

Transportation planning continues

Plans to transition transportation services, in response to federal requirements, are continuing.

Because the federal government has said that all County Boards of Developmental Disabilities are required to have "conflict free case management," plans to transition adult transportation services are being implemented.

By September, 2018, adult transportation services will be provided in Vans by Adult Services staff, rather than school buses. Some of these staff will be former Bus Drivers for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

This transition plan will not change transportation for early childhood and school programs, because this transportation is not funded with Medicaid dollars.

The transition plan is expected to result in shorter routes and pick-up and drop-off schedules will change. Effective on August 27, 2018, it is expected that all five ARC locations (ARC North, ARC West, ARC East, Bixby, and Northeast) will have the same schedule with staff

reporting from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Schedule changes will be reported to the individuals and families.

According to Anthony Hartley, Transportation Director, "all Vans have been ordered. Bus Routes for Early Childhood Education and School programs were bid on May 29-30, 2018 and new GPS routing software has been identified."

Tyler James has been hired to manage ARC Industries Transportation. Effective in January, 2019, all Adult Services staff will transfer from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities to ARC Industries.

Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison stated, "Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries, Anthony Hartley, Transportation Director, and their staffs have done outstanding work preparing for this transition. While we didn't ask for or want this change, our staff recognized we are required to do this and have really stepped up to the plate to make the very best of it to maintain stability in services and staffing."

Sally Harrington to retire

Sally Harrington, Assistant Director of the Early Childhood Education Department for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has announced her retirement, effective in July, 2018, after 45 years of service.

According to Rebecca Love, Director of Early Childhood Education, "Sally has been an invaluable resource and support of our overall operations, bringing incredible experience, intuitive knowledge and stability to our operations for over 40 years."

Sally began her service as a Behavior Management Specialist in 1973, and became an Assistant Director of Early Childhood Education under Thealka Lehman in 1979. She has seen our services evolve from a program serving just children with developmental delays to a fully inclusive array of services supported by a number of partnerships.

Sally said she "was proud to work for the Board back in 1973 and 45 years later I'm still proud to work for the Board. I have loved my work and have enjoyed the daily interactions with the children, families, staff and community partners."

About her retirement, Sally looks forward to spending time with her new grandson and she hopes to be active volunteering with different community partners.

According to Jed Morison, "Sally Harrington has been terrific all these years. Her passion to help children and their families is evident in everything she does. She will be missed."



Congratulations to Sally Harrington!

Summer Programs 2018

Editor's Note: In addition to all the regular twelve-month services, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will offer several special programs this summer. Below is a brief summary of just some of the offerings to Franklin County children and adults.

The Early Childhood Education Department will provide a Summer Center program for preschool students. Students will attend half-day sessions from June 18th through July 19th, Monday through Thursday. Close to 200 students will take part in the program. For details, contact Rebecca Love at becky.love@fcbdd.org.

"Out and About" is an opportunity this summer for school-age youth interested in having a summer recreation and community experience. This program will run from June 11th through July 13th. For details, contact Jack Brownley at jack.brownley@fcbdd.org.

The Transition to Work Summer Program is ready to begin its 4th year of service, in partnership with Add (Association for Developmentally Disabled). Over 50 students, representing districts and schools from all over Franklin County will participate. Students will explore a wide variety of employment sites and will complete the Career Discovery Process to help them identify their employment goals and interests. For details, contact Lilian Beck, Transition Coordinator, with any questions at 614-342-5272 or at lilian.Beck@fcbdd.org.

Career Camp is a program that is operated through Columbus City Schools in conjunction with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. It offers classroom training in skills needed for independent living, and provides youth with paid summer employment experiences in community jobs. This program is designed for students ready to graduate from school who are motivated to pursue competitive employment in the community. For details, contact Jack Brownley at jack.brownley@fcbdd.org.

PIECE which stands for Pre-vocational Integrated, Education and Campus Experience is a project supported by FCBDD and operated in collaboration with The Ohio State University Nisonger Center. It is a six-week (June 25th through August 3rd) OSU campus based internship and skills education experience for Adult Services participants and staff. For details, contact Kurt Smith at kurt.smith@fcbdd.org.

FCBDD competes at bus RoadEO

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) was well represented at the Central Ohio School Bus RoadEO.

Four Bus Drivers and close to fifteen other staff attended the event held at Westerville Central High School. Three of the Drivers were first time competitors, which included a 50 question written test and nine different event maneuvers on the bus.

Darla Hodo, Brookelyn Johnson and Jennifer Turner competed for the first time and Albert Bain returned to compete a second time.

Mary Posey, Field Specialist, coordinated FCBDD's involvement in the RoadEO. She was joined by Chuck Dawson, Field Specialist as a judge for the required adaptive equipment event, which was new this year.

