

A quarterly publication of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Save the Date:
**Join us for a Community
Safety Expo!**



The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is excited to partner with the West Licking County Family YMCA and Licking County Aging Partners on our first ever Community Safety Expo!

Mark your calendars and join us from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday Sept. 23 at the West Licking County Family YMCA, 355 W. Broad St. in Pataskala.

Our three agencies are excited to provide an opportunity for the diverse communities we support to come together to learn, engage and have some fun!

The expo is "open house" style and includes local law enforcement agencies and community organizations who will focus on fire safety, firearm safety, bike safety, car seat safety, weather safety, safety for seniors and much more!

From a touch-a-truck to snacks, raffle prizes and free giveaways, this FREE event will have something for everyone – from age 0 to 100 and everyone in between.

Join us rain or shine and make 2023 the safest year yet for you and your family.

**A message from our
Superintendent Jason Umstot**



We always look forward to summer at LCBDD. It's a chance to spend time in our community, spreading the word about the services and supports our agency provides. This year I was especially excited to help judge the first ever Animal Adventures show at the Hartford Fair. So many of us have fond memories of attending fairs and participating in programs like 4-H as kids.

I'm thrilled that LCBDD will help a new generation of young people have those experiences.

We are very thankful that Licking County 4-H and the Licking County Farm Bureau were willing to partner with us on this project.

The program's successful first year is a great example of the power of collaboration.

This edition of 'Momentum' is truly a celebration of the exciting opportunities that come from partnerships! By working together with other organizations, we CAN make our community stronger and more inclusive!

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

Upcoming events

- **Noon to 6 p.m. Aug. 7-11:** Hartford Independent Fair: LCBDD will once again be under the grandstand! Keep an eye on our social media pages for more info!
- **4:45 to 6 p.m. Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18:** LCBDD Board meetings will be held **IN PERSON** at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St. Newark, Ohio.
- **4-6 p.m. Aug. 17:** Visit our booth at the Pataskala Street Fair on South Main Street!
- **Noon on Aug. 19:** We will be participating in the Pataskala Rotary Street Fair Parade. Check out the Pataskala Rotary Facebook page for updates: facebook.com/RotaryClubofPataskala.
- **4 to 7 p.m. Aug 25:** Visit our table at the Pataskala Farmers Market at Veterans Green, 337 S. Main St., Pataskala.
- **9 to 11:30 a.m. Sept. 23:** Community Safety Expo at the West Licking County Family YMCA, 355 W. Broad St., Pataskala.

Thanks for kicking off summer with us!

In early May, LCBDD hosted its second Summer Kickoff to connect families of all ages with the many amazing services and supports in our community!

Thank you to LCBDD Administrative Specialist Jennifer Kasson (Jen Marie Photography) for taking these beautiful photos! (**Check out our LCBDD Facebook page to see more!**) Thanks to all of our community partners who provided great activities and information as well as Bring the Farm to You for providing the games and animals!



Shout out to Licking County Transit for launching a fixed route along Main Street. Anyone interested in traveling to any stop along the route can follow a schedule and catch the bus at their convenience. This is a huge step for public transit and has the potential to help people we support and their staff get to work, medical appointments and places they enjoy. For the rest of 2023, this fixed route is FREE to all riders. Visit our website for more information: <https://lcountydd.org/2023/07/13/know-how-to-go/>



Shout Outs!

To Southwest Licking and Licking Heights schools, LEADS Head Start/Early Head Start and the Bhutanese Community of Central Ohio:

Thank you for partnering with our Early Childhood team to create training materials and help kids become kindergarten ready!

To the Pataskala Public Library:

Thank you for meeting with us and being interested in future partnerships.

To Licking County Aging Partners:

Thanks for being our staging area buddies at the Granville Fourth of July parade.

To the Buckeye Family YMCA:

Thank you for meeting with our Early Intervention and Early Childhood staff to discuss ways to support children and families in childcare settings.

To Par Excellence Academy:

Thank you for donating hand sanitizer to our providers.

To CDS and Viaquest:

Thank you for participating in a DSP video project with Silfies Media.

To Hayley Flowers-Kreps (Life Engagement Coordinator at LICCO):

For taking a person we support to the Tech Ambassador event at the Ohio

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.

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To United Way of Licking

County for hosting a series of Community Partners Council panels about very helpful topics. Our LCBDD staff members have definitely benefitted by attending.

– Anna Jeffries

Public Information Officer

Shout Out to Carol Widney at Capabilities

for her amazing communication and turn around. Thank you to **the Capabilities driving instructors** for their excellent

communication and diligent work to assist individuals getting their driver's licenses.

Shout Out to Annette Duke and Audrey Baker at Licking County Transit

for their help with a transportation schedule change that needed fixed ASAP. They both are awesome and so appreciated.

Shout Out to the Look Up Center for the amazing services they provide to the community, including the assistance to help people find good jobs and their new transportation service that is helping to fill a huge service need in Licking County.

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Transition Specialist

Shout out to Bev Young from PALS!

When a person on my caseload hurt her foot, Bev helped her get to urgent care and made sure she got home safely. I appreciate her for

going above and beyond.

–Lanie Dunlap

Service Coordinator

Shout out to **Viaquest!** They have been helping us with staff support for several people served by the Transition Youth team. They are easy to work with and open to all ideas!! They have worked wonderfully with the people we support and have made them feel loved, safe and hopeful.

–Hannah Rebb

Service Coordinator

To Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Carolyn Carnes:

All of her assistance and guidance is very much appreciated!

–Abby Spear

Chief Administrative Officer

A huge thank you to Annette Duke, Dispatch Supervisor from Licking County Transit

for always being kind, helpful and prompt whenever I have a question or need to see if Transit has the availability for a new rider. You have no idea how much you are appreciated!

A big shout out to Lisa Diss, Program Coordinator from CSS:

She is incredibly detailed, thorough and has a huge heart for the individuals she serves.

She always ensures each person is getting exactly what they need to live their best lives!

–Ashley Bryan

Service Coordinator

Thank you to all Animal Adventures participants!



Thank you to the exhibitors, 4-H and FFA mentors and volunteers who participated in our first Animal Adventures program at the Hartford Fairgrounds! We hope your show experience on Aug. 6 was amazing!

Thank you to Lisa McCutcheon and Adrienne Anderson from Licking County 4-H and Licking County Farm Bureau for your partnership and support for this project!

We can't wait to continue Animal Adventures next summer and will be sharing information on our website and social media when sign ups become available! Stay tuned!

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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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