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TRANSPORTATION



Congratulations to the transportation team as all buses passed the Annual Inspection and have a 2016 sticker! A huge thank you goes to Sandy Kelley, Operations Manager along with Vehicle Operators: Sue Kunie, Danny Purdum, Kelly Campbell, Alice Berryman and Bill Haines for making this happen.



Sandy Kelley, Operations Manager recently attended an OBI training where she learned some valuable safety measures which have been put to use on the buses.

Thank you to Lt. Tim Downing of the Washington Fire Dept. who recently held a fire extinguisher training for school staff, bus drivers and bus captains. Many safety features were experienced first hand with the use of a simulator.



THE GOOD LIFE

Submitted by Cheryl Binegar



The Good Life is up and running in Fayette County!! There are several active learning sessions going on in various departments throughout the agency. If you are not currently plugged into a learning group and would like to be, please see Cheryl Binegar or Tony Clay, our agencies Good Life facilitators. The vision for the agency is to have everyone through the curriculum by the end of 2015 and then move out into our community!

Here is some food for thought: Our agency has two paths which we can choose to go on. The Stretch Zone or The Danger Zone. We have a choice to be intentional about which path we want to take.

In the Stretch Zone, our staff will take mistakes as a learning opportunity and allow success & failure to still result in learning. We will be optimistic, look for solutions, strengths & abilities. There are possibilities in the impossible.

In the Danger Zone, our agency will become a place where we are at risk of failing, causing harm or just surviving due to our actions or beliefs. We could work from the position of "expert" and become closed to ideas of possibility & new opportunity.

Each of us has the responsibility to choose daily the Stretch Zone path. It is never easy to feel stretched, and can sometimes be rather uncomfortable. However, it is the right thing to do. Challenge yourself professionally to find one way you can begin to "Stretch" yourself so together we are on the same path and avoid the Danger Zone.



BEING
POSITIVE IN A
NEGATIVE
SITUATION IS
NOT NAIVE. IT'S
LEADERSHIP



On Friday, May 1st, the S.A.F.E. group (Showing Acceptance for Everyone) held a fundraiser bake sale to support the operations of the group. Families that are in S.A.F.E., along with FCBDD staff, provided home-made baked goods to sell at the Commission on Aging Health Fair that day. All proceeds from the sale go directly back to the group for outings, food and family activities organized by FCBDD support group facilitator, Cheryl Binegar. The group received \$235 dollars as a result of the bake sale. S.A.F.E. wants to extend a thank you to all that supported the fundraiser. For more information about this support group for parents of children with disabilities, contact Cheryl at 740-335-7453 or by email: cbinegar@fayettetdd.com or visit www.fayettetdd.com



Ohio Adult Guardianship Education

[Course Information and Registration](#)

The Supreme Court of Ohio announced on March 10, 2015 the adoption of new rules to govern adult guardianships in Ohio. The Advisory Committee on Children and Families of the Supreme Court recommended the adoption of [Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio 66.01 through 66.09](#), which became effective on June 1, 2015.

Superintendence Rules 66.06 and 66.07 describe the mandatory adult guardianship education for a one-time fundamentals course and continuing education requirements for each succeeding year. Pursuant to the rules, adult guardianship education can be provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio or another entity with prior approval of the local court. To assist guardians to meet the requirements of these new rules, the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College is developing two offerings of the fundamentals course, one

for attorneys and other professional guardians and another for lay person guardians. The six-hour fundamentals courses will be:

1. aligned with Sup.R. 66.06
 2. provided free of charge
 3. delivered regionally and monthly
 4. made available online by the end of 2015
- Three-hour continuing education seminars will also be developed and available annually, delivered regionally, and provided free of charge beginning in the first quarter of 2016. CLE and CEU credits will be requested for both the fundamentals course and continuing education, as appropriate.

[Fundamentals of Adult Guardianship Course Information and Registration \(6-hour course\)](#)

Return to FCBDD's website often for up-



dates on course dates and locations, registration, and other information. For questions regarding Sup.R. 66.06 and 66.07 education, please contact adultguardianedu@sc.ohio.gov.

[Guardians of Adults Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#)

 Watch Union County Probate and Juvenile Court Judge Charlotte Coleman Eufinger explain the [requirements and responsibilities](#) of courts and guardians under the new rules.

