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Superintendents Message – FCBDD 9/25/15

Dear Staff, Partners and Community Supporters,

I have just had the privilege of completing my first year as the Superintendent of the Fayette County Board of DD. The word privilege may be understated. From the individuals to whom we provide services and supports, the staff in the county providing those supports and the DD Board overseeing the policy direction which guides the work, I have been welcomed and embraced into this community.

This is a testament of how services are provided in this county. Taking the time to get to know someone, helping them to follow their dreams, engaging them throughout their community are but a few things I have personally experienced since my arrival. These are some of the same things I have seen happening for the individuals we serve.

Throughout this newsletter you will see stories of success in employment, how dreams do come true, and a philosophy of embracing the “Good Life” as the corner stone of doing business. Seeing young children coming to preschool on the first day, smiling with new shoes and backpacks, and knowing that parents are entrusting us with their early education is a humbling experience.

Over the last several years and ongoing over those upcoming, there have been and will continue to be changes and new directives governing the field of developmental disabilities. Change can be extremely challenging however when you come from a positive foundation like that which exists in Fayette County, I am confident that this very supportive environment will move through any needed transition with relative ease.

I am delighted to have joined the staff of the Fayette County Board of DD and I look forward to the future with such fine and dedicated people.

Deb Buccilla, Superintendent





**Fayette County
Board of DD
Provider Fair
Thursday, October 22
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Fayette Progressive Industries
1330 Robinson Road,
Washington C.H., OH 43160**

Learn about programs and services available for individuals with developmental disabilities at the Fayette County Board of DD Provider Fair. Art contest for individuals with DD. List of exhibitors as well as art contest rules and entry form available at Fayette County Board of DD or on-line at

www.fayettetdd.com

FREE!

Refreshments

Door Prizes

Displays

Art Contest

Prize: Visa gift cards!

The **Fayette County Provider Fair** will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2015, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Fayette Progressive Industries, 1330 Robinson Road, Washington Court House, Ohio, 43160. The event is free and is open to the public. The provider fair showcases services available for adults and children with developmental disabilities and their families. This event is sponsored by Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Come, join in the fun, ask questions and participate in judging an art contest! There will be light snacks and door prizes! Check out the services that are available for adults and children with developmental disabilities in Fayette County. Services featured include employment opportunities, residential options, habilitation, volunteering, day care, recreation and many other things that bring quality to life.

Entries will be accepted for the *Art Contest at Fayette Progressive Industries and at the Provider Fair until 4:30 p.m. All attendees will vote for the winner. This year there will be 3 art prizes: a \$100 Visa Gift Card, a \$50 Visa Gift Card and a \$25 visa Gift Card. (*Eligibility requirement to submit

artwork: a person must be a resident of FAYETTE County and be receiving or be eligible to receive services as determined by FAYETTE County Board of DD.)

The door prizes (winners must be present) will be awarded throughout the fair and the art contest prize will be awarded between 6 and 6:30 PM.

Please click on **[Art Contest Rules and Application](#)** to view the complete list of rules as well as a registration form, or pick-up at Fayette County Board of DD, 1330 Robinson Road, Washington Court House, Ohio 43160.

Exhibitors may still register to participate. There is not a fee, however a door prize is requested. Registration forms and a **[list of providers/exhibitors](#)** showcasing their services at the Provider Fair is available. The list will be updated as more providers register.

For more information, call 740-335-7453 ext. 10.



Dreams really do come true.

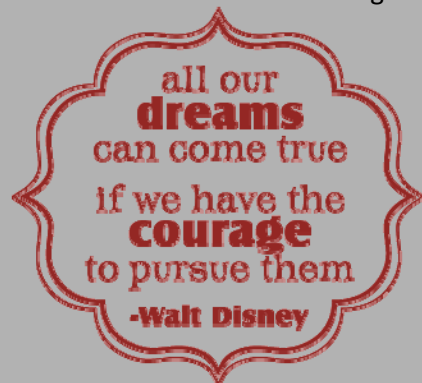
To any one that has ever ridden a motorcycle they know that feeling of the wind in their face and the freedom of the open road. Thanks to the work of WCH VFW Rider's Post 3762 this lifelong dream came true for David. On 07/12/2015 twenty plus riders showed up to make his dreams come true. The VFW Riders Post 3762 surprised David with a vest that everyone had signed. After an hour ride through town and a stop at McDonalds (as requested by David) it was a day that will stick with David for the rest of his life. Not only was this a ride of a lifetime for David, but all involved were left with an everlasting imprint in their hearts. David is now officially one happy biker man with new relationships that will last a lifetime.



"Remember something whether you ride or not! People with disabilities or special needs are people just like you and I. They breathe the same air and bleed the same color red. Just treat them the way you would want to be treated! Today I was there to witness a group of people taking time out of their Sunday to do something that money can't buy! That's to show love! I'm glad to see David finally got "The ride of his life!"

