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## New accessibility options added to the Hartford Fair



Visitors to the Hartford Fair will be able to use a restroom with a universal changing table and a sensory room from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 4 to Aug. 8.

Visitors to the Hartford Independent Fair this year will find two new accessible options to meet their needs.

Working in partnership with the Hartford Fair Board, the Licking County Board of Developmental

Disabilities (LCBDD) will offer an accessible restroom with a universal changing table and a sensory room, in the building located between the Commerce and Arts and Crafts buildings.

"We are so excited to make this

available for our community," said Anna Jeffries, LCBDD's public information officer. "When events are more inclusive, our entire county benefits!"

LCBDD began leasing space in the building, which was formerly a dormitory, during the 2024 fair. Now known as the LCBDD Family Resource Center, the building provides space for fair visitors to connect with local community organizations and enjoy inclusive activities.

LCBDD received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant funding to renovate the bathroom and shower space in the building and create the accessible restroom and sensory space.

As the project progressed, LCBDD worked closely with Changing Spaces Ohio and occupational therapists from the Licking and



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## Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 15:** LCBDD Board meetings will be held **IN PERSON** at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St. Newark.
- **6 p.m. Aug. 3,** Animal Adventures show, B. Carr Pavilion, 14028 Fairgrounds Rd, Hartford.
- **11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 to Aug. 8:** LCBDD Family Resource Center open at the Hartford Fair.
- **Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 to Aug. 8:** LCBDD under the Grandstand at the Fair.
- **11 a.m. Aug. 19:** LCBDD in the Pataskala Street Fair Parade, starts at Foundation Park, 10255 McIntosh Road, Pataskala.
- **SAVE THE DATE: 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20:** Family Fall Festival, Freedom Park, 5261 Taylor Road SW, Pataskala.

## LCBDD News

### LCBDD Family Resource Center to offer a week of activities

The accessible restroom and sensory room are just a few of the features available to the public at the LCBDD Family Resource Center.

The Center – located between the Commerce and Arts and Crafts buildings – will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 to Aug. 8 and guests will have the opportunity to experience five days of different activities. The schedule is below:

- **Monday, Aug. 4: Assistive Technology Fair:** Learn more about technology options to help people live more independently.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 5: Ready for the Future:** Find out about local resources for teens and young adults as they prepare for life after high school and win some prizes!
- **Wednesday, Aug. 6: Early Childhood Family Fun:** Bring the little ones for a day of games, fun and information for parents about local resources for families.
- **Thursday, Aug. 7: Meet the Providers:** Learn more about the dedicated caregivers who support people with disabilities in our community and find out about career opportunities.
- **Friday, Aug. 8: Community Partner Day:** Meet some of the great community partners who bring services and supports to Licking County and score some fun giveaways.

The Board will also have a table with the other county agencies under the Grandstand from noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 through Aug. 8 and LCBDD staff members will be happy to direct people to the Family Resource Center and its amenities. Updates on all fair activities will be shared on LCBDD's social media pages, @LCOUNTYDD.

### SAVE THE DATE: Family Fall Festival!

**1 to 4 p.m. Sept 20**

**Freedom Park, Pataskala**

Join us for family friendly fun, a petting zoo, food trucks, games and giveaways. The festival is FREE and open to all! Momentum Refresh will be there – providing an accessible restroom with a universal changing table!



## Shout Outs!

Congratulations to all the provider agencies who received nominations for the 2025 Licking County Provider Appreciation Event: **Beacon, Blessed Homecare, Britney Healthcare, CDS, CLE, CSS, DOY, FUSE, Goodwill, Gathering Place, Greenleaf, Independent Beginnings, Integrated Services, Lend a Hand, Life Bridge Remote, NRH, Pals, Sparks, Spring Home Health and Welcome House.**

Congratulations to all the independent providers who also received nominations: **Ariel Bleen, Jaela Wollenburg, Jill Pollmann, John Stamper, Rebecca Hansen, Shantel Bocook, and Thomas Jardiah.**  
 –Hannah Tucker, Provider Workforce Support Specialist and Shanay Nye, Provider Support Specialist

**Melissa Conkle, House Manager with CSS,** has helped an individual on my caseload get connected with speech therapy services with hopes of getting an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device. Her hard work does not go unnoticed and I appreciate everything she does for the people we support!

–Julia Schworm  
 Service Coordinator

*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.*

I would like to recognize Karen Chapman who is an independent provider. A person we support has made a lifelong friend because Karen introduced them and gives them opportunities to do activities and outings. This person is thriving because of Karen's generosity and kindness to her clients.

I would like to thank Anita McNabb from LCAP, who has been working with one of my younger clients to help him get out of the house and car with success!

–Tiffany Tom  
 Service Coordinator

Travis is an unstoppable force; he works hard to ensure that everyone he supports has everything that they need, while also making sure that their days are full of fun, happiness and adventures. Everyone that's met Travis is grateful that they've crossed paths with him - he's the bee's knees and such a phenomenal

provider!

–Emily Knapp  
 Service Coordinator

To Alisa Klepser, Executive Director of Re-Wellness Center: Thank you for working with us to provide training for parents, caregivers and staff. Your energy and passion is appreciated.

–Anna Jeffries  
 Public Information Officer

We'd like to give a shout out to the team at **Newark Resident Homes (NRH)** for the amazing bash they recently threw for Ellen for her 80th birthday! As you can see from these photos below, it was a special day! This amazing group of DSPs always goes out of their way for the people they support, with fun celebrations and matching cups and shirts for everyone in the home. We appreciate all they do!

– Colleen Lloyd  
 Service Coordinator



# Momentum Refresh is BACK!

Mark your calendars for these summer and fall events and make plans knowing that there will be a fully accessible restroom – with a universal changing table with a hoist, and accessible toilet and sink – that will be available for anyone who wants to attend! Please help us share this far and wide, because we know that accessible restrooms makes a huge difference that goes far beyond the DD community. When events are more inclusive, our entire community benefits! Event information will also be posted on our website: [lcountydd.org/momentum](http://lcountydd.org/momentum).

- **Pataskala Street Fair**, 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 13 and noon to 10 p.m. Aug. 15 through 16, Main Street, Pataskala
- **Family Fall Festival**, 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 20, Freedom Park, 5261 Taylor Road SW, Pataskala
- **Johnstown Homecoming Festival**, 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 1 at Johnstown High School Chambers Stadium, 445 S Main St., Johnstown
- **Licking Park District Harvest Moon Festival**, Noon to 5 p.m. Oct. 4 at Infirmary Mound Park, 4309 Lancaster Road, Granville.
- **Pataskala Hometown Festival**, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 19 at Foundation Park, 10255 McIntosh Road, Pataskala



## Hartford Fair cont.

Coshocton county boards of DD, as well as OCALI, to select equipment and establish best practices. Both the accessible restroom and the sensory room will be available to the public from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Aug. 4 to Aug. 8.

The accessible restroom offers a universal changing table and a Hoyer lift. Those planning to use the Hoyer lift should bring their own sling. There is also a private

restroom with a toilet, sink and roll-in shower.

"We have found that the benefits of a universal changing table extend far beyond the people we support," Jeffries said. "We've received feedback that older adults, veterans and people who need a clean space to manage their medical needs all appreciate having this option." The sensory space will offer a quiet space with low lighting and sensory-friendly seating. It may be

helpful to those with autism or others who need a break from the sounds, smells and crowds of the fair.

Both rooms are climate-controlled and will be cleaned regularly throughout the fair.

"We are so grateful for the ARPA funding that made this project possible and the Hartford Fair Board has been incredibly supportive," Jeffries said. "We are thrilled that now even more people will have the opportunity to enjoy 'The Biggest Little Fair in the World.'"

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