EAT well

MOVE daily

HYDRATE often

SLEEP lots

LOVE your body

repeat for **LIFE!**

We had 6 people who recently completed their CPR and First Aid renewal course. Congratulations to Nikki Whaley, Jodi Flowers and Betsy Miller (Hab Specs), Sue Kunie and Kelly Campbell (Vehicle Operators) and Cherie Mesker (Substitute Teacher). Thank you to Jan Cobb (Nurse at FCBDD) for teaching this valuable course to the staff at FCBDD.





learn
love live
Off To Kindergarten
play grow



Fayette Progressive School Graduation was held on May 8, 2015. Miss Erin had 9 students graduate and Miss Jamie had 24. Also pictured are Miss Kelly and Miss Sue, with some of their students in transportation. We wish these children the best as they transition into Kindergarten in the fall.

2015 Community Health Fair



Fayette County Board of DD was one of 67 agencies to participate in the 25th annual Health Fair and Family Fun Day held at Grace Community Church. In the midst of health screenings, balloon animals, face painting and info on everything from pre-school to church to assisted living care, staff members took part in giving information to a wide variety of people. On April 25th new connections were made and contact info was

received from families that stopped by the table, they were encouraged to check us out.

For former and current kids and families the event is somewhat like a reunion! They enjoy talking about positive experiences with the agency and staff that have impacted and supported them personally when their children were in the early years. It is fun to see kids, now grown, that were

part of this program! The 1800 people through the door that day also have a chance to hear and learn about the many other things as well as to be entertained by the Zoo, bounce houses and cartoon characters roaming the grounds. Med flight was present along with our local fire department. This event has gained momentum and become an anticipated event each spring.



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School

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Parents—Please turn in student packets ASAP. This will help teachers in preparation of classes in the fall.

To enroll or for more information, contact Brenda at 740-335-1391. Students are still being accepted for the 2015-16 school year.

Important Dates:

⇒ Monday, August 17th—Open House 5-7 PM at Fayette Progressive School

⇒ Wed. August 19th—First Day of School



Fayette County Board of DD would like to thank the men and women who are part of the local VFW Post 3762. Every year, this group of men and women who have proudly served this great country, make a donation of American and Ohio flags to Fayette Progressive Industries and Fayette Progressive School. This is a huge contribution and the people and students at FPI and FPS are extremely honored and grateful to be chosen for this donation.

Thank you also to this group for their donation of a cash register to the Job Club at FPI. This club is a new addition to services being offered at Fayette Progressive Industries. FPI has partnered with Ohio Means Jobs at South-



ern State Community College, led by Bob Brown, One Stop Center manager, Lana Pavey from Fayette County Job and Family Services; along with Betty Reisinger, Community Services Specialist at FPI. The people involved are learning important job skills, experiences, and responsibilities along with performing vital team building skills which will enhance their ability to acquire employment in the community.

Through this program, the Community Services team hope to meet the needs of both the people seeking employment from Fayette Progressive Industries and various businesses in the Fayette County area for meaningful placement of people with developmental disabilities.



A big thank you to board member, Janelle Mead and her kids with the Buckeye All-Stars 4-H group, for supporting Captain Sam Janasov, on his second deployment in Afghanistan. They spoil him with all kinds of goodies, and

of course, he shares, so everyone is excited when Sam gets a box!

Transportation Department

Thank you for the outstanding job you all did in completing your online training with PublicSchoolWORKS. Not only did you complete your training early, each of you went above and beyond by enrolling yourself and completing many voluntary courses for your own professional development. Going to an online based training system has been a big change for everyone and your willingness to support and really utilize this new tool is very appreciated.

Human Resources

Tim Stewart would like to give a huge Thank You to everyone that helped put together "A Night in Vegas", held on June 20th. The gala ball was a tremendous success and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening. Thank you to the group of volunteers from Fayette County Memorial Hospital who pitched-in to make the night a hit. Kudos to Tim, Jeni, Kayce, Josh, Sam and Shelly and the following individuals and businesses:

Cheryl Hildebrand
Mary Ann Smith
Kristy Grey
Cassie DeWees
Jewel Thurman
Diana Smith
Tammy Connolly
Marci Mickle
Jennifer Bapst and daughter Aly
Karen Oyer and son Dakota
Kyle Mickey