-Michael May-

Skyler finally gained the courage to write a letter to his all-time favorite band, Blackhawk. He knew they were going to be at Country Concert in Ft. Laramie, Ohio and decided to contact them. Much to his surprise they replied back with an all-expenses paid trip to Ft. Laramie including back stage meet and greet VIP passes. Skyler was excited to jam with the band and was even able to share some of his lyric's with the guys. Skyler and several band members are now friends on Facebook and have a lifelong connection



EMPLOYMENT FIRST



Through utilization of the Employment First initiative, an effort that helps adults with DD to find work, and the Bridges to Transition program, which teaches them applicable skills to join the workforce, many have found success. Whether to help them cultivate

physical skills, such as mopping, folding or sorting, to social skills, such as learning to connect to customers or networking opportunities, FPI has worked for years to help raise the standard of living for residents who are disabled.

Please click on the pictures below to view the remaining success stories in the 2015 series. Congratulations to Clarissa, Matthew and Stephanie for finding employment and thank you to their employers for giving them this chance to overcome various obstacles in the path to success.



"She's Lovin' It"

Clarissa is employed at McDonald's.

"Clarissa is really awesome and she is very good with interacting with the customers," Jennifer Blackwell, general manager at the McDonald's on Elm Street, said. "She is always early and likes to talk to the coffee drinkers in the morning as she has her breakfast. She is a happy person and gets along with everyone. We are so glad to have her."

Employ

Expect

"Finding Success in the Workplace"

Matthew is employed at McDonald's

"Matthew does a very nice job, is very punctual and has received many customer compliments," said Keith Tooill, McDonald's area supervisor. "He is a big asset for the company and really works hard interacting with the customers. He seems to enjoy his job and we enjoy him. "



"A Decade of Hard Work and Success"

Stephanie was employed at St. Catherines and is now at Signature Health

Stephanie offers advice to others with disabilities the form of what she tells herself, to always do her best. She says to just get in there, work as hard as you can and do what you can do.

Empower

We really want employers to realize these individuals all possess skills, determination and the ethics they are looking for ," states Betty Reisinger, Community Service Specialist. "All they need is a bit of guidance and some practice, and they can make the best employees at any business."

Good Life: We Want To THRIVE

Becoming who we want to be as true Good Life Allies for people with disabilities takes time and intentionality. Nothing worth striving for will be easy and without sacrifice. I appreciate the openness that each of you continue to demonstrate in the Good Life Learning Experiences. We are moving forward in our thinking, actions and relationships. Seeing growth and change takes a lot of time and is a decision each of you will be responsible for every single day. Our jobs are so much more than just giving people the basics in life. We want people with disabilities in Fayette County to not just SURVIVE but to THRIVE!

That can be easier said than done! Tangible ways where we can have action behind our intentions are to use the "Tools of an Ally" that we are learning through Good Life. These tools can be used not only with people with disabilities, but our co-workers and in our personal lives as well. These tools are how we use *our thoughts about others with disabilities, our time, ears, eyes, words, hands, feet and feelings*. The use of these tools whether in a positive or negative way, will impact our service delivery and ability to support others.

I challenge you to constantly check and assess how you are using these tools and work to embrace ones that may be a struggle for you. If you see a co-worker struggling to maintain a supportive attitude, encourage them and join with them to bring them back to a good place. Together, we can change this county for the better, one intentional action at a time.

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

—Booker T. Washington

Submitted by: Cheryl Binegar, SSA, LSW
Good Life Facilitator



Fayette County is moving in to the ImagineIS

As many of you know, the Service and Support Administration have been attending trainings in Person Center Principles from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) throughout this year. The reasoning is twofold; one, we want to improve our skills to provide the best services possible to people and secondly, we want to have the best technology that will provide team efficiencies and enhanced services. To achieve these goals, we decided early this year to use the Imagine Information

System (IS) with DODD. The decision to use the system is individually up to each county across the state, with the IS first being available to counties who had received the appropriate training, last November 2014.

The ImagineIS is the technology system that we will be completing Person Centered work in for each person that we serve. This technology will house a person's Discovery Information, their Individual Service Plan, team communications (called Learning Logs), medical information, etc. The ImagineIS is web-based, so the person receiving services and their team members will have access to and the ability to interact within the system, even using a smart phone! This allows real-time communication that would be beneficial at a doctor's visit, an employment meeting, and with support needs. Additionally, the ImagineIS will allow the county board to easily connect to other DODD systems that we have to work in.

We are gearing up to begin trainings in October for the Information System, with a Kick-Off party on October 1st. Everyone is invited to attend the party, which will include a brief presentation from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. The series of trainings will also include training for providers of services. At this point, we plan to go live in the ImagineIS by November 1st, with a slow paced entering of people throughout the next 12 months.

