

# Dateline

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## Combined Charitable Campaign

"Franklin County Cares" is the theme for this year's Combined Charitable Campaign.

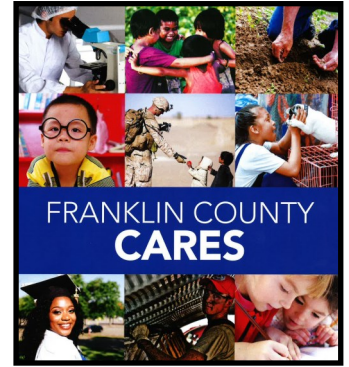
Jennifer Schueneman, Controller for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is this year's Chair of the campaign that is held annually to support hundreds of charities.

Staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities have been generous in the past. Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison stated, "Our staff support people who benefit from many of these charities so they see first-hand the need and good work being done. We have a generous staff."

This year's campaign will be different because staff in adult services will be transitioning to the ARC Industries payroll in January, 2019. For this reason, adult services staff are encouraged to contribute through one-time donations rather than payroll deduction.

Combined Charitable contributions can be directed to over 700 organizations or staff can designate that their gift go to a separate non-profit organization. All staff, except for the adult services staff who will transition to ARC Industries, are encouraged to pledge through payroll deduction.

For details on the campaign, contact Jennifer Schueneman at [jennifer.schueneman@fcbdd.org](mailto:jennifer.schueneman@fcbdd.org) or at (614) 342-5980 or the Building/Department Coordinator.



## Ohio will elect new Governor

Ohio will elect a new Governor on November 6, 2018 to replace Governor John Kasich, who is term limited and not eligible to run for another term.

It is a busy election season, where the candidates for Governor or their spokespersons are sharing their ideas to many groups.



The Ohio Family and Children First Councils held a forum recently in which Senator Peggy Lehner spoke on behalf of Mike DeWine and Peggy Cordray spoke on behalf of Rich Cordray. Both offered a glimpse into what policies the candidates would support on children's issues.

On July 28, a candidate forum sponsored by the Center of Disability Empowerment was held at the Fawcett Center at the Ohio State University. Following presentations, the candidates for Senate and Governor or their representatives answered questions.

To vote on November 6, 2018, individuals must register to vote by October 9, 2018.

*Jane Whyde, Executive Director of Franklin County Family and Children First Council and Jenny R. Miller, Superintendent of the Clark County Board of Developmental Disabilities were in attendance at the recent Governor Candidate Forum. Both Jane and Jenny also serve as President of their statewide organizations. The forum was facilitated by Jane Whyde.*



**Community Star  
Awards Banquet**  
Tuesday, October 2nd

Villa Milano  
1630 Schrock Road

Social Hour  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Awards Banquet  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



## Bonnie Ford retires

Bonnie Ford, Principal of Collaborative Classrooms for Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has retired effective September 1, 2018.

"Bonnie has been just terrific in helping us to successfully navigate through some challenging times with our school programs. Her calm and supportive manner, coupled with her leadership skills has had a huge impact," according to Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison.

Bonnie began as Assistant Principal at Northeast School in 2003, coming from the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In addition to service as Assistant Principal, Bonnie also stepped in as Interim Principal at Northeast School for several months during the 2014-15 school year and provided outstanding leadership following the decision to consolidate Northeast and West Central Schools.

For the past three years, Bonnie has served as Principal for the FCBDD classes located in public school district buildings. According to Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs, "Bonnie has not only been an excellent supervisor to her staff, she has also represented our agency very well with school district personnel. Her steady leadership has allowed these classes to excel."

About her time with the Board, Bonnie says, "I've had the pleasure of working with several County Board programs during my career. As a music therapist, teacher and administrator each position has presented many rewarding opportunities for me. Supporting classroom teams and helping children and their families has always been the most important and enjoyable part of my job."

Bonnie's retirement plans include more time with family, travel with friends and volunteering in the community. Special thanks to Bonnie Ford!



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## '50 percent' rule discussed

It is sometimes referred to as the '50% Rule' that has recently resurfaced in discussions around the country.

In short, the rule suggests that Providers of Prevocational (Vocational Habilitation) Services for adults will not be able to receive Medicaid for individuals who receive more than 50% of federal minimum wage.

So, if someone receives pre-vocational services in a sheltered workshop and receives over \$3.63/hour, the organization that provides vocational habilitation service for the person will not be able to receive Medicaid reimbursement for that service.

It is an old regulation related to rules from the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1986 that now collide with rules of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for Home and Community Based Waivers.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) is proactively looking into this issue and has asked all providers of adult day and employment service to review their services to determine if they are in compliance with this rule. DODD has further asked providers to develop plans in the next 12 months and within the plan, describe how the agency will come into compliance. State Officials are working with a group of stakeholders to develop additional guidance and will also provide technical assistance.

Some have suggested that state officials work with CMS to update the rule to allow for Medicaid funding to continue. Hundreds of individuals would be impacted.

For additional details on this new interpretation of an old rule, providers are encouraged to contact the Community Life Engagement Project Manager for their region:

**Kelly Schuck, Northwest**  
at 419-381-3086

**Britta Hough, Northeast**  
at 216-285-9808

**Keith Banner, Southwest**  
at 614-687-1563

**Tom Hess, Central/Southeast**  
at 614-381-2422

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## Still time to register to vote

If you haven't yet registered to vote in the November 6th general election, your time to do so is running short. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, October 9th.

In order to be eligible, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old as of November 6th (election day), live in Ohio for at least 30 days before the election, and must not have been found incompetent to vote through an order of the Probate Court.

For more information, please call the Franklin County Board of Elections at 614-525-3100 or go to: [vote.franklincountyohio.gov](http://vote.franklincountyohio.gov).



# Good for you

## Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Thanks and congratulations to Carolyn Rowland on over 23 years of service with the Service Coordination Department of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Carolyn was an outstanding Supervisor and provided support in other areas, including leadership with levy efforts. Best wishes to Carolyn Rowland.



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Congratulations to all the Transportation staff who have successfully transferred to Adult Services and to all Adult Services staff for successfully making the transition from school buses to vans for Adult Programs.

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Congratulations to Christine Brown and to the Central Ohio Self Determination Association on the well-attended Mini-Tech Summit held at Northeast Center.

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Congratulations to Early Childhood, School and Transportation staff on a successful start to the school year.

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Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to coordinate the 5K 'Discover Your Abilities' Run, Walk, Roll on September 23rd, at the JFK Park in Reynoldsburg. Funds raised support Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Special Olympics.



The Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC) has just renewed the 5-Star Step Up to Quality rating from The Ohio Child Licensing and Quality System Team. Congratulations on receiving the highest possible rating.

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Dr. Tom Fish retired from The Ohio State University, was recently recognized by the Columbus Dispatch as an "Everyday Hero," for all his work with the 'Next Chapter Book Clubs,' and Ohio SIBS, supporting siblings of individuals who have developmental disabilities. Congratulations, Tom!



# Career Milestones

**30 years**  
Michael Boyce  
Les Smith

**25 years**  
Debra Dillard

**20 years**  
Tammy Bumgardner  
Shirley Coleman  
Jaime Graham  
Dennis Green  
Amy Lare

**15 years**  
Mary Pappada  
Julie Conley

**10 years**  
Donny Thompson

**5 years**  
Amber Dunn



# Assistant Principal hired

Joe Becker has been hired as Assistant Principal for West Central School and Transition Services.

According to Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs, Joe comes to the position with excellent credentials. For the past year, he has served as an Instructor at West Central. Prior to this, he served as Principal and Assistant Principal in different settings, including Ridgemont Jr./Sr. High, William K. Willis School and Riverview School.

Joe replaces Bonnie Ford, former Principal over all the collaborative classes. Bonnie retired at the end of August. Some of the responsibilities have been reorganized so Joe will spend time at both West Central and in the Reynoldsburg and Southwestern Collaborative classes.

West Central School and Transition Services celebrated 40 years of services in May with several hundred in attendance. The school also has a new presence on the FCBDD Website at <https://wcs.fcbdd.org/> with details and pictures of services.

About his new position, Joe stated that "if people ask why FCBDD I tell them the truth, it is where I can pursue my passions (education and ministry) in meeting the needs of Special Needs Students and their families as a priority. The Special Needs educational program is not just a small part of WCS – it is the entire program which includes an education in academics and an education in life skills to prepare students for success."



# Opioids and Early Intervention

Opioid use and the impact on infants was the topic of a recent training coordinated by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Dr. Robert Gallen from the University of Pittsburg and Dr. Jennifer Wolford from Slippery Rock University explained the scope of the problem, its impact and offered insights on how to support infants and mothers who have opioids in their system.

Dr. Wolford explained that some opioids are legal, such as morphine and OxyContin if prescribed and some are illegal substances, such as heroin or synthetic opioids, such as fentanyl. She stated that in 2012, five times more babies were born with opioids than in 2000, and the average hospital stay for a new born with opioids is 17 days. She indicated that Opiates can cross the placenta in an hour.

While not all children respond in the same way or have noticeable symptoms, some have psychological or physical problems, lower birth weight, are born premature and may have developmental delays or neurobehavioral problems at birth.

Dr. Gallen stated that relationships between the Mom and baby are important and this can be disrupted if the Mom and baby are on opioids. Relationships may suffer if the child is challenged and the mother has reduced capacity to support or soothe the child.

Early Intervention and support for the mother and the child are important. Often times fear, shame and remorse make it difficult for the Mom to ask for help, but supportive providers can help families get over the barriers to seek support.



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

## Calendar

### October, 2018

- 2 Community Star Awards banquet at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Rd., 5:30 p.m. Please call (614) 342-5950 for details.
- 3-5 Synergy Conference at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 7000 Kalahari Drive in Sandusky, Ohio, sponsored by OSDA/PAR. For details, please go to [www.synergyohio.org](http://www.synergyohio.org).
- 4 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Self-Advocate Conference at Xenos.
- 8 Columbus Day - all county facilities closed.
- 17 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 19 ARC Industries Board of Trustees Retreat - please call (614) 479-2500 for details.
- 25 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 25 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 31 Happy Halloween!







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## Mini-Grants for Technology Devices Sponsored by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has approved a pilot program to provide a limited number of mini-grants for smart technology devices and to learn more about how technology can enhance a person's health, safety and/or independence. This pilot project will conclude on January 1, 2019. Mini-grants will only reimburse individuals served by FCBDD for smart technology devices up to 75% of the cost, not to exceed \$200.00. The recipient must agree to contribute at least 25% of the total cost. Mini-grants will not pay for internet or technical/installation assistance. Maximum reimbursement per person is \$200.00. Mini-grants will be considered on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Examples of smart technology devices include: Echo/Alexa (e.g. Medication reminders, Alarms, etc.); Google Home; "Ring Doorbell"; Smart Thermostat; Smart Lights/Plugs/Locks/Watches, Home Cameras linked to cell phone, etc. Questions should be directed to Joni Sparks at 614-342-5964.

To apply, this completed application should be sent to:

**Mini-Grant Technology Pilot Project**  
c/o Joni Sparks  
2879 Johnstown Road  
Columbus, Ohio 43219  
Email address: [joni.sparks@fcbdd.org](mailto:joni.sparks@fcbdd.org)

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Legal Name of Eligible Individual: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Service Coordinator (*if applicable*): \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the technology device(s) for which you will be requesting reimbursement:

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What is the cost of the device(s)? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Vendor of the device(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How will the device(s) enhance health, safety and/or independence: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will the device(s) require special installation or technical assistance, and if so, how will this be done?

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Who should be contacted for further information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant/Parent/Guardian

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Date