

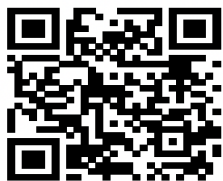
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Momentum Refresh is coming to Licking County!

Those who use a universal changing table will now have an option at several community events!



For more details, visit
LCOUNTYDD.ORG/MOMENTUM
or use the QR code!



Find the Momentum vehicle:

- May 25-27: Utica Ice Cream Festival
- May 31-June 2: Newark Strawberry Festival
- July 5: Granville Fireworks
- Aug. 14-17: Pataskala Street Fair



Learn about assistive tech and meet the Ohio Tech Ambassadors on June 17!

Assistive technology can open up so many possibilities but sometimes, it can be difficult to know where to start.

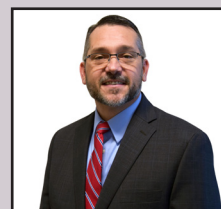
Whether you are a tech expert or a beginner, you'll learn something new at the Empowering Lives with Tech event from 1 to 3 p.m. on June



17 at Denison University's Slayter Auditorium, 100 W. College St. in Granville. The event is the result of a partnership between the Ohio

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A message from our Superintendent Jason Umstot



We are fortunate at LCBDD to have the opportunity to bring resources into our county that help people we support explore new ways to become more independent.

Momentum Refresh is a mobile, accessible restroom that can be set up at nearly any location. The vehicle is self-contained and has all the amenities needed for those who need a universal/adult changing table for personal care.

We were fortunate to have received some American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to help bring this option to Licking County.

LCBDD's Leadership Team and staff worked to determine which county events would benefit most from having a mobile restroom with a changing table on-site.

We are very thankful that the organizations who plan these events were willing to partner with us, to learn about Momentum Refresh and make space for the vehicle. Now people who need this level of assistance can participate in many of the wonderful community events in Licking

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Upcoming events

- **4:45 to 6 p.m. June 26, Aug. 21:** LCBDD Board meetings will be held **IN PERSON** at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St. Newark.
- **10 a.m. June 6,13,20:** For the Health of it! SNAP-Ed classes at the E.S. Weiant Center, 116 N. 22nd St. Newark. Contact Anna Jeffries to register at 740-322-6911 or anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org.
- **1 p.m. June 17:** Empowering Lives with Tech at Denison University's Slayter Auditorium, 100 W. College St. Granville.

From parades and festivals to the Hardford Independent Fair, LCBDD will be all over Licking County this spring and summer. Keep an eye on our social media pages (@lcountydd) for more info about where to find us!

LCBDD News



Congratulations Dr. Umstot!

We would like to congratulate our Superintendent/CEO Jason Umstot who received his doctoral degree in education from Youngstown State University on May 4!

Start summer with SNAP-Ed

Want to sample healthy recipes, receive information on nutritious food choices, plus learn about how to choose a physically active lifestyle? Join Michelle Duffy, Program Assistant for SNAP-Ed at the OSU Extension for FREE nutrition classes, in-person, at LCBDD. These are free and open to teens and adults supported by LCBDD and their caregivers. Classes are at 10 a.m. June 6, 13, 20 at the E.S. Weiant Center (116 N. 22nd St. in Newark). Contact Anna Jeffries to register at 740-322-6911 or email:

anna.jeffries@lcountydd.org.

LCBDD earns three-year DODD accreditation!

We are thrilled to share that LCBDD has received a three-year accreditation from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. (DODD.)

This is longest accreditation period the state can issue to a county board and shows that the services and supports LCBDD provides are in substantial compliance with state standards.

We appreciate the hard work of our staff, which made this accomplishment possible!

Thank you to all the community partners, LCBDD staff members and families who made our 2024 Summer Kickoff a success! Find more photos on our Facebook page!

Photos by LCBDD Administrative Specialist Jennifer Hampton. (@jenmariephotography)



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Shout Outs!

Crystal Byrd at Gentle Hands is a wonderful support to our individuals and is always prompt and so willing to help!

–Molly Ritter
Service Coordinator

Thanks to **CSS** for being available to help get services in place and to help with accommodations during emergencies.