At any time that you have questions on the ImagineIS, please give us a call. We would be glad to talk with you.

Submitted by: Renee Guess, SSA Director



The S.A.F.E. support group held their annual summer family pool party at Jeffersonville Pool on Tues., July 28th from 7-9 pm. This was the best-attended pool party to date with over 40 people there. Families with children of all ages enjoyed a warm evening of swimming, fellowship and food. If anyone would like information on S.A.F.E., please contact Cheryl Binegar, SSA at FCBDD at 740-335-7453.

Welcome to the following new employees

1. Lisa Langley ~ Lisa is a substitute teachers' assistant at Fayette Progressive School. Lisa enjoys spending time with her family and friends, reading and keeping up with her 2 boys, Hedieyah and Brody. Lisa says "each day brings so much positive growth in the students" as she really enjoys watching them develop in all areas that they work on each day.
2. Veronica "Roni" Cartmell ~ Roni is Erin's teacher's assistant at Fayette Progressive School. She loves doing jigsaw puzzles, reading and spending time and making memories with her family. She has 2 beautiful daughters, Mackenzie Lee (10 years old) and Mackayla Joleigh (7 years old). Roni states "I have the privilege of working with great people. This job is a blessing. I feel like I finally have found my "dream" job, making a difference." Congratulations also to Roni as she is engaged and will be getting married next year.
3. Melanie Cockerill - Mel is a Service and Support Administrator for Fayette County Board of DD. Mel has been a substitute Habilitation Specialist employed through Fayette Progressive Industries for the past year and when an opening in the SSA Dept. became available, she accepted the position.
4. Esto Haithcock ~ Esto is a substitute van driver and is the newest member of the FCBDD team. Esto enjoys watching his grandchildren, participating in sports and riding his motorcycle. He and his wife (Kathy) have 6 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Esto retired from Johnson Controls after 30 years of employment and is excited to be working at FCBDD. He stated "What I like most about my job at FCBDD is the interaction with the clients, the support from the other drivers and the hours."



Thank you to Heritage Memorial Church for the lunches provided to the teachers, staff and bus drivers on the first day of school. This is a service that the church does every year for the schools in Fayette County.

Deb Buccilla Accepts Position on Board of Directors at Disability Housing Network

Disability Housing Network Board of Director's welcome new board member, Deb Buccilla, superintendent of both Fayette and Highland County Boards of DD. DHN Board President, Jill LaRock is pleased to welcome a new superintendent to the board representing the southwest region of the state. Jill stated "I have known Deb for several years and I believe that Deb is an excellent addition

to the DHN Board. Her prior experience at Alvis House will bring an added value in discussing the housing needs of offenders when it is time to re-enter the community. It is a challenging issue to be sure but one which housing corporations may be faced with in the future.

The DHN Board of Directors includes superintendents Mike Mehalik (Jefferson CBDD), David Couch

(Hocking & Perry CBDD), Edward Stark (Trumbull CBDD) and housing corporation directors Jill LaRock (Greene County), Patrick Rafter (Franklin County), Greg Williamson (Ross County), Steve McPeake (Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake and Stark Counties), Stephanie Lowe (Ottawa County), Dianne Depasquale-Hagerty (Medina County) and Jim Steffey (Hamilton and Butler Counties)

Fayette Progressive School students were welcomed to their first day of school on August 19 by teachers and staff. The children were excited to see old friends and to meet new ones. Thanks to the Transportation Department for yet another year of safely transporting our children to and from school.

For more information about the programs and services offered, please contact Jamie Bryant, Education Services Coordinator at 740-335-1391.



Trinity is excited and ready for the new school year



Bus Driver Sue ensures that Leeah exits the bus safely



Bus Driver Kelly, assisting Kael safely off the bus



Staff Reatha and Lisa welcome students on the first day of school

Some stats from Fayette Progressive School

Early Intervention

Currently 35 children on the caseload.

Served 70+ families last year.

Collaborate with Help Me Grow in all evaluations and assessments of children 0-3. Every child and family are seen in the natural environment at least once a month and many come into the center also once a week.

El Specialists: Continue contracts with OT/ST and PT. Will soon have an OT on staff (this will be a shared position with Highland DD). Our DD nurse is also serving children

Preschool

Currently have 3 classrooms (2X day), serving 65 children ages, 3-5, five of which come full day and the rest half days.

There are also 22 preschool pals currently on the roster.

So long...Farewell... We Hate to Say Good Bye...



The people at FCBDD are going to miss Danny Purdum. Danny resigned as a Vehicle Operator and has accepted the Pastor position at Pueblo Bible Missionary Church in Pueblