

Learning the rules of the road If you are interested in learning to drive, LCBDD and Capabilities can help

Lukas Ingram would like to increase his hours at Licking Memorial Hospital.

But his schedule has been limited by the availability of public transit in Licking County.

His team at the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD)

connected him with the provider Capabilities, where their driving instructors gave him the confidence and experience to pass his permit and driving test. "I am proud to say I got my license and now I am saving up for a brand new car," he said.

Lukas is one of a growing number of young adults supported by LCBDD who have gotten their licenses. Others are working on developing their skills so they can pass the tests.

"When you have the ability to transport yourself to and from work, that can open a lot of doors for employment," said

Angie Finck, LCBDD's director of provider and employment supports. "We want to make sure people we support have the tools to do that, if it is the right fit for them."



The initiative has been so successful that LCBDD's Employment Supports department has added driving to the list of referrals

they can make for families and are trying to spread the word that options are out there.

"People assume that just because someone has a disability that driving isn't an option for them and sometimes that's not the case," Angie said.

If someone is interested in learning to drive, the first step is to determine if they have the decision making skills, reactions and coordination to be safe, said Bill Blumhorst, training manager for the Capabilities

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A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot



Last month, members of our board of directors received training from Cindy Webb, the Clinical Systems Service Coordinator for the Licking County Children and Family First Council (CFFC.) As the needs of youth continue to grow, it is comforting to know that LCBDD is a member of such a strong council made up of different partners including Licking County Job and Family Services, the Licking County Juvenile/Probate Court, Mental Health and Recovery of Licking and Knox Counties and many more.

As vice president of the CFFC, I am proud that all these agencies can work together to pool funds and support families who are struggling. I am also grateful to the CFFC team of Cindy Webb, Sylvia Friel and Heather Berry for their fantastic work.

The need is great, but by working together we can make a difference for local families.

**Contact Superintendent/CEO
Jason L. Umstot by calling 740-349-6588 or email:
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Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Nov. 20, Dec. 20 and Jan. 15:** LCBDD Board Meeting, E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio.
- **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13:** LCBDD will be closed for our annual Staff Development Day.
- **4 and 4:30 p.m. Jan 28:** Android and Apple reminder apps **4 and 4:30 p.m. Feb 27:** Online safety and avoiding scams. Held at the Newark Library, 101 W. Main St., Newark, Ohio. These are FREE. Call 740-322-6911 to sign up.

LCBDD News

Website feedback needed

In 2020, LCBDD will begin a redesign of our website to make it more user friendly and accessible.

Please take a moment to fill out our online survey to share your thoughts on the site:

surveymonkey.com/r/lcountydwefeedback

If you don't want to take an online survey, please call Anna Jeffries at 740-322-6911. Our goal is to get as much feedback as possible, before Dec. 1.

Licking County Transit update

LCBDD is participating in a steering committee to improve the public transportation system.

Licking County Transit has selected a consulting group, WSB, to assist with the creation of a Transit Development Plan, which will provide a path toward a transit system that is a better fit for our community.

There will be more opportunities to participate in public meetings in the spring. Please stay tuned to the LCBDD social media pages for updates on ways you can offer feedback.

You can also check out this

community survey and transit route map by using this link: <https://arcg.is/1aa1Cr>.

LCBDD begins new partnership with Newark High School

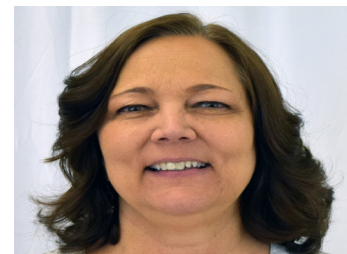
LCBDD is thrilled to announce our latest partnership with Newark City Schools. We will be partnering with the Newark High School Wildcat Network to create informative video content and expand our Licking County DDTV offerings.



Instructor Mat Dunham and his students have invited us into their studio space and will be filming and editing new videos as we go into 2020. We are looking forward to this new, mutually beneficial endeavor.

LCBDD Board honors Beth Riggs

At its October 16 meeting, LCBDD's Board approved a proclamation celebrating the life and work of Administrative Coordinator Beth Riggs. Beth worked at LCBDD for



more than 23 years. She passed away on Sept. 27 and will be missed by many. Beth was also posthumously honored as the October Staff Member of the Month. Our thoughts continue to be with her family.

Library offers free tech classes

LCBDD and the Licking County Library are partnering to offer free technology classes to the community. Call Anna Jeffries at 740-322-6911 to sign up for the following sessions at the downtown Newark branch:

- **Jan. 28**
 - 4 p.m. Android reminder apps
 - 4:30 p.m. Apple reminder apps
- **Feb. 27**
 - 4 p.m. Online safety
 - 4:30 p.m. Avoiding scams
- **March 24**
 - 1 p.m. Beginning eContent (Libby)
 - 1:30 p.m. Intermediate/Advanced eContent (Libby)



Shout Outs!

To Trecia of Johns Helping Hands:

Thank you for helping a person we support get a bed, so he no longer has to sleep on a pull-out couch. Thank you for all you do for our county.