In addition to the staff who competed and helped judge, several other staff attended the Saturday event to support the Drivers. Thanks to the FCBDD Transportation Department for representing us so well!



L to R: Jed Morison, Brenda McCaw-Bryant, Albert Bain, Deborah Everett-Croom, Jennifer Turner, Toni Paris, Brookelyn Johnson, Yolanda Hairston, Mark Hafner, and Amy Kulow

Guardian Training offered at FCBDD

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) will continue to serve as a host site for the Ohio Supreme Court's guardian training.

All guardians of adults are required to initially take a 6-hour training and then complete a 3-hour continuing education requirement annually.

FCBDD will offer the 6-hour training, "Fundamentals of Adult Guardianship" on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 2879 Johnstown Road. The web broadcast will begin at 8:30 a.m.

For more details or to register for this session, call Angie Franke at 614-342-5972.

'Lion' joins staff and students at West Central

Students at FCBDD's West Central School will have a new four-legged friend roaming the halls.

Thanks to the efforts of teacher Patti Saniel-Banrey, a trained service dog named 'Lion' comes to school every day. Lion is a gentle two year old male Labrador/Golden Retriever, who is trained to work with a facilitator in professional settings. Both Lion and facilitator Patti were trained by Canine Companions.

According to staff at West Central, Lion is friendly, fun, sweet and gentle. He has a schedule to work with students, including participation with the walking group, classroom visits and other therapy and educational sessions in the school or out in the community. Canine Companions provides guidance on learning outcomes, including tips on supporting fine and gross motor skills, sensory integration, cognitive skills, speech and social skills. He has also been known to calm students who are frustrated or upset.

Canine Companions provides Lion free of charge. For more details on Canine Companions, visit www.cci.org.



Teacher and Trained Facilitator Patti Saniel-Banrey with Lion.

2018 Candidate Forum on Disability Issues

On Thursday, July 26th from 12:30-4:30 p.m., candidates for Ohio Governor and U.S. Senate will gather to inform the disability community about their positions on disability related issues and policies.

The event will take place at the Ohio State University's Fawcett Event Center at 2400 Olentangy River Road, Columbus.

Alan Johnson, retired Columbus Dispatch Statehouse Reporter will moderate the event. For more information, contact The Center for Disability Empowerment at (614) 575-8055.



Darren Thompson promoted in ECE

Darren Thompson has joined the Early Childhood Education Department's management team of Becky Love, Director, Assistant Directors Teresa Johnson and Laura Mongold and ECE Program Operations Manager Debbie New.

Darren first joined the Early Childhood family in January, 2007. Darren has supported the Early Childhood department in several capacities, including as a Creative Arts Specialist. He received his Fine Arts degree from the Ohio State University. His Early Childhood Education degree is from Ashland University and his master's degree in Special Education is from Ohio Dominican University.



Becky Love stated, "Darren brings to this position his creativity, passion for children, knowledge and support of staff and experience in engaging hundreds of children." He replaces Sally Harrington, who retires in July.

National Disability Voter Registration Week

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) has launched the REV UP campaign to encourage people with disabilities to vote.



REV UP stands for Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power! The campaign is coordinating **National Disability Voter Registration Week** (NDVRW) during the week of July 16-20, 2018 to get people with disabilities registered to vote, educated about this year's election and prepared to cast a ballot in November. NDVRW will be held annually in the third week of July, just before the anniversary of the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The REV UP campaign is a nonpartisan initiative that coordinates with national, state and local disability organizations to increase the political power with the disability community while also engaging candidates and the media on disability issues. To register in Franklin County, residents can go to the Franklin County Board of Elections or any public library.

For more details on the campaign, go to <https://www.aapd.com/rev-up-your-community/>.

West Central student learns new skill

by Kathy Ahlers, West Central School

Congratulations to Stephon Draper, a senior level student at West Central school for learning a new set of skills at Coloract Graphics with owner Molly Jackson.

Stephon has learned to separate t-shirts by size, color and style and is also learning part of the inking process.



Stephon sorts shirts by color and size.



Coloract Graphics owner Molly Jackson oversees Stephon inking his own shirt.

Project Search intern lands full time job at Big Lots

by Katie Boggs, Service Coordination

Congratulations to James Laderer who recently graduated from the Project Search internship program.

As a result of James' hard work and the Project Search internship program, he has been offered a full-time job at the Big Lots distribution center.

James plans to work hard and save money to buy a truck to drive to work. Driving a forklift at the distribution center is a career dream for James, and in time he will do just that. Congratulations to James and the Big Lots team!



Pictured from left to right, Big Lots recruiters, James Laderer (center), Pat Laderer (mom) and Service Coordinator Katie Boggs

Congratulations to retiring staff from Early Childhood Education and School programs

As is typical this time of year, some long term staff will begin enjoying retirement this summer. We thank those dedicated staff for their outstanding service and wish them well!!!



Front row from left to right: Connie Willis, Joanie Thornton and Cynthia Moore. Back Row from left to right: Ann Mason, Sally Harrington, Deb Rinto and Janice O'Herron .



From Left to right: Shirley Butcher, Paul Burrell, Patricia Broussard, and Joe Decker. Retirees not pictured: Rebecca Beaudet and Robyn Wright

Good for you

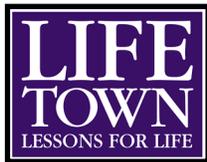
Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to Tanya Chiles, Benefits Specialist, for coordinating a national conference in Columbus for the National Association of Benefit and Work Incentive Specialists (NABWIS). Tanya serves as Vice President of NABWIS.



Thank you to Julie Kaber, Habilitation Specialist, for volunteering to participate in the "Volunteers in Public Safety" 12 week training program with representatives from Franklin County Homeland Security, Franklin County Health Department and Columbus Fire and Police Departments. Julie plans to share information learned with ARC Industries participants.

Congratulations to Lifetown on the establishment of the 'Stop to Live' substance abuse curriculum for children with special needs.



Special thanks to Gwynn Kinsel, Legal Counsel and Angie Franke, Paralegal, for arranging for Guardian training on April 30th.

Additional training will be held on August 23, 2018. For details, call Angie Frankie at 614-342-5972.

Special thanks to all the West Central staff for coordinating the 40th Anniversary celebration on May 18th.



Thanks to Kurt Schmitter, for representing ARC Industries and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, with a presentation at the national conference of the National Association of Benefit and Work Incentive Specialists (NABWIS).

Congratulations to Nick Gulyassy, Training Supervisor at ARC Industries West, on over 30 years of outstanding service. Nick retired from FCBDD in May, 2018 and plans to continue his service with "Central Ohio Youth for Christ" as their property manager.





Special thanks to Jim Turner and congratulations on his retirement at the end of May. Jim has served FCBDD for over 34 years, working at the Living Skills Centers, Service Coordination, Intake and most recently as Consumer Data Manager. Jim has done outstanding work in all respects and will be missed.

Career Milestones

30 years

**Teresa Johnson
Ricky Loomis
Wendy Mandel
Peter Marshall**

25 years

**Michael Christen
Tacey Reed**

20 years

**Jennifer Johansson
Stephen Middlebrook
William Scarberry**

15 years

**Lynn Banks
Sara Faudree
Maurice Mitchell
Christopher Noon
Alan Rafiqq
Jessica Taylor
Timothy Whiting**

10 years

**Tobias Houpe
Toni Paris
Matt Walter
Tauhir Wise**

**Best wishes
to FCBDD
Special
Olympians**

who will participate in the Ohio
Special Olympics State Games
at The Ohio State University
on June 22-24, 2018

Good Luck!



Columbus Buddy Walk

Save the date for the 2018 Columbus Buddy Walk at MAPFRE Stadium on Sunday, September 30, 2018. Registration will open at 9:00 a.m., with Opening Ceremonies and the walk beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The Columbus Buddy Walk is more than a walk around Mapfre Stadium, it's a family reunion. At the Columbus Buddy Walk more than 10,000 walkers from all over Ohio will unite for a common cause and raise funds to support DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio) and the National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS).

For details, call DSACO at (614) 263-6020.



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Calendar

June, 2018

- 1 ECE/ West Central School Parent/ Teacher Day
- 11 School-age Summer Center begins, West Central School.
- 18 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
- 18 ECE Summer Center begins, 2879 Johnstown Rd.
- 20 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 21 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 22-24 Ohio Special Olympics, the Ohio State University. Please call Andrea Stonebraker at 614-342-5989 for details.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities In-Service, at ARC Industries West, 250 W. Dodridge St., 11:15 a.m.
- 28 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, ARC Industries West, 250 W. Dodridge St., 1:15 p.m.

July, 2018

- 4 Independence Day Celebrated - all county facilities closed.
- 5 School-age Transition to Work Summer program begins.
- 13 School-age Summer Center programs end.
- 16 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 19 ECE Summer Center programs end.
- 26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance , Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.

August, 2018

- 3 School-age Transition to Work Summer Programs end.
- 20 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, 11:30 a.m.
- 20 ECE and School staff returns - Staff Preparation/ Development Day.
- 22 First day of classes at West Central School.
- 22-24 ECE Program Service Days – Parent Visitation (No Transportation).
- 27 First day of classes, ECE - please consult program schedule.

The next issue of 'Dateline' will be the July/August issue published in late July, 2018