGE Senior Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Young Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Work and Community Services	1	2	3	N/A
Nationwide Children's Hospital	1	2	3	N/A
Epilepsy Foundation	1	2	3	N/A
Creative Housing	1	2	3	N/A
Supported Living Services	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

4. Please provide your opinion of the following statements by circling your choice:

	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	N/A	
Overall, FCBDD is providing quality services to the community.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD tax dollars are being spent wisely.	1	2	3	N/A	
Parents/Family Members of FCBDD participants are involved and supported.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD collaborates well with other community organizations.	1	2	3	N/A	
Generally, FCBDD meets the needs of individuals in our community who have developmental disabilities.	1	2	3	N/A	
Participants have adequate choice in services offered.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD staff treat participants, family members and public at large with courtesy and with respect:	Participants Family Public	1 1 1	2 2 2	3 3 3	N/A N/A N/A
FCBDD communicates well.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD prevention services, including early intervention, and public awareness are provided adequately.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports efforts of individuals to advocate for themselves.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports 'employment first' efforts.	1	2	3	N/A	

5. Please respond to the following questions, if applicable:

- a. What are the strengths of FCBDD? _____

- b. How can FCBDD improve? _____

- c. If you or a family are not currently receiving FCBDD services, but anticipate need in the future, please indicate the service you will need and anticipated date: _____

6. If you would like more information regarding FCBDD or follow-up to questions, please indicate what you would like, and include your name, address and phone number: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

- If you do not currently receive *Dateline*, the FCBDD newsletter, but would like to receive it, please check the box and include email address to receive electronically: _____