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# Momentum

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## We want to hear from you!

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is in the process of conducting a community survey. From now until Oct. 31, we will be collecting feedback from area residents. We are interested in hearing from people we support but also want to hear from people who don't know us very well – so we can improve our outreach efforts. To access the survey go to: **[surveymonkey.com/r/2017LCBDDCommunitySurvey](https://surveymonkey.com/r/2017LCBDDCommunitySurvey)** or contact Anna Jeffries at 740-322-6911 to receive a paper copy.

## A busy summer for local teens

Youth supported by LCBDD participating in summer work experiences, leadership opportunities

From caring for animals at a kennel to stocking shelves at a grocery store, local teens spent this summer getting a taste of the working world. Throughout the summer, about 44 teens and young adults supported by LCBDD have had the opportunity to participate in work experiences and career exploration.

The programs are offered in partnership with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) as well as Greenleaf Job Training Services, LICCO Inc., New Hope Industries, Behavioral Healthcare Partners

of Central Ohio and Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries. Teens spend several weeks at



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job sites with the goal of considering the types of jobs they might enjoy, long before they graduate from high school, said Holly Shellogg, director of Employment Supports at LCBDD.

Research shows if young people participate in work experiences or career exploration before graduating from high school, they have a greater chance of obtaining a competitive job or enrolling in post-secondary

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A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot



Inspiration comes to us in many ways. It may be from a speech you just heard, a good-deed that you just observed, an aspiring athlete who just crossed the finish line, or recognition for a job well-done. So many things drive us to always do our best, regardless of limitations or obstacles.

As you think about who or what has inspired you lately, I encourage you to think about the many strong advocates who worked endlessly to take our system from what it was 50 years ago to today.

Many positive objectives have been reached in the last 50 years, making our system more person-centered and driven. Options geared toward creating independence, such as employment supports and remote monitoring have truly turned what was once a one-size-fits all model to an approach based on each person's support needs rather than what the system has to offer.

Every day I focus on the three words that I have posted in my office. They are: "Patience, persistence and passion." Often, these words describe

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## Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15:** 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
- **5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5:** Licking County Transition Resource Fair, the Licking County ESC, 145 N. Quentin Rd, 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 News

It's been a busy summer for the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Our staff members have participated in community parades, the Hartford Independent Fair and the Licking Memorial Health Systems "For Your Health" 5K Run/Walk.



LCBDD will also have a table at the Canal Market District in

August and September to promote our community survey, which will be ongoing until Oct. 31.

### OACB Week of Service

On July 17, 18 and 19, LCBDD had the opportunity to thank our community for all their support by

participating in the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD's Week of Service. This statewide event was part of the 50th anniversary of Ohio's 88 county boards, which were established in 1967. County boards were asked to choose a project to complete during the



week of July 17-21. LCBDD decided to partner with Together We Grow, a Newark organization that promotes gardening education and access to healthy food. Our volunteers helped with programming in their greenhouse and helped complete projects at Carson and McGuffey elementary schools.

Congratulations to the athletes from the Licking County Special Olympics and West Licking Warriors Special Olympics teams. You did a great job at the 2017 State Summer Games!







**To Diana Shannon and the self-advocacy group from KICKS:**

Thank you for attending the Bridges Out of Poverty presentation and simulation and providing valuable insights to the discussion.

–Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

**To Kathy Noble, Becky Hamilton and Adena Clayton from CSS:**

Their participation in the Bridges Out of Poverty simulation demonstrates their efforts to better understand the struggles that people they serve and staff may encounter, so they can better support them.

–Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

**To Donna Gibson of Mental Health America:**

Thank you for providing a Bridges Out of Poverty presentation and simulation to LCBDD staff, providers and people supported. It made quite the impression and will hopefully inform their actions going forward.

