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Momentum

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Cutting the ribbon on the E.S. Weiant Center



The E.S. Weiant Center was packed on June 20 as members of the community braved rainy weather to celebrate the ribbon cutting and re-dedication of the renovated building.

The project, which began in the summer of 2018 and wrapped up in the spring of 2019, updated the 52- year-old former school building by adding technology and creating a more efficient facility.

For the first time ever, the entire staff of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is now under one roof.

Newark Mayor Jeff Hall, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director Jeff Davis and LCBDD Board President Dan Hoover gave remarks. Licking County Commissioner Rick Black presented the agency with a brand new Licking County flag before Mayor Hall helped Superintendent Jason Umstot cut the ribbon.

We are grateful to each person and family we support and the Licking County community for their patience and support during this project. We are happy to be back home!

For more pictures from the event, check out page 4!

A message from our
Superintendent Jason Umstot



The power of faith, determination and being positive are really what get us where we want to go in life.

But the one thing that I believe we often forget is how much we really need others to help us make our dreams come true.

Often, it takes the support of many people to help us arrive at our desired destination.

The mission of LCBDD is to "support people with developmental disabilities to discover, pursue, and achieve what is important to them."

This clearly demonstrates how much our role means to everyone we support and how very important our job is to so many. They depend on us to assist them in reaching their goals in life.

Our agency often supports people throughout their lives.

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Upcoming events

- **Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 5-9:** Visit the LCBDD booth under the grandstand at the Hartford Fair, 14028 Fairgrounds Road, Croton, Ohio.
- **2 to 4 p.m. Aug. 15:** Check out our tables at the Pataskala Street Fair, located in Downtown Pataskala.
- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Aug 21. Sept. 18, Oct. 16:** LCBDD Board Meeting, E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio.
- **5 to 8 p.m. Aug. 30 and Sept. 27:** Come find our table at Final Friday on the Licking County Courthouse Square.

LCBDD News

Reminder: Waiting List Assessments in process

If you or a member of your family were on the waiver waiting list prior to Sept. 1, 2018 and have not been contacted about a waiting list assessment, please know that our staff members are working to get those scheduled.

If you do not feel that you have an unmet need, you have the option to waive the assessment and be removed from the waiting list. You can always request an assessment at a

later time, if you feel you have an unmet need.

For more information, please contact your LCBDD service coordinator.

Visit us at the Hartford Fair!

LCBDD will once again have a table under the grandstand at the Hartford Independent Fair. Come check out our booth, say hello to our volunteers and enjoy some fun giveaways. We will be there every weekday of the fair from noon to 6 p.m.



Come have some Final Friday fun!

If you plan to be on the Licking County Courthouse Square on the last Fridays of August and September, look for the staff of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

We will be there spreading the word about our Early Intervention and DSP Employment Connections programs with fun giveaways and activities.

Final Fridays are organized by the Downtown Newark Association from 5 to 8 p.m. on the last Friday of every month.

The theme for August will be Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).

The theme for September will be Harvest.

For more information about upcoming summer events contact Public Information Officer Anna Jeffries at 740-322-6911 or anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org.





Shout Outs!

To Lew Mitchell:

Thank you, not only for being a wonderful provider, but also for taking on the roles of mentor, big brother, motivational speaker, confidante, consultant, and counselor in a young man's life. Thank you for being so willing to go that extra mile, step out of your comfort zone, and have real compassion for other people.

–Denise Rose
Employment Supports Specialist



To Newark Police Officer Derrick Beach:

Thank you for helping Aaron make connections in the community that have helped him to feel both independent and safe. Thank you for

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.

helping Aaron and his team find a "safe place" for him in your police cruiser with the dashboard – a setting which we can replicate at home.

–Brittany Park
Service Coordinator

To Meagan Hickman with NRH:

Thanks for going above and beyond in advocating for an individual that is in a nursing home.

–Daryl Waterman
Service Coordinator

To the PALS Vocational Program:

Thanks for allowing us to tag along.

To Brittnay Gray from CSS:

Thank you for starting the Random Acts of Kindness Group.

To Meagan Hickman and NRH:

Thank you for the Special Olympics fundraiser.

To Deb with CLE:

Thanks for helping to generate new ideas for promotion.

–Brandi Body
DSP Eligibility Specialist

To Joe Scheidler and the folks at Capabilities:

Thank you for helping two young men become licensed drivers.

–Amanda Osborn
Service Coordinator

To Jessica Helscher with Midwest:

Thank you for going out of your way to help answer a

question from another provider. Thanks to Midwest Health Services for going above and beyond.

To Deb Chamberlain from CLE:

Thank you for being so person-centered in our meeting. You can truly see the passion you hold for our individuals.

–Wendy Wells
Waiver Coordinator

To Ken Laney from SPARK LLC:

Thanks for going so out of your way to ensure the safety of your participants.

–Renee Echard
Service Coordinator

To the staff of Crumbles Bakery and Lisa Davis:

For baking such delicious treats for our Ribbon Cutting.

To the Licking County and Pataskala Chambers of Commerce:

For providing scissors and ribbon for the ceremony.

To the Licking County Records and Archives Department:

For all your hard work organizing and preserving our valuable photos, slides and scrapbooks.

To the Licking County community:

For coming to our ribbon cutting and showing so much patience and support during the renovation of the E.S. Weiant Center.

– Anna Jeffries
Public Information Officer

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We serve young children through Early Childhood services, assist teens and young adults with the transition to life after high school and support people throughout their adult years.

As needs change, we are there every step of the way. Being a part of peoples' lives and knowing that we can help contribute to their successes is very rewarding.

I'm so very impressed with how seriously the LCBDD

staff takes their job responsibilities. We all know that we play an important part in each person's life and since our services can last throughout a person's lifetime, it's really great to see the difference our assistance can make.

We should all remember that it doesn't matter how fast we accomplish our goals, it is the experiences along the way that make us who we are and builds our determination.

Chris Gardner said, "Baby

steps count, as long as you are going forward. You add them all up, and one day you look back and you'll be surprised."

To all of the LCBDD staff, I'm grateful for you and your motivation toward our mission.

To the people we support, thank you for trusting in us to help you along your life's journey.

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