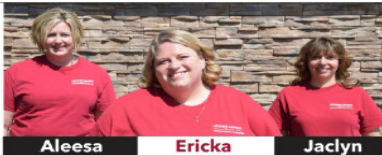


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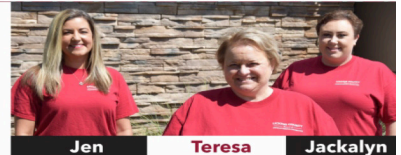
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This October, we wanted to highlight our dedicated LCBDD staff members and featured representatives from each department on billboards throughout the county. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to be photographed!

A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot

Often, especially through this pandemic, I have reflected on how proud I am of the board's staff. Never have I heard of any of our 85 employees not going out of their way to help and support the people we serve. This level of pride comes from a mutual feeling of respect, trust and loyalty which can be felt all over the office.

We have a tremendous responsibility, which everyone who works here takes seriously. We do our jobs with confidence and constantly work to improve. We grow from what we have learned and always keep the people we support as our



number one priority.

Earlier this year I was asked to come up with a word that describes our motivation. The word that came to mind was "innovative." We are empowered to be creative. Over the decades, LCBDD has proven to be

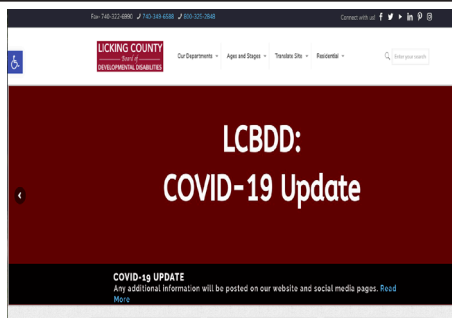
innovative and never hesitates to try something new and challenging. That's what we do because we start with knowing that anything is possible.

As we begin to wrap-up this whirlwind of a year, please know that I am proud of you. Thank you for being part of our dynamic team and for the work you do to ensure that our mission continues to guide us to always do our best to bring about the best outcomes for the people we support and their families.

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

LCBDD releases new Strategic Plan!

Check out our 2021-2023 strategic plan by visiting our website, lcountydd.org, clicking on the "About Us" button and clicking on the "Planning and Progress" section.



Visit LCBDD's redesigned website!

We are so proud to announce the redesign of our website – lcountydd.org.

We've created a video tour to show you around. Check out the video by going to:

youtube.com/user/LickingCountyDD.

What else has been making us proud lately?

I'm extremely proud of the way staff responded to our United Way campaign this year. The response was overwhelming in a time when the community needs more support than ever. Throughout this pandemic, we've been hearing, "You can either be a part of the problem or a part of the solution." Our staff overwhelmingly stepped up to be a part of the solution. – Luke Pintz, Director of HR



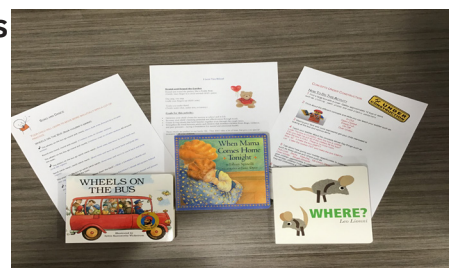
After being on a Zoom call with the nine interns completing Project SEARCH this year at Licking Memorial Hospital – it was clear although this hasn't been the year they expected, they are embracing it with humor and hard work. – Anna Jeffries, Public Information Officer



Seeing CSS DSP Jett Speelman pose for a billboard photo with Derek Singleton and hearing CSS DSP Ashley Greene share her story in a radio ad was amazing. Their pride in their jobs is so clear. – Anna Jeffries, Public Information Officer



The LCBDD Early Childhood team has been hard at work, thinking outside the box to engage our youngest families. They have formed a committee to create educational video content and have been assembling and delivering monthly activity bags. It's been great to see the families completing the activities. – Colleen Tullis, Developmental Specialist



With our website redesign, LCBDD has new capabilities to elevate the voices of the amazing people we support by sharing their writing. Our first columnist is none other than the awesome Sarah Burkett, who is known around Granville and beyond! Check out her work (and soon the work of many others) at lcountydd/blogs. – Anna Jeffries, PIO

Our amazing Licking County Direct Support Professionals!