–Angie Finck

Director of Provider Relations

*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.*

**To Jerri Scott of Midwest:**

She came out to assist an individual who was displaced by flooding. She made them feel comfortable and made sure they received everything they needed – communicating with the Red Cross, coordinating placement for the evening and assisting them to return home the next day. Thanks for working with folks' best interests at heart.

–Jaime Lawson

Service coordinator

**To Jeanette Bush of LICCO:**

Thank you for helping an individual complete and submit more than 17 job applications during the month of June.

–Brenda Colley

Service coordinator

**To the Gathering Place:**

Thank you for helping with transportation for Special Olympics.

–Marlene Spring

Independent provider

**To John Paul Munhall and Cathy Terry at St. Vincent DePaul's homeless shelter:**

Thanks for all your assistance in making the transition for an individual go smoothly by helping them purchase furniture and letting them return to the shelter for supper until they got established. Your kindness and generosity have made this transition work.

–Daryl Waterman

Service coordinator

**To Jeanette Bush of LICCO:**

Thank you for working so hard to make sure everyone you work with gets a job they enjoy.

–Brandi Baughman

Service coordinator

**To Deb Chamberlain and DSP Johnnie of CLE:**

Thanks for going above and beyond for individuals you support.

–Tacie Thorne

Service Coordinator

**To Meagan Hickman of Newark Resident Homes:**

Thanks for always staying on top of things. Your work ethic is out of this world.

–Jaime Lawson

Service coordinator

**To Amanda Wilbur of LICCO:**

When she was unable to make an ISP meeting, not only did she send a well informed representative in her place but then followed up the next day. She was very professional and displayed encouragement and support for the individual.

–Darlene Turner

Former service coordinator

**To Deputy Karen Dunlap:**

Thanks for her quick response time and amazing ability to get individuals to trust her so quickly.

–Brandi Moffitt

Service coordinator

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education or vocational training, Holly said. LCBDD employment support specialists help connect students with OOD, which assists them with choosing a provider.

For Joey Hile, a junior at Newark High School, working at Giant Eagle in Heath helped him realize that he might enjoy working at a grocery store. Although it was sometimes challenging to work in the cold frozen foods section, Joey said he learned about the importance of completing all his responsibilities.



**Jordyn Hubert with the horse she rides, Shiloh.**

For Jordyn Hubert, 17, a summer work experience at Giant Eagle was just one way to learn new skills.

Jordyn, of Granville, was selected to represent Licking County at the 2017 OOD Youth Leadership Forum

in Columbus.

The forum, held July 30 to Aug. 3, gave Jordyn the opportunity to learn about rights, self advocacy, employment and setting goals, while meeting teens from around the state. Jordyn said was excited to

## Shout outs cont.

### To Jennifer Loy of ViaQuest:

She has done a fantastic job for an individual we support. She has worked diligently on passing on information as he transitions to a new living situation and continues to advocate for him. I believe she went above and beyond to ensure that he gets the services he needs.

—Silvia Murrey

Service coordinator

### To Kathy Winland:

Her experience with the person she supports seems to epitomize what we are trying to accomplish with community

experience something new.

**To learn more about some of the opportunities available for young people supported by LCBDD, go to [lcountydd.org](http://lcountydd.org) or contact Holly Shellogg at [hshellogg@lcountydd.org](mailto:hshellogg@lcountydd.org).**

integration. She is doing great work.

—Teresa Whipkey

Provider support coordinator

### To Gary Lescalleet of LICCO:

Gary is a huge inspiration to the teens participating in summer work experiences. He not only models behaviors and actions that he expects through his positivity and encouragement but he also actually does the tasks. Thank you for teaching the youth of our future to be model employees in the community.

—Brandi Moffitt

Service coordinator

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many of the people that lead positive change.

Coupled with the inspirations that we experience daily from people we support, parents and advocates, we're constantly reminded of the importance of the work we do.

As we continue to celebrate our 50th year, always

remember the great work that has been done over the last five decades, which provided the foundation for people to be more independent and live their lives the way they desire. We only got where we are today by working together.

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