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Parties reach tentative agreement

The Honorable Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr., of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio has granted preliminary approval to a settlement agreement in the class action Ball v. DeWine.

Disability Rights Ohio (DRO), the law firm of Sidley Austin LLP, the Center for Public Representation (CPR), and attorney Sam Bagenstos brought the class action lawsuit in March 2016 on behalf of some individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, and The Ability Center of Greater Toledo. The parties include the state of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

The Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACBDD) was successful in petitioning the Court to be added as a party so that county boards would have an independent voice at the negotiating table.

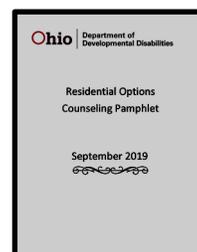
Under the agreement, DODD will:

- Expand options counseling and pre-admission counseling programs.
- Maintain peer-to-peer and family-to-family programs and exploratory community visits for people who have not yet made a decision.
- Expand access to state-funded Individual Options waivers for people who choose a waiver.
- Support and expand programs for integrated, affordable housing, and integrated employment and day services.
- Continue follow-along visits for people after they have left ICFs (Intermediate Care Facilities).

Under this agreement, no one who currently lives in an ICF will be required to move into the community, and those who are considering ICF care will still be able to make that choice.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has published a "Residential Options Counseling Pamphlet," which describes services available in Intermediate Care Facilities and services available under home and community based services. To download the pamphlet, go to <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/providers/icf-resources/pamphlet-options-counseling>.

The proposed settlement now must be shared with the many members of the plaintiff class participating in the case for their review prior to being formalized by the court at a hearing scheduled for December 17, 2019.



Franklin County Public Health celebrates 100 years!

Congratulations to Franklin County Public Health on 100 years of progress.

In 1919, the Hughes Act and Griswold Act established local health departments and laid the foundation for public health efforts still in effect today. This followed a statewide smallpox epidemic in 1917 and a nationwide influenza epidemic in 1918.



Joe Mazzola, Franklin County Health Commissioner, Commissioner Kevin Boyce, Board members of the Franklin County Board of Health and other community experts were speakers at the celebration of 100 years on October 24, 2019. They spoke of enormous strides that have been made this past century in improving the health and longevity of people.

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED

A public hearing to accept feedback on the Annual Action/Strategic Plan of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

The hearing will also accept comments on funding provided by the federal government through IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education) Act.

The public hearing will be held at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219

OOD Job Fair

Congratulations to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) on another successful round of Regional Job Fairs in recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The job fairs connected several hundred employers with over 700 job seekers with some securing employment on the site. Kevin Miller, Director of OOD said that over 90 people who were employed last year have retained their jobs a year later.

Congresswoman Joyce Beatty stopped by the Columbus event, held at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on The Ohio State University Campus. Congresswoman Beatty stated she “was impressed with the turnout and efforts to help people secure jobs.”



Pictured from left to right: Kevin Miller, Director of OOD, Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, and Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO FCBDD.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, “employing individuals with disabilities not only helps these individuals be more independent and fulfilled, it also enriches the employer. We are fortunate, here in Franklin County to have so many welcoming employers.”

Census workers needed

Thousands of temporary workers are now being recruited for the 2020 Census. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting people across the country to assist with the 2020 Census count. In the spring of 2020, Census Takers will knock on doors to follow up with households who have not responded to the census questionnaire.

Applying for one of these jobs is simple. Just call 855-JOB-2020 and select option 3 for more information. Pay rates for the field and clerical jobs can be found at 2020census.gov/jobs/pay-and-locations.



Those who are being considered for a position will receive a telephone interview. If offered a job, they will receive instructions on next steps via email.

Most applications will remain active throughout the 2020 Census and may be considered as positions become available.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is serving as Chairman of the Census Disability Sub-Committee for Franklin County. All individuals are encouraged to respond to the census in the Spring of 2020, recognizing that federal funds are allocated to different states and counties, based on the Census counts.

Single ISP template being developed

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) continues to work on the development of a single assessment and Individual Service Plan (ISP) template that will be used for all people receiving developmental disabilities services in Ohio.

A workgroup made up of 28 stakeholders began their work in July, 2019 following feedback from forums that were held in May and June. Stakeholders include people receiving services, family members, providers, county boards of developmental disabilities representatives, intermediate care facility staff and state staff. Workgroup members represent both large and small counties and agencies.

Central Ohio representatives on the workgroup include: Marci Straughter, Self-Advocate, Melissa Skaggs, ARC Industries, Jean Stuntz, Dynamic Pathways, and Anita Allen, OPRA.

The workgroup, meeting monthly, will determine the course for piloting a new ISP template, training and implementation. Current plans are to pilot the new ISP template in January, 2020 after which the workgroup will review data collected in the pilot and decide on necessary updates and changes.

It is expected that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Service Coordinators will be asked to pilot the new ISP template.

For additional details on the Single ISP template work, visit the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) website at: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/communication/news/news-dodd-hosts-ohio-isp-workgroup>



Good For You

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Congratulations to Ken Wilson, Franklin County Administrator for service as Midwest Vice-President of the National Association of Counties (NACo), which represents more than 3,000 counties, nearly 40,000 elected officials and 3.6 million county employees.





Congratulations to Jane Taylor for being selected as an Extraordinary Person of Spirit at the Goodwill Extraordinary Person Luncheon.

Thank you to Dana Charlton of the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA), Crystal Schneider of FCBDD, and Christine Brown, Marci Straughter and Elizabeth Beu of the FCBDD Self-Advocate Advisory Council for coordinating the Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) in November, 2019. Thanks also, to the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for sponsoring the training.

Congratulations to Patrick Stumpp for being selected as an Extraordinary Person of Promise at the Goodwill Extraordinary Person Luncheon.



Special thanks to Jean Gordon for his continued support of FCBDD and our Early Childhood programs. Jean is pictured cutting the ribbon for the new area of the ECLC outdoor learning space.



Congratulations to David Ott, HR Director and Coordinator of this year's Combined Charities campaign - and all who helped. Close to \$60,000 was raised. Pictured are the winners of the Combined Charities drawing held to wrap up the campaign. From left to right: Jennifer Cunningham, Clerical Aide, Lynne Johansson, Service Coordinator Supervisor, Ta'Mika McCluney, Service Coordinator, Chris Martin, Program & Customer Experience Manager, Kim O'Brien, Language Development Specialist, and Deb Viney, Curriculum Supervisor.



Congratulations to ARC industries for receiving a three-year CARF accreditation from the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities. This is the best CARF rating an organization can receive.

Career Milestones

25 years

Troy Gussler
Kevin Yuhas

15 Years

Amanda Dingess

5 Years

Nicole Bond
Craig Derksen

Congratulations to Chris Reese for over 43 years of excellent service for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and ARC Industries. Chris pictured with Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, retired on November 1, 2019.



Pelatonia supported

Congratulations to Franklin County Special Olympics athlete Kyle Pigman (Swimming and Bowling), who raised \$1,220 for Pelatonia.

Kyle raised funds as a Virtual Rider being part of the Team Buckeye Sync Cancer Swim-A-Thon, sponsored by The Ohio State Swim Team at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion.

Kyle swam for his surviving friend Shannon Hazelton; and in memory of Jodi Aufdencamp, and Tracy Austin, former Franklin County Special Olympics (Flyers) Basketball Coach.

Kyle swam 72 laps (1 mile) and got to join some members of The Ohio State Synchronized Swim Team in doing "The Lift" in the water. Members of the Team Buckeye Sync Cancer have raised over \$50,000 in the last 7 years of the event. "Lifts" in the water were provided by some members of the team after the swim.

The money goes to The James Cancer Hospital at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center for research and treatments to beat cancer. Kyle's contribution of \$1,220 is the most he has ever raised.



Calendar

December, 2019

- 4-6 Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Annual Convention, Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center, located at 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219.
- 9 Public hearing on FCBDD's Annual Action/ Strategic Plan, 2879 Johnstown Road, 4:15 p.m.
- 12 Guardianship Training at FCBDD, For more details or to register please contact Angie Franke at 614-342-5972, 8:45 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- 19 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10 a.m.
- 21 Winter begins.
- 23 Winter recess begins for ECE and schools. Classes resume January 2, 2018.
- 25 Merry Christmas.



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Winter weather planning

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

On days when FCBDD transportation is cancelled, Administration and Service Coordination locations remain open, unless the weather is severe.

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.



When transportation is cancelled, television stations will be contacted as soon as the decision is made.

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!



Guardianship Training offered

Approved training for guardians will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 2879 Johnstown Road from 8:45 a.m. to noon and repeated from 1:00-4:15 p.m.

This three-hour training has been approved by the Ohio Judicial College to meet the annual 3 hour requirement for guardians. The topic is "Alzheimer's and Dementia."

To register for the training, contact Angie Franke at 614-342-5972 or email angela.franke@fcbdd.org. There is no charge and seats will be reserved on a first come first serve basis.

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 .

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education Services <input type="checkbox"/> School Services <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Services <input type="checkbox"/> Therapies <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
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
ARC Industries Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Employment Services	1	2	3	N/A
Family Resources	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dental	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dual Diagnosis	1	2	3	N/A
Nationwide Children's Hospital	1	2	3	N/A
Childhood League Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Easter Seals Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A

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Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Dahlberg Early Childhood	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
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	1	2	3	N/A
	Family	1	2	3	N/A
	Public	1	2	3	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: _____

~ Thank you for taking time to offer your opinion ~