–Danielle Yost
Service Coordinator

To Robin, Rose and the rest of the staff at LICCO:

A woman we support recently moved out of her childhood home. LICCO was willing and able to provide the supports needed for her and her family. The staff has worked hand in hand with the family to get this person to some much needed medical appointments. They have also helped her get a new phone, clothes and ID. They have made a huge difference in her life already and it has been wonderful to watch.

To Jackie Aeby from CSS:

A woman Jackie supports was unexpectedly displaced from her home during a suspected gas leak. Although it was early in the morning and Jackie was still in her pajamas, she welcomed her, helped her stay calm and got her back home when the fire department determined her

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.

apartment was safe.

–Tiffany Rhoads
Service Coordinator

To Amanda Amyx at CDS:

Thumbs up for the awesome input on questions I had with an ISP.

–Katy Mitchem
Service Coordinator

To the participants of The Excellence Network:

Thank you for all your help, information and feedback that was provided during the process of rebranding TEN.

–Ericka Haines
Senior Administrative Specialist

To Midwest Health Services:

I wanted to give a huge shout out to Brittany Johnson, Michelle McPherson, Tobi Snow and Jennifer Harbert just to name a few, for having done a wonderful job and being an awesome team for a person we support.

–Silvia Murrey
Service Coordinator

Thank you Shannon Miller at NRH:

For helping to facilitate communication between the people you serve, who tend to be shy, and the rest of their team.

To Dynise Day and Becky Hamilton at CSS:

For assisting with quickly scheduling a special team meeting when concerns were presented that required full team discussion.

To Alissa Miller, an independent provider:

For being a consistent source of positivity and stability in the service you provide your client.

To PJ from Bloom:

For your hard work and dedication that you provide in the service for your clients.

–Karla Lust
Service Coordinator

To Michaela Carpenter at ONI:

Thank you for your diligence in keeping me updated. You were tasked with a big responsibility and you stepped up to the plate and tackled it head on. I also appreciate that you are monitoring learning logs for behavior trends and are able to alert me when you notice something is not flowing well.

To Gary Lescalleet at PALS:

You and the staff at PALS have gone above and beyond for a person we support to fulfill his desire to not have his disability limit his ability to participate fully. I think it is amazing that, whenever possible, you transport him in the regular bus seat and bring his chair along for use when you arrive at the location. This shows that you all, truly, understand what it means to be person centered.

To Robin Osborn at The Fuse Network:

Thank you for being patient and understanding with a family who was having trouble with keeping appointments.

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Shout outs cont.

I appreciate that we were all able to get together to come up with a plan that will ensure that all parties involved are heard and happy with how services are proceeding moving forward.

–Dorothy Booth
Service Coordinator

To Faith Nobilucci:

Thank you for jumping in and helping out in an emergency situation.

–Megan Brush
Service Coordinator

To Gary Lescalleet at PALS:

I had a young man and his mother take a tour of PALS. Gary was incredibly personable with this young

man and got him to immediately open up and “come out of his shell.” Gary was able to focus the tour on the needs and wants of this young man.

–Rachel Harper
Service Coordinator

To Tom Medors and Dave Doney:

Thank you for being so person centered and offering to record TWO commercials in remote locations. It helped the people participating feel more comfortable and our commercials were better because of it!

–Anna Jeffries
Public Information Officer

To Michelle Rouse at CSS:

guardians play a key role in helping their student learn the rules of the road, Bill said.

“It sure is a good idea if family members can be involved and ride with them to expand on the training. It definitely helps. The more experiences they get behind the wheel the better,” he said.

Patience is the most important part of the job but seeing someone get their license makes it all worth it, Bill said.

“Once I did this and my first student came out and passed,

Thank you for your help getting a person on my caseload settled into his new home. I appreciate the job you did and more importantly, so does he!

To Amanda Aymx from CDS:

Your work and genuine concern for those we serve does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

–Lynn Hersman
Service Coordinator

To Jeannette Bush at the Fuse Network:

Thank you for helping out in emergencies and making sure people are getting to work.

–Amanda Wilbur
Service Coordinator

Driving cont.

Driving School.

The person’s team can refer them to Capabilities, or for those with higher needs, to the Ohio State University Nisonger Center for assessment, he said. If driving seems to be appropriate for that person, Capabilities can help them get their learners permit and practice on the road for their license. If the person is under 18, they’ll also need to take a teen driving course.

Although Capabilities can help with those things, parents and

in tears, they said, ‘I could have never done this without you.’ You realize this is really something special,” he said.

“Once you get them to realize they accomplished getting their license they think, ‘What’s next?’ It really can be a stepping stone for moving to other areas of success in their lives.”

If you would like more information about driving or Capabilities, please talk to your LCBDD Service Coordinator or Employment Support Specialist.

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If you have ideas for future publications, or would like to get on our mailing list and receive this electronically, contact Anna at **740-322-6911** or **anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org**.

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LCBDD can be reached by calling 740-349-6588 or by visiting our website, lcountydd.org.

Follow us on social media using @LCOUNTYDD. If you are a family member of someone we support, don’t hesitate to visit our family support page by searching “LCOUNTYDD Families” on Facebook.