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LCBDD 50th anniversary event a success!



Sandra Marsh
helped participate in
the groundbreaking.

On Oct. 17, 2017, the Licking County Board of DD hosted a 50th anniversary celebration that offered something for all ages.



At the event's conclusion, ground was broken for the renovation of the E. S. Weiant Center.



Thank you Licking County: A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot

A 50th anniversary is often described as a milestone, a journey, a legacy or an adventure. But ultimately, the celebration is truly about accomplishments.

Over the past five decades, our motivation has been to provide optimal supports to people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The way these services are provided has changed and continues to do so.

But as we look back, we realize that every step has led to improved outcomes for hundreds of people who trust us to always act with their best interests in mind.

As we prepare for the next



50 years, I commit to you that we will continue to be strong advocates for the citizens of Licking County who have developmental disabilities.

We will be progressive, do what is expected and be fully accountable to the public.

We value the relationships we have with the people we support and their families, the community, the providers,

county and local leaders and the general public.

Together, we have created a strong foundation that we can build on for many years to come.

We are very fortunate in Licking County. Building off the legacy of the many people who have contributed to our mission is a tall order, but one that we are committed to as we focus on today's needs to secure tomorrow's future.

We are Licking County strong. Thank you for 50 years of continuous support.

Contact Superintendent/CEO Jason L. Umstot by calling 740-349-6588 or email: Jason.Umstot@lcountydd.org.

Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Nov. 15, Dec. 20 and Jan 17:** LCBDD Board Meeting, E.S. Weiant Center front conference room, 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

LCBDD attends "Always There" 50th anniversary celebration

On Oct. 24, the Ohio Association of County Boards hosted Always There, a 50th anniversary celebration, at the Ohio Statehouse.

Each county board was asked to invite representatives who symbolize the past, present and future. The day started out with a presentation by various lawmakers and employers.

LCBDD Chief Financial Officer Gary Smith was asked to be present on the floor of the Ohio House, as a proclamation was presented

honoring the 50th anniversary. That afternoon, the Licking County representatives had the opportunity to speak with a



staff member from Senator Jay Hottinger's office and visit State Representative Scott Ryan. Mike and Brittaney Crider, of Bowling Green Township,

shared some of the ways the Board has supported their daughter Natalie, through its Early Intervention and Early Childhood programs.

Jordyn Hubert, and her mother Gail, of Granville, shared some of the ways LCBDD has supported Jordyn as she prepares for life after graduation from Granville High School.

Dr. Chip Kobe, an LCBDD employee whose family was

very connected with the agency, emphasized that the board is able to support people throughout their entire life spans.



To the AKTION Club of Licking County:

Thank you so much for helping out at our 50th anniversary event! You made everyone who walked through the door feel so welcome.

–Anna Jeffries

Public information officer

To all the provider partners who participated in and attended the 50th anniversary celebration:

Thank you to Project SEARCH, PALS, Newark Resident Homes, KICKS, Viaquest, Midwest Health Services, Center for Disability Services, Consumer Support Services and LICCO for setting up tables in the Partner Room and helping to inform our community.

A special shout out to the Licking County Transit Board for bringing a bus that our guests truly enjoyed! We appreciate all of you.

– David McManus

Provider support coordinator

To Jeannette Bush at LICCO Inc.:

Thank you for going above and beyond for all the individuals you work with!

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.

–Samantha Wolf

Employment support specialist

To Natalie Brown and Steven Carpenter from CSS:

Natalie started as a home manager three months ago and Steven is her supervisor. Together they have made the transition for the individuals who live there very smooth and I can't thank them both enough for all their hard work. Natalie goes the extra mile – she values her staff in the home, provides constructive criticism and gives meaningful feedback. I am excited for the individuals we support, the company and the staff to have Steve and Natalie on their team!

–Brittany Park

Service coordinator

To the employment support specialists at LCBDD:

Thank you for all your hard work this year. The team linked and referred 109 students to Opportunities to Ohioans with Disabilities to receive some kind of employment service – including work experience, job development and job coaching in the community.

–Lisa Miller

Employment supports coordinator

To the staff of the Mount Vernon Developmental Center:

Thank you to Dana,

Amanda, Joseph, Dr. Kapali, the workshop staff, nurses and direct care staff for helping out quickly in an emergency situation. Thank you for stepping in, being amazing to work with and for all the technical advice you have given us this past year.

–Silvia Murrey

Service coordinator

To Rebecca Lipari at Morning Sun Financial Group:

She stepped in to help when our main contact wasn't available and was able to help with clarification. She was so nice and patient, walked us through a process and just went above and beyond with her helpfulness.

–Wendy Wells

Services authorization specialist

To the LCBDD 50th anniversary committee:

Thank you to Ericka Haines, Brandi Moffitt, Colleen Tullis, Beth Rutter, Denise Rose, Linda Hogue, Luke Pintz, Louise Decker and Teresa Whipkey for helping to make our 50th anniversary such a success. Samantha Wolf and Shanay Nye went above and beyond, taking great photos throughout the evening. An additional shout out goes to Pam Swinehart, Pamela Campbell, Barb Wheeler and Jackie Mossman for their

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Shout outs cont.

assistance.

—Anna Jeffries

Public information officer

To all our 50th anniversary vendors:

Thank you to McClain Creations, Giant Eagle in Heath, Walmart in Newark, Main Events Party Rental, Leader Printing, and Bring the Farm to You for being so supportive and easy to work with!

—Anna Jeffries

Public information officer

To Alisha Holmquist at The Gathering Place:

She entered a couple of learning logs into the Imagine I.S. system. The information was three simple sentences, but it said exactly what was needed. This is a great example of how “very little” says a lot!

—Silvia Murrey

Service coordinator

Guest Shout Outs:

Thank you to:

-Dora Young Ford: For being a wonderful person and dedicated service coordinator.

-The Donna Jean Center direct support professionals and support staff: This staff cares so much and is willing to

try new things that are outside of the box to help the individuals we serve be the best they can be and have a fulfilled and happy life.

-The Licking County Board of DD:

Thank you for offering such valuable trainings. The Compassion Fatigue training was one of the best trainings I have ever been to. An additional shout out for making a subscription to the DSPOhio website available to all Licking County providers.

—Amy Gartner

Adult day services director

The Donna Jean Center

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