



Momentum

A quarterly publication of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Save the date: Oct. 17

LCBDD is planning a 50th anniversary celebration

Mark your calendars now! The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is hosting a 50th anniversary open house from 4 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 17, at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St., in Newark.

There will be refreshments, family activities and lots of items from our archives on display. Our event is free and open to our community and we hope to see many of you there!

'Services on a broader spectrum'

For some, remote monitoring offers more independence

Becky Ross enjoys spending time running errands and going out to eat with assistance from a direct support professional.

She also likes having privacy and independence. Thanks to remote monitoring supported by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Becky can enjoy the best of both worlds.

When she is alone in her Newark home, she checks in with providers from Wynn-



Becky Ross sits on the porch at her Newark home. Becky was recently featured in a story on WSYX ABC 6 about the technology she uses. Becky has sensors in her floors, several camera and the ability to communicate with staff 24/7 through a video monitor. These items help her stay safe and independent.

Reeth, Inc. through a video screen. Motion sensors in the floor alert the company if she falls or has a seizure and a heat

sensor above her stove helps her cook safely. Becky is one of nine Licking County residents who receive remote monitoring services from Wynn-Reeth. She was recently featured in a story on WSYX ABC6 about how the technology has helped her.

Another Licking County

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A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot



Recently you may have seen a few people who receive supports funded by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities in the news!

These articles and reports display some of the efficient, yet effective services offered in Ohio, as well as how self-advocacy and technological supports can lead to a more independent life.

Working together with providers, we are privileged to witness people doing the things that are important to them. Just as significant is how the community has made this possible.

Thinking back 50 years ago, the services we have today probably wouldn't have even been considered.

Through strong advocacy and a willingness to think outside the box, we now know that there isn't an end to the possibilities for people with disabilities. It is our job to explore a wide array of

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Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. June 21:** LCBDD Board Meeting, E.S. Weiant Center front conference room, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio
- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Aug. 16:** LCBDD Board Meeting, E.S. Weiant Center front conference room, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio
- **6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14:** Employment First Family Discussion, E.S. Weiant Center gym, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio
- **4 to 7 p.m. Oct. 17:** LCBDD 50th Anniversary Open House, E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio
- **6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16:** STABLE Account Family Discussion, E.S. Weiant Center gym, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio



LCBDD celebrated DD Awareness Month in March by donating books to local classrooms and releasing a variety of promotional material such as billboards and commercials on both TV and radio. Eight cities and villages made proclamations declaring March to be DD Awareness Month including Newark Mayor Jeff Hall (pictured on the left.) We are grateful for their support!

LCBDD News

New discussion series for families

In 2017, LCBDD is hosting a series of family discussions, based on topics of interest to families. These free events are open to individuals, family members, caregivers and providers.

- A discussion about Employment First will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 14 at the E.S. Weiant Center.

- A discussion about STABLE Accounts will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 16 at the E.S. Weiant Center.

For more information, contact Beth Tharp at: 740-349-6588 or beth.tharp@lcountydd.org.

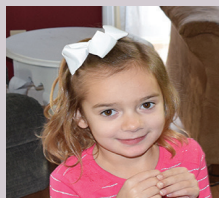
LICCO receives DODD grant

LICCO Inc. recently received a \$30,000 Building Innovative

Service Models grant from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The grant money will be used to strengthen the agency's strategic plan. Agency stakeholders and employees will also have access to technical assistance. For more on the grant, go to <http://lcountydd.org/2017/04/24/licco-receives-dodd-grant/>.

Check our new promotional videos by visiting:

- lcountydd.org/2017/04/06/its-been-life-changing/
- lcountydd.org/2017/04/06/meet-sarah/
- [OR Youtube.com/user/Licking-CountyDD](https://www.youtube.com/user/Licking-CountyDD).



Featuring:



Natalie Crider, Sarah Burkett and their families!



Shout Outs!

To the Licking County Transit Board and LCBDD staff:

A gigantic thank you to LCBDD's service coordinators for their hard work completing ISP revisions to reflect the Licking County Transit Board's waiver certification, to the Licking County Transit Board for their efforts to learn waiver requirements and approve plans despite major computer issues and to the Provider Relations team for a phenomenal job of making every attempt to make this transition as easy as possible. This was truly an example of teamwork at its finest!

– Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

To Amy Gartner from the Donna Jean Center:

Thank you for taking the time to recognize the work of the non-medical transportation staff of ComCare!

–David McManus

Provider support coordinator

To Amy Gorley, Carl Gruber, Jordan Gaiters, Brandon Baker and Shannon Miller:

Thank you for helping to serve

We can't do our job without the support of the community! LCBDD staff members are using this space to express our gratitude to providers and members of the community who have gone above and beyond.

food at a recent Self Advocate Allies meeting!

–David McManus

Provider support coordinator

To Mary Thompson-Hufford, Amy Gartner, Mary Spain and Lauren Price:

Thank you for volunteering to create a provider ISP checklist. A special thanks to Mary Thompson-Hufford for sharing a template for the workgroup and her continued efforts to support provider collaboration.

– Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

To Alvis House:

Congratulations on your 50th anniversary!

– Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

To PALS, LICCO Inc. and SPARK:

Congratulations on participating in the Building Innovative Service Models Transformation Series.

– Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

To ComCare:

Thank you for being amazing for an individual and his family who are new to the SELF waiver. Not only were they professional, but they were encouraging and showed compassion.

–Brandi Moffitt

Service coordinator

To Shannon Miller of Newark Resident Homes:

Thank you for keeping me up to date and going above and beyond to make sure people's needs are met. Shannon has helped by doing a great job with introductions and bringing the team together. Not to mention, she is positive and friendly.

–Amanda Vozzella

Service coordinator

To Employment Supports Specialist Linda Hogue:

Thank you for accompanying a student on a tour of Matesich Distributing.

–Lisa Dunaway

Employment supports coordinator

Guest Shout Out:

To Christine Ireland, Robin Bussey and the Donna Jean Center staff:

Thank you Christine Ireland for being such a supportive service coordinator.

Thanks to Robin Bussey who ensures documents are sent out in a timely manner. She is always willing to go above and beyond to help us out.

Lastly, thanks to the Donna Jean Center direct support professionals. Our individuals are so lucky to have such supportive and caring staff.

–Amy S. Gartner

Adult day services director
CSS, Donna Jean Center

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resident, Lori Bolton, was recently featured in a remote monitoring story in the *Columbus Dispatch*.

The technology, which has become more widely used in Ohio over the last six years, gives people more options, said Ken Smith, a technology engineer at Wynn-Reeth.

"Pretty much everything is customizable to the individual," Ken said. "We are trying to take technology itself and expand its capabilities to provide services to people with DD on a broader spectrum."

When Wynn-Reeth first began providing remote monitoring services in Ohio, some families and county boards had concerns that it would feel like constant surveillance.

"The approach we wanted to go with is a 'passive reactive' approach. Something happens to tell us to look – the rest of the time we are not looking," Ken said. "It allows us to get away from that 'Big Brother' type of feel and be there as a support person. We can be there to help them through a situation. The rest of the time, they can live their lives and do what they want."

About 170 people use remote

monitoring in the state of Ohio. Sensors and cameras are just a few of the options available.

"We are using technology in any way we can to try to maintain their health and safety in a better and more effective way," he said.

Wynn-Reeth, located in Green Springs, Ohio, started as a direct care provider in 1994.

Although the company offers adaptive equipment and technology, they've stayed true to their roots in person-centered support, Ken said.

"Just because we are using technology, we don't want to take the human element out of it," he said.

The Wynn-Reeth employees in the monitoring center are all trained direct support professionals. They are certified providers who study individual support plans and work to get to know everyone on their caseload.

"We view our job as the same as a direct care provider," Ken said. "They get to know people very well."

If people and their families are interested in learning about remote monitoring, Ken suggested they ask their service coordinator and get more information.

"Our experience through using this has been that a person's life is more fulfilled," he said. "I would say in 75 to 80 percent of the cases, all the concerns people have had prior to remote monitoring, we seldom see those concerns come to the surface again...To that effect, at least 15 percent or more of the people we provide services to have graduated off of remote monitoring. It's no longer needed and they are doing fine. I would encourage families and guardians to at least have the conversation."

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options that are available so that each person can fulfill their goals based on what's important to them.

We are very fortunate to live in a county that sees no boundaries, opens doors without hesitation – that were once not considered an option

– and shares in the excitement when people make progress. It is our community, our home, our life and together, we can make dreams become a reality for all.

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