Bethany Kirk and husband James
Jeff Underwood
Cyndi Collins and husband David
Brooke Wood
Brittney Snyder
Sarah Slusher
Beverly Boldman/Pabst
Anna Brady and Cole Sizemore
Jim and Betsy Brady
Jennifer Whitaker
Alissa Haggerty

Robin Hurr
Elizabeth and James Brady
Julie Butcher and daughter Christy
Robbins Florist
Fayette Carpet
The Well and Chiquita Nash
Court House Rent-All
Home Depot
My Sister's House



Track and Field 2015

“The Dragons’ Track and Field team had a successful season led by Libby Hartshorn, Bryan Anthony, Jordan Adams and myself” says Tim Stewart, Recreation Coordinator. “Thank you to everyone that participated in the track season this year, along with all of the volunteers that helped make it happen. There were 21 athletes who competed with almost all of them placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their event.”



Fayette County Special Olympics will be having **Softball tryouts** on July 6th and 8th. This year there will be 2 Unified teams for the first time. This will give everyone an opportunity to play as there are many students and adults wanting to try-out for the team.



Mark your calendar—The next fundraiser for Special Olympics and Fayette Progressive Industries will be Eddie’s Run held on Sat. Aug 22nd, at the Fayette County Fairgrounds. There will be lots for the whole family to do. A Classic Car show (including the General Lee), several live bands, a biker run, food, drinks, corn hole tournaments, Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo, and more. Click on the following link to view the Eddie’s Run Commercial featuring our own Eddie along with some of his friends.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvkdGFzMt4U&sns=em>

Thank you to Ed Hartshorn for producing this wonderful event to support the activities and programs at Fayette County Board of DD.



SUCCESS STORIES

The Employment First initiative along with the Bridges to Transition program have aided many of the people at Fayette County Board of DD to seek and find employment within the Fayette County Community. These stories have been published by the Record Herald to showcase the adults, the adversities faced and the growth obtained through this process to become more independent and successful adults.

Please click on the individual picture to view each person's individual story.

Thank you to Martin Graham and the Record Herald newspaper for writing and publishing the success stories of the following people who obtain services through Fayette County Board of DD.

Congratulations to the most recent hires: Clarissa at McDonalds in Washington Court House and Matthew at McDonalds in Jeffersonville.



Charles

Kyler



Megan

Ethan



Chase

Chad



Ron



Eddie



Summer Youth Program



Thank you to **The Club at Quail Run** and to **Signature Healthcare** for letting 2 youth gain valuable working experience this summer. Pictured above is Shayde who is working at The Club at Quail Run. Team member, Ria May has this to say about Shayde. "He's a great worker, very eager to learn, takes direction well, and fun to work with. Shayde especially loves driving the golf carts." Thanks so much to these two businesses for hiring these young adults for the summer.

Career Exploration



Ezra and James are learning about career paths and job opportunities through Career X this summer. Cathy Jones has had the opportunity to take these 2 young men to various work sites in the Fayette County area to see how people do their job. Thanks to the following businesses who are letting these men shadow and learn more about their businesses: Fayette Memorial Hospital, Carroll Halliday Ford, WCHO Radio, Kroger, Sketchers, Ohio Means Jobs, Petland, Hibbits, YMCA, Record Herald, Game Stop, Home Depot, Laurel Oaks, Sheriff's Office

Fayette Progressive Industries has a new Job Club at Southern State Community College. They meet once a week to discuss topics like Team Work, Professionalism, Work Ethic, Attitude and other items. Near the end, Kroger will come in, donating stock and demonstrate how to properly stock and scan. These are all valuable work skills that will prepare the people to acquire the job of their dreams!

Job Club

Thank you to Bob Brown, One Stop Center Manager and Lana Pavey from Fayette County Job and Family Services for working with the Fayette Progressive Industries Job Club.



The theme for the training on this day was teamwork. Justin was chosen to be the "team" leader. He was supposed to direct the team in building a tall tower building using spaghetti and marshmallows. He was to lead the team by communicating what and how he wanted it to be built. This was a good lesson on how important effective communication is, and how important it is to a team. Lynn, Chuck, and Chris also learned that they were able to do more when everyone worked as a team and not try to build something on their own!

♥ babies ♥



They fill our lives with sunshine
& our hearts with love.

