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## Salute to Dean Fadel

Dean Fadel, member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the past 13 years, will be recognized at the "2019 Community Star Awards and Salute to Dean Fadel" on October 1, 2019.

According to John Bickley, President of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "Dean has been an absolutely outstanding Board member, leader and resource for our Board and the entire state." His service to the Board included time as President and for several years he served as President of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO stated "Dean has been with us for some of the most challenging years in our history. Not only did he provide guidance with local initiatives, he also had a huge impact statewide as one of the most respected and nicest people in our field."

Dean's guidance led to the establishment of a Self-Advocate Advisory Council, which meets with the Superintendent on a regular basis and reports to the Board. He also provided leadership to strengthen Ohio SIBS, supporting brothers and sisters of individuals who have developmental disabilities. Dean's brother, Jeff, receives services from the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Dean's tenure on the Board will end in January, 2020 due to term limits. He has served three full terms, plus a partial term following the death of Dr. Raymond Horn in 2007.

Dean will be recognized at the 2019 Community Star Awards event to be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at Villa Milano. The event will also include recognition of the 2019 Community Star Award recipients. Registration information is included in this issue of 'Dateline'.



*FCBDD Board Member Dean Fadel*

## 2019 Community Star Award winners announced

Fourteen individuals and organizations have been selected to receive the 2019 Community Star Awards to be presented at Villa Milano on October 1, 2019. This year's event will also include a Salute to Dean Fadel, Board member for the past 13 years.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "we had so many strong candidates, it was hard for the committee to pick this year's winners." The awards are presented to individuals who were nominated based on their contributions to the mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, "helping people to live, learn, and work in our community."

Over 500 are expected to be in attendance for the event. Marcus Thorpe will again be the Master of Ceremonies and the Dave Powers Trio will provide entertainment. A registration form for the event is included in this issue of 'Dateline'.

Nomination categories include individuals receiving services, staff members, Providers, Employers, Volunteers, etc. Congratulations to those who will be recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments.

**Kevin True, Adult Participant /Self-Advocate**

**Brandon Walker, Young Adult**

**Douglas & Phyllis Smith, Parent/Family Member**

**Cary Johnston - Shopworks Theater Company,  
Adult Services Staff**

**Patti Saniel-Banrey & Lion, School Staff**

**Park West & Rebecca Sharp - Executive Director,  
Provider Organization**

**Jean Gordon, Extraordinary Partner**

**George Barnett, Transportation Staff**

**Rozalyn Trego, Early Childhood Staff**

**Carmen Rhodes, Residential Staff**

**Anthony Hartley - ARC Industries,  
Management Staff**

**Cindy Moore, Support Services**

**Carey Humphreys, Service Coordination Staff**

**Kroger, Employer**

## State Budget update

As reported in the July/August Dateline, the Ohio House, Ohio Senate and Governor DeWine have agreed on a budget for the two year period of July 1, 2019 through July 30, 2021.

Below are details regarding some of the initiatives related to services for individuals who have developmental disabilities:

### DSP Wage Increase

The final budget bill sets aside funds to achieve to a state average wage of \$12.82 for 2020 and at \$13.23 beginning in 2021 for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

### ICF Notification Requirements

Language added to the bill will require county boards to inform individuals and families about Intermediate Care Facilities when discussing residential options.

### Summary Suspension Process

This summary suspension procedure authorizes a process for quicker provider certification suspensions when there are serious concerns for the safety of people receiving services from that provider.

### Medicaid Reserve Accounts

This language will allow boards to create and maintain Medicaid reserve accounts.

### Five Year Forecast

This provision requires boards to prepare five-year financial forecasts in an effort to assist in maintaining stability in services.

### DODD Innovation Pilot Projects

The bill includes language allowing the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to authorize innovative pilot projects likely to serve the long-term goals of Ohio's DD system.

### Early Intervention

The law allocated \$24.7 million in new money for early intervention services, including funds to support children with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or Lead Exposure.

More details on the approved budget are expected to be included on the website of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Special thanks to state officials, Legislators, Governor DeWine and advocates for supporting legislation that benefits people with developmental disabilities.

