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A night of fall, family FUN!



On Oct. 18, LCBDD partnered with the West Licking Family YMCA to host an Inclusive Fall Family Night at the Y's Pataskala location. Families with kids 6 and under were invited to enjoy treats and activities provided by our agencies and some awesome community partners. We hope for many more successful events as we continue to expand outreach for families living in western Licking County. **Check out more photos on this page and page 4!**



A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot



At the end of September, leaders in Ohio's DD system gathered in Dublin for the ADVANCE Partnership Summit, which included teams from state agencies, county boards and providers.

During the three days of the summit, we were brought together to discuss the opportunities and challenges our system faces today.

Members of the Think Tank that helped organize the event were asked to present on a meaningful word that would inspire conversations.

My word was "inclusivity," which I found very fitting!

The Oxford English Dictionary defines inclusivity as "the practice or policy of providing equal access to opportunities and resources for people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalized."

Merriam-Webster has a simpler definition: "The quality or state of being inclusive" – which means, "including everyone."

Inclusivity is one of the founding ideas of Ohio's DD system. Families of people with developmental disabilities came together to create opportunities for their loved ones, so they could remain a part of their home communities. Over

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Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18:** LCBDD Board meetings will be held **IN PERSON** at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St. Newark, Ohio.
- **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 9:** LCBDD will be **closed** for our annual Staff Development Day.
- **6 p.m. Jan. 19:** Virtual training on STABLE accounts for people we support and their families on ZOOM. Stay tuned for more info.
- **6:30 p.m. Jan. 24:** Rep. Payees and Benefits with Derek Graham of Resch, Root, Philipps & Graham, LLC, on ZOOM. Stay tuned for more info.

LCBDD News

Your voice matters, complete the Framework survey!

FRAMEWORK, an unprecedented planning initiative to align Licking County communities wants to know, "What is most important to you in the future?" Use this QR code to answer the quick, one question, anonymous survey by Nov. 30.

No one knows our community better than you so your input on the future of Licking County

matters!

Please help gather as many diverse opinions as possible and share with friends, family and others in your network.



Save the date for two virtual trainings!

Mark your calendars for two virtual trainings for people we support and their families. Both are free!

- At 6 p.m. on Jan. 19 we will offer a virtual training about STABLE accounts.
- At 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 24 Derek Graham of Resch, Root, Philipps & Graham, LLC will present on Rep. Payees and Benefits.

Stay tuned for more details and sign up information!

Shout out to Marvin Saunders, Les Garvin and Cliff Sesser for their creation of a model V8 model combustion engine earlier this year!

All three of these gentlemen love putting together models, so after a few years of planning, they decided to pool their resources and purchase a kit to create an engine.



They took their time over two and a half months, working together on days when they were all at the Gathering Place of Licking County.

With help from DSP Jason Gray, they tackled complicated wiring and didn't give up, even when they had to rip a few sections apart and start over!

Les shared that he hopes people see their accomplishment and realize that with time and determination, even difficult projects are possible! Great job!



Shout Outs!

To Anne Bowman and Amy Brunn from C-TEC:

Thank you for providing a custom de-escalation training for LCBDD staff!

To Mike Crider, Community Resource Officer for the Licking County Sheriff's Office:

Thank you for sharing your knowledge as we continue to provide resources and information to our staff.

–Ericka Haines
Training Coordinator

To Adara Kopp for her eagle-eyed attention to detail. **To Sandy Stallworth** for her passion and dedication to those she supports.

–Jo Henthorne
Service Coordinator

To Tara Shultz from Mental Health and Recovery:

Good luck in your new journey, you will be missed!

–Abby Spear
Director of Service Coordination

To ViaQuest: Thank you for going way above and beyond to assist a person with passing a LMHA inspection.

To Alyssa Golden of the Gathering Place: When a person she supports needed care on short notice,

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.

she stepped up and was a big, big help. Thank you!

–Brenda Colley
Service Coordinator

To Courtnie Taylor with CSS:

She continually goes above and beyond even on her own time for her people. She is an amazing DSP and I appreciate everything she does. Thank you Courtnie for being you and all you do!

–Angela Lukander
Service Coordinator

We are so thankful that **Regan Eveland and Leslie Amyx from the Center for Disability Services and Michelle McPherson and Beth Dunning from ViaQuest Inc.**

attended the ADVANCE Think Tank Summit with our staff. We truly appreciate their participation, insightful ideas, and dedication to the continuous improvement of the DD system.

– Angie Finck
Director of Provider and Transition Supports

To Melissa Owens, Jessie Jordan and Alexia Rose at the Licking County Aging Program:

Thank you for your partnership and willingness to brainstorm new ways to work together!

To Dana Moore and Shardé Pratt from the West Licking Family YMCA: For all you have done to collaborate on events and always being willing to help! Your team out there is

awesome!

To Brianna Johnson, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion/Chief Diversity Officer at OSU-N/COTC:

Thank you for always being willing to meet with us and share your expertise. It is so appreciated.

To Amy Dell and Jennie Dawes from the Licking County Foundation and Megan Evans from the Thomas J. Evans Foundation:

For taking time to meet with us and discuss current and future initiatives.

To Mary Dunlap, Lexi Rowland and Lisa Baker from Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries:

For participating in a Silfies Media video for National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

To all other partners who participated in our Fall Family Night at the West Licking Y, the Licking County Health Department, Licking Heights and Southwest Licking schools, Mental Health America of Licking County, the Licking County ESC parent mentors and Pataskala LEADS: Thanks for your enthusiasm and your awesome treats.

To Intel: For meeting with LCBDD, keeping lines of communication open and including LCBDD in your post-groundbreaking event. It was a great way to learn more!

– Anna Jeffries
Public Information Officer



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the years, that activism led to more inclusive schools, workplaces and neighborhoods.

Everyone in our field values inclusion. And as we look at our challenges today and beyond, it will be a critical part of the future of our system.

It will take all of us – people we support, families, provider agency leaders, direct support professionals, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, trade organizations and advocacy groups – to move our system forward. We must create environments where we listen to each other and value each other's experiences. Each one of us plays a unique role but we are in this together. When one group of us succeeds, we all do. If we can move forward with an inclusivity mindset, our system will grow to be even stronger as we all work together.

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In May, LCBDD launched a new professional development program for our staff – “F.L.Y. (Follow the Leader within Yourself!) with LCBDD!”

After six months of classes, 21 staff members graduated from the program! We are proud of this group and their commitment to developing their leadership skills and other core competencies!

Congratulations to all our graduates. Thanks to those who were able to join our Superintendent, Jason Umstot, for a photo!

A special shout out to LCBDD's Training Coordinator Ericka Haines for developing this brand new program and providing top notch support to participants!

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