We are so proud and thankful to the hundred of DSPs who have gone above and beyond every day for the people we support. To recognize these #DSPheroes, LCBDD will be hosting a virtual DSP recognition event in December. Please keep an eye on our social media and we will share more updates in the next edition of "Momentum."

Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Nov. 18 and Dec. 16:** LCBDD Board Meeting, held on ZOOM. Visit lcountydd.org/board-meetings for more details.
- **1 p.m. Nov. 4, 18 and Dec. 2, 16 and 30:** SNAP-ED cooking and nutrition classes, held on ZOOM. These are offered in partnership with the Licking County Ohio State University Extension. They are free, but participants must register. Contact Public Information Officer Anna Jeffries at 740-322-6911 or email anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org.

Library tech classes go virtual



The Licking County Library system continues to offer technology classes – but now community members can participate virtually, through Zoom, video chat or by phone.

If you are looking to gain new tech skills – whether that's setting up an email address, installing an app or learning how to use the

internet safely – this option is available to anyone in Licking County, including people we support, their families and providers.

If you would like more information or would like to set up an appointment, contact the library at info@lickingcountylibrary.org or 740-349-5509.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started, it was important to us to keep gratitude at the forefront.

So we started sending out regular emails, giving our staff members the opportunity to say thank you to a co-worker, provider or community partner who had helped them during such a difficult time.

Our staff members took the opportunity to express their gratitude and ran with it. More than 59 staff members participated and we had many people send multiple "thank you messages," sometimes weekly.

We wanted to recognize our top 10 employees who sent the most "shout outs" from mid-March to mid-September.



LCBDD Top 10:

Cheree Nelson
Brandi Body
Kristen Morris
Teresa Whipkey
Abby Spear
Melissa Swearingen
Dorothy Booth
Tiffany Rhoads
Rachel Harper
Patricia Lunning

Shout Outs!

To Becky Hamilton from CSS, Beth Caldwell from Bloom, Meagan Withrow from NRH, Jeanette Bush from LICCO and Michelle McPherson from Midwest:

Thank you for taking the time to send shout outs to our staff members and fellow providers.

—Anna Jeffries

Public Information Officer

Shout out to **CDS, LICCO and CLE** for doing Zoom interviews with us regarding culture.

Shout out to **every person who has nominated a DSP for our annual awards!**

—Brandi Body

DSP Eligibility Specialist

Shout out to **Leah Goulter from CLW**, for helping an individual with transportation issues.

Also, shout out to **Jeannette Bush** for all the hard work she

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.

does!

—Denise Rose

Transition Support Specialist

To the Project SEARCH steering committee – Drew Link and Julia Holtz from Licking Memorial Hospital, Christine Brock and Tina Angeletti from the Licking County Educational Service Center, Tyde Flowers from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and Kate Lingnofski from Greenleaf Job Training Services:

I can't say enough about this amazing group of people that has continued the tradition of providing an excellent experience for our Project SEARCH students amidst a pandemic. **Kudos to the Center for Disability Services** for updating their strategic plan and then quickly revisiting it to account for the pandemic to ensure their agency continues to thrive.

—Angie Finck

Director of Provider and Transition Supports

Want to give a shout out to **Courtney Taylor from CSS.**

She is doing a fantastic job and going above and beyond to assist someone during a very difficult time. Courtney you ROCK!

—Silvia Murrey

Service Coordinator



Shout out to CSS DSP Trina Landis and her home staff for helping a woman attend regular equine therapy. **Shout out to Holly Jenike at PBJ Connections** for all that they are doing for this person. Although COVID has kept her home and away from her daily routine, she has been able to keep attending equine therapy – thanks to the CSS staff, driving her to her appointments every week (it's about a 30 minute drive to Johnstown). This is wonderful thing!

—Brittany Park

Service Coordinator

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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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