Granddaughters of Tricia Enochs



Brynlee Louise Roberts
Born April 12, 2015
Weighing 6 lb, 7 ounces
19 inches long

Preslee Elizabeth Poole
Born May 18, 2015
Weighing 8 lb, 2 ounces
20 inches long



Talyn Abigail Bryant
Born May 28, 2015
Weighing 6 lb, 13 ounces
20 inches long
Daughter of Jamie Bryant



Bryant James Runnels
Born May 20, 2015
Weighing 5 lb, 11 ounces
19 inches long
Grandson of Robyn Runnels



Fayette County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

Congratulations
to Liz Brennfleck
who designed the
new logo for
Fayette County
Board of DD.
Great job, Liz.

Congratulations!

New Employee

Welcome to Cherie Mesker, Substitute Teacher at Fayette Progressive School. Cherie loves to shop, travel and do things with her family. Her family consists of her husband, Dr. Dennis Mesker, MD who is currently the Fayette County Coroner, along with 4 adult sons: Adam, graduate of OSU, currently in Nursing school; Jeremy, attending Columbus State College in Graphic Design; Luke, attending Wright State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering; and Noah, attending Southern State Community College for Computer Science.

Cherie previously was a teacher at Washington City Schools, Hillsboro City Schools and Xenia Community Schools with a total of 20 years in Special Education. She is very excited to be subbing at Fayette Progressive School as she loves working with children who have special needs.

Welcome to Fayette County Board of DD, Cherie.

ATTENTION FAMILIES, GUARDIANS, PROVIDERS AND ADVOCATES

The Common Threads Network of Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties extends this invitation to all families receiving services in southwestern Ohio counties.

Common Threads Network

Working together for and with families of people with disabilities

Critical Updates: Changes to Ohio's Developmental Disabilities Service System

**Tuesday, July 28, 2015
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Crossroads Church
990 Reading Road; Mason, Ohio 45040**

Featuring

- **John Martin**, Director , Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- **Lori Horvath**, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
- **Icilda Dickerson**, Ohio Department of Medicaid
- **Stacy Collins**, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Employment First
- **Gary Tonks**, Executive Director, The Arc of Ohio

Service delivery for Ohioans with developmental disabilities has been undergoing transformational changes. Join us to learn the historic, and long-awaited outcomes from state leadership. Hear current budgetary and Medicaid funding decisions, plans for the TDD Waiver, and updates regarding the independent provider phase-out. The session will also address the extended deadline granted by CMS, its impact on the planning by county boards to eliminate service delivery/ case management conflicts of interest, and more! Topics and speakers may change based on current events. This session will not address county-specific concerns, but families and professionals are encouraged to later seek specifics from their county leadership.

Register online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTN72815>

or by phone at (513) 559-6637

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\$5 donation for professionals

www.commonthreadsnetwork.org

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The Fayette County Board of DD was started in the basement of a small church in 1967 by a group of parents and concerned citizens. The program has grown from serving eight children to serving 265 children and adults.

Mission: We offer quality programs and coordinate available services so that people we serve may realize their dreams and actively contribute to their community.

Vision: To empower people to be the best version of themselves.

Values: Teamwork, Dedication, Respect, Integrity.

To request our email newsletter, please contact Marilyn Weidman at mweidman@fayettetdd.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 1 - Red's Game
- July 2 - 4th of July Party
- July 3 - FCBDD Closed
- July 6 - Art Club
- July 7 - IHOP

- July 8 - Steak N Shake
- July 13 - Art Club
- July 15 - LaComedia
- July 17 - Cracker Barrel
- July 20-24 - Fayette Co. Fair

- July 29 - Golden Corral
- July 31 - Ant-Man Movie



Market Day

To all of our Market Day customers, Gordon Food Service has decided to shut down the Market Day LLC side of their company. A selection of Market Day items (the popular chicken steaks for example) will still be available at your local Gordon Food Service stores, while supplies last. Fayette Progressive School will still earn profit in JULY and AUGUST for Market Day items purchased in the GFS stores. The profit will be 10%. All

Update on Market Day

you need to do is tell them Fayette Progressive PTO during check-out.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Market Day fundraiser in the past. According to our sources, there will still be a PIE fundraiser, Cookie Dough, Chocolate, along with some other fundraisers coming in the future. So stay tuned to FCBDD's website and facebook page for notifications concerning ways to support the Fayette Progressive School PTO.

Thank you for your support of the services and programs at FCBDD