## Internet safety classes offered

by Jack Beatty

Winston Tidwell is a FCBDD Service Coordinator, who, for most of his career, has assisted individuals with extreme behavioral challenges. In recent years, he has noticed increasing numbers of people that he serves getting into trouble with the internet.

Technology has brought broad opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities but there have been dilemmas as well. Problems can include financial exploitation, unsecured personal information on Facebook, cyber bullying, catfishing, and pornography to name a few. He began searching for informational resources to address these issues and was surprised to find comparatively little.

He discussed this with Lisa Chandler, Behavior Support Specialist at the Nisonger Center. She was very interested and had, in fact, developed some basic instructional materials through previous employment. In the absence of the availability of any formal training programs, they decided to join forces to develop a curriculum that could be used in regularly offered classes in Franklin County to assist individuals with issues around internet safety.

Their approach focuses on life stories that illustrate the dangers and emphasize the seriousness. These efforts have been supported by the Columbus Police.

Two hour overview classes are now offered on a quarterly basis and one hour classes on specific topics are offered in between.



*Lisa Chandler, OSU Nisonger - Behavior Support Specialist (left) and Winston Tidwell, FCBDD Service Coordinator (right)*

The sessions are free and individuals can enroll by simply sending an email to: [Winston.Tidwell@fcbdd.org](mailto:Winston.Tidwell@fcbdd.org) or [Lisa.Chandler@osumc.edu](mailto:Lisa.Chandler@osumc.edu).

The class location will be confirmed at registration. Individuals must be accompanied by a family member, guardian, or staff for the purposes of assistance and follow-up. Winston and Lisa have been quite enthusiastic and thorough in the development of these classes and they have been extremely well received.

### Classes remaining in 2019 are:

September 19, 2019: Protecting Yourself Online at 10am OR 6pm

October 17, 2019: Catfishing at 6pm

November 21, 2019: Quarterly Overview at 10am OR 6pm

## Buddy Walk - September 29 at new location

The 2019 Columbus Buddy Walk to support the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) and the National Down Syndrome Association Society (NDSS) will take place on Sunday, September 29 at The Fortress, located at 2015 Recreation Trail, Columbus, Ohio 43207.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the walk is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Over 10,000 walkers are expected to participate.

According to DSACO, the event is being presented by IGS Energy. Inflatables, balloon artists, COSI and other fun activities are planned. For more information, call 614-263-6020.



# Good For You

*Notable achievements in the FCBDD community*

Sunapple Studios and ARC Industries were well represented at the ADA Fair with Mariann Brush and Tim Prenzlin displaying some of their many products. For details on Sunapple Products, call 614-267-1207.



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Thank you to Bridget Gargan and Erich Bittner of OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards) for supporting several initiatives in the 2 Year State Budget, including the initiative to raise wages for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs).

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Congratulations to Service Coordination and Nisonger Center for establishing Co-Service Coordination teams to support individuals with more intensive behavior needs. Farrah Langlois, Supervisor for Service Coordination heads up the FCBDD team and Kelly Barnett heads up the Nisonger team.

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Special thanks to Jennifer Schueneman, Controller for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, for completing paperwork to assure appropriate staff receive retirement (OPERS) credit for summer months.

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Special thanks to Service Coordination Supervisors Allison Zuhosky and Kim Goleb for representing the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities at the 2019 ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Anniversary Vendor Fair at Columbus Commons.

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Thank you to Rita Price, Reporter for the Columbus Dispatch, for an informative story on early intervention services for children with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome or lead exposure.

Thank you to ARC Industries for hosting seminars on STABLE Accounts, which provide an alternative for individuals to save funds without jeopardizing their Medicaid benefits.

# Career Milestones

## 10 Years

Barbara Durthaler  
Heather Legg

## 5 years

Casey Goleb  
Nicholas Smith



Special thanks to all the Early Childhood, School and Transportation, Summer Center and Transition to Work staff for another excellent summer providing services to over 200 children.

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Thank you to the Center for Disability Empowerment for coordinating the 2019 ADA Celebration! Great job.



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# FCBDD to pilot Project LIFE class at Franklin Heights HS

*by Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Services*

The Schools Program of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD), anchored at West Central School and Transition Services, 1481 W. Town St. Columbus 43222 will be participating in a pilot program called Project LIFE this fall in collaboration with South-Western City Schools. The program is located at Franklin Heights High School, 1001 Demorest Rd Columbus 43204.

Project LIFE, originally created in Butler County, Ohio by Butler Technology and Career Development Schools, is a curriculum designed for high school-age students who have developmental disabilities and who need to have additional training and assistance with employability skills, exploring vocational and career options and preparing for independent living skills.

The Project LIFE curriculum provides detailed skills assessments that are used to identify targeted goals for instruction, and to guide exploration of employment goals

in directions that match students' unique strengths and interests. Staff members from FCBDD will work collaboratively with staff from SWCS at Franklin Heights HS, to plan activities both in school and in the community that develop employability skills and independent living skills. FCBDD "skills trainers" will accompany students in community settings to practice these skills in volunteer employment simulations in a variety of business environments.

Project LIFE is intended as a two-year program leading to graduation from high school and transition to adulthood including employment and independent living outcomes.

A total of 12 students will be enrolled in the class. FCBDD Staff assigned to the class are Bobby Emberley, Teacher, and Skills Trainers Gretchen Haag, Evan Jobes and Brigida Alcaraz.

# Mid-year update

Senior Management of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities met recently to provide a report on mid-year successes. It has been a busy and productive year to date.

Just some of the successes include:

- Finalization of the process to transition all adult staff and adult transportation and services to ARC Industries with no layoffs or disruption of services.
- Received perfect accreditation review for early childhood services and approved plan with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities on future initiatives related to accreditation.
- Continued to conduct assessments based on the new waiting list rule, with plans to complete close to 5000 assessments by the end of 2019.
- Established Co-Service Coordination teams with the Nisonger Center and reorganized behavior support services to better meet needs.
- Updated and established Records Retention policies and HIPAA standards.
- Successfully completed Ohio Highway Patrol bus inspections.
- Implemented 'living wage' for certain FCBDD staff, consistent with the County Commissioners 'Rise Together' initiative.
- Supported Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities initiative to raise minimum wage of Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) providing homemaker personal care for individuals in their homes.
- Established 'Smart Apartment' at West Central School to educate/ demonstrate how assistive technology can enhance safety and independence.
- Established Provider Partnership with Provider Council to explore and implement additional partnership opportunities.
- Continued trauma informed care training and support.
- Supported legislation and implemented initiative to secure 12 month retirement credit for early childhood, school and transportation staff.
- Implemented and supported overall operations with completion of 21 technology projects and effective maintenance of IT resources and services.
- Maintained quality services within budget and consistent with levy plan. (2019 is the first year of the 10 year levy passed in 2017)
- Self-Advocate Advisory Council hosted Legislative Advocacy Day with over 200 in attendance and excellent legislator representation.

These are just some of the highlights of the first half of the year. Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO stated that "these successes wouldn't be possible without an excellent staff, good Providers and support from the people we serve, their families, the community, our Board and Commissioners Boyce, Brown and O'Grady."

## Dateline

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**www.fcbdd.org**

## In Memoriam

We are sorry to report that Martin Downs, Network Engineer for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, passed away on July 19, 2019. Marty worked for the Board for close to nine years, providing excellent support to all Departments. We offer our condolences to his wife, Melissa and his other family and friends.



## Calendar

### September, 2019

- 2 Labor Day - Early Childhood and School classes and offices of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities closed.
- 5 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 18 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 26 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and 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.

# COMMUNITY STAR AWARDS

## AND

# SALUTE TO DEAN FADEL



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019**

**Villa Milano • 1630 Schrock Road**

**Social Hour (Cash Bar) • 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Lasagna Dinner & Awards Presentation • 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

**\$40.00/ Person • \$320.00/ Table of Eight**

Please join us for an opportunity to recognize some outstanding people who contribute to our community and to celebrate their achievements and visit with friends.

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## STAR AWARDS BANQUET

***PLEASE R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER, 20, 2019***

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Enclosed is \$40.00 per person to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- Enclosed is \$320.00 for a table of eight (8) to help support Citizens Committee for Persons with Developmental Disabilities.
- I cannot attend, however, I have enclosed a donation for this event.

**Make checks payable to: Citizens Committee for Persons with DD**

**Send to: Community Star Awards  
Attn: Amy Magginis  
2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, OH 43219**