



THE TEA GLASS



We are officially underway for this seasons Special Olympics Unified softball team. This year we played the Fayette County Sheriffs in a very close and competitive game. The Dragons Lost the game 8-6 but everyone had fun playing and it seemed like a very successful night. We sold almost 800 hotdogs that night due to Dime A Dog night. We will also have several traditional softball games this year meaning that only the athletes on the team will play on those nights.

On July 24th a few athletes and some volunteers traveled to Hilliard Ohio for the first ever Special Skills Football Invitational. The athletes participated in several football drills lead by current football players and some former NFL players. It was a great experience and we look forward to it next year.

Adult Services

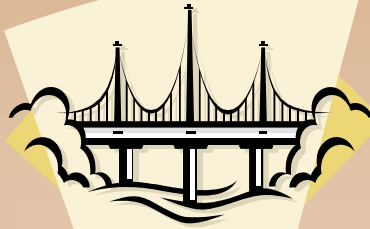


The Self Advocacy Group recently had several members travel to Highland County for an all-day conference. They were shown how to make a first aid kit, a naturist from Ohio State talked to them about various wildlife and they learned how to deal with stress management.

They ended the day with some pizza and enjoyed some dancing. A.G.M. also ran the Fayette County fair booth this year. We had 10 individuals volunteer their time to work the booth. Everyone did an excellent job. Thanks, A.G.M! :)

BRIDGES TO TRANSITION

The Bridges to Transition Summer Youth Program took place this past summer. 9 individuals worked at various locations in Fayette County including ECFC, Southern State Community College, and St. Catherine's. This program is designed to provide on the job training, skills such as resume writing and interviewing, and other work skills. A couple of individuals have potential job opportunities by their participation in this program.



Welcome

to Kelly Campbell and Christina Shepard who were hired as new Habilitation Specialists as of August 19th. Kayce Elzey was also hired as a SSA during this past quarter. Congrats, ladies.

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EMPLOYEES

FYI

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DODD has a new web address. Please save the following as a favorite.
<http://dodd.ohio.gov>



Jan Cobb our nurse, held another CPR & First Aid class. Pictured above is Betsy Miller along with Chris Shephard, one of our newest employees. Welcome, Chris. CPR class CAN be fun...:)

CPR Class

SSA Department

The SSA department is happy to welcome new SSA Kayce Elzey to the team. She started at the beginning of July and is doing a fantastic job. Her knowledge of the individuals attending FPI make her an asset to the department.

With the opening of the Peddicord home, the SSA department sponsored an Open House on August 22 from 4:00-6:00 PM. Dawn W. and Nancy S. were so excited to show off their new home and to have some punch and cookies with all who attended.



Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday Happy Birthday

The following staff will be celebrating their birthday this fall.

September 17 Brenda Whitmer

November 8 Renee Guess

8 Michelle Stuckey

16 Marilyn Creamer

28 Susan Johns

29 Jamie Bryant

October 10 Lori Moore

10 Debbie Yoho

12 Scott Bolender

22 Sandy Kelley

25 Tony Clay

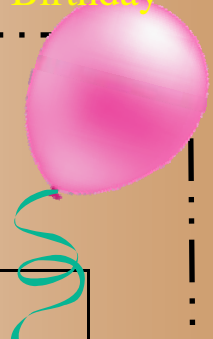
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December 1 Cheri Zingery

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Transportation/Operations



This quarter drivers have been preparing for the new school year. All drivers have made calls to the parents that have requested transportation with pick up and drop off times. I want to compliment all of them for the patience that they all have with changes that have been requested. We are very thankful to have Amber Parrett and Ronnie Morris to assist on Teresa Leeth's bus 09-01 and Sue Kunie's bus 09-01 as bus captains.

All school bus drivers, van drivers and bus captains just recently had a refresher training on the safe operation of the lift. They have also had continuing training on wheelchair tie downs, seat belts and child seats.

I also want to share that Chris Arbogast and Sue Kunie received a Letter of Commendation for having no violations on their buses for a bus spot inspection and also no violations on the annual inspection. Keep up the good work with keeping your buses safe.



The Starting Gate has had the parking lot sealed and re-striped. The lawn at The Starting Gate and at Fayette Progressive Industries have been kept up and trimmed through the summer. Thank you very much! The Progressive Industries have new doors installed at the front entrance and now we are using our buzz-in system. This means that all visitors are to dial 74 to get entrance into the building.

The procedure for The Starting Gate has also been in place all summer but the entry procedure has been tweaked a little. To gain entrance, if you are wanting services with Rock-A-Bye you dial #26, if you are wanting services with Life Pregnancy, dial #31 and if you are wanting services with Starting Gate, dial #10 and you will be buzzed in.



Early Childhood



Early Intervention celebrated the birth of Paisley in August to Samantha, our occupational therapy assistance. Mom and daughter are doing wonderful! As you see, the kids enjoyed every bite of the party.

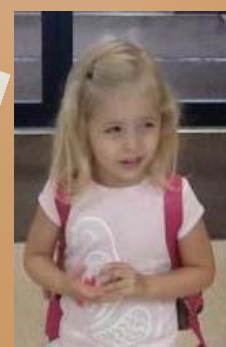


In EI, Suzie and Trish continue to make home visits and children still come to the center once a week for socialization activities. Suzie, Chrissy, and Trish are busy preparing for accreditation. We have met with Athens County and anticipate meeting with Washington County and Gallia County in the near future.



Preschool began August 21st. Our orientation was held July 26th. Orientation was mandatory for families this year. It went very well and we appreciate all the time and effort that Brenda and the teaching staff put in to making it successful!

Fayette Progressive School will be holding a **"Walk for St. Jude"** on Saturday, September 7th. Watch for more information in the near future! On October 16th we will have **Business After Hours** here at the ECFC. We will be holding this event with Donatos Pizza. That evening will feature a silent art auction. This is a first for a community after hours and we are very excited about it! So plan to join us and prepare to bid on some fantastic art work!





A Note From Our Superintendent

Please read the following.

This survey will take place between August and November and the information obtained is very important to the overall Ohio DD services system.

Excerpted from DODD *Pipeline*, July 31, 2013

Archived at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/pipeline/Pages/>

5. Study to Evaluate Needs of People Waiting for Services

More than 40,000 Ohioans with disabilities are waiting for a Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver in Ohio, according to recent estimates provided by the Ohio Colleges of Medicine's Government Resource Center. The number often raises eyebrows among advocates and policymakers, but currently little is known about what services people actually are waiting for or need.

"It's disheartening when you hear the number," says Carolyn Knight, Executive Director of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council). "But it's just a number, and it doesn't really tell the whole story about who is on the list and what they are really waiting for."

Knight says that is why the DD Council -- in partnership with DODD, the Government Resource Center, and Kent State University -- is funding a study to examine the current and future needs of people with disabilities who are on the waiting list for a HCBS waiver.

The study will include a telephone survey of 1000 individuals who have been randomly selected from the HCBS waiver waiting list. People with disabilities or their family members, caregivers, or guardians will be asked a series of questions about what they need to help them be more independent, or what they might need in the future.

Kent State University will be conducting the telephone interviews beginning in August. Each phone interview is expected to take about seven minutes to complete, and all personal information will be kept confidential. The surveys are expected to be finished sometime in November. Knight emphasized,

"We want everyone to know that it is okay to participate in this survey. The survey is voluntary, and participation would not change a person's position on the waiting list or the services they are waiting to receive." She adds, "The responses will help us draw a better picture of what services people are waiting for, and will need to live independently."

DODD Director John Martin added that he hopes the study will help to de-mystify the waiting list, stating,

"Generally, everyone knows the waiting list for a waiver is large, and keeps growing," said Martin. "That's about the extent of most people's knowledge of the issue. A study like this will really help everyone understand the nature of the waiting list, and take some of the guesswork out of what people on the list need."

He added that the study could help the Department, and local County Boards of DD identify needs that can be addressed in the future. Once all surveys have been completed, the Government Resource Center will compile an analysis of the responses received, and estimate the current and future needs of all Ohioans with disabilities who are currently on the waiting list. Study findings will be made available in 2014. *For more information:*

<http://www.ddc.ohio.gov/>