Thank you to **Victor Musewe at Heritage Community Care** for being such an amazing and supportive DSP. Words don't do justice for how much you impact the people you serve!

–Katie Flint
Service Coordinator

To Center for Disability Services, OADSP and Newark High School: Thank you for coming together to start the first ever Licking County DSP-U program.

Thank you to **Bloom, LICCO, CSS, CDS, Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries and CLE** for sending staff members to participate in the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals' Direct Leadership Certificate program. Congrats to all the providers and LCBDD staff members who presented their final projects and completed the program on May 10!

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.

– Hannah Rebb
Provider Workforce Support Specialist

I would like to give a shout out to **CLE, Brittany Gray and Johnnie Moore!** Thanks for all you do!

–Hayley Flowers-Kreps
Service Coordinator

Alissa Miller & PJ Meyer: Thank you for the excellent care and support that you provide to the person you support. Your dedication to caring for her complex medical needs and focus on helping her enjoy her community is very much appreciated!

Andrea Dietrich at Heritage Hall: Thank you for the excellent care and thought you put into those you serve and the great communication you provide to me as a Service Coordinator.

–Karla Lust
Service Coordinator

Bailiff Walker was outstanding in working with a person we support who was very upset. She sat with him during the court's recess and really talked

with him about his interests. Even though she was not the bailiff in the case, she went above and beyond.

Austin with BHP, as well as the entire BHP team also stepped up to help us in navigating mental health treatment for a person who has really struggled over the last year. Their partnership helped us ensure he was safe.

–Devyn Radabaugh
Adult Team Leader

To Jeannette Bush and Gary Wimer from the FUSE Network and the team from State Industrial Products: Thank you for helping us tell an awesome success story.

To Licking County Aging Partners: Thank you for inviting us to the Senior Health and Wellness Expo.

To the Newark Advocate: Thank you for partnering with us to share stories in the community.

–Anna Jeffries
Public Information Officer



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County this summer. Technology is all around us and we depend on it every day. Most likely, you are reading this newsletter on a device! There are many ways that technology can increase peoples' independence, both at home and out in the community. We are grateful to have resources available to offer various

tech options that can increase independence, create safer environments, assist with speech and help schedule transportation and other appointments. These apps and devices increase what people can do daily, often without relying on someone else for assistance. This increased level of flexibility that technology brings can lead to better outcomes. I encourage everyone to check

out the Momentum Refresh mobile restroom at one of the upcoming community events mentioned in our newsletter, and attend the "Empowering Lives with Tech" event, from 1 to 3 p.m. on June 17 at Denison University, to learn more about what technology can do for you.

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

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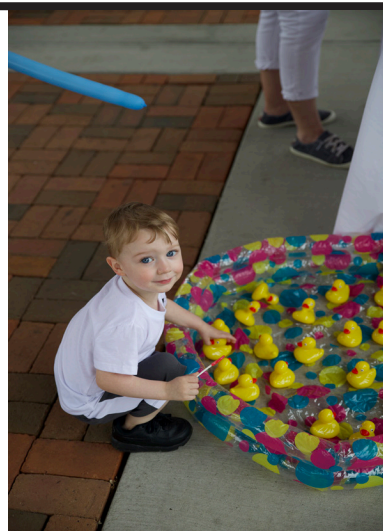
Tech Ambassadors, LCBDD, Denison, the Denison Community Service Association and the Alford Community Leadership and Involvement Center. It is open to anyone in the community who wants to learn more about practical uses for technology and artificial intelligence in

their every day lives. Participants will get to meet Ohio Tech Ambassadors, learn about new tech devices and ask questions. Whether you're a person with disabilities, a senior citizen, a student, caregiver, professional, or just curious about how tech can improve your life, this event is for YOU. Come discover

groundbreaking tools, connect with tech influencers and take a step into a future where everyone gets to live their best lives.

To register, call 440-478-2268 or go to: <https://ohiotechambassadors.org/upcoming-events/empowering-lives-with-tech-licking-county>.

Summer Kickoff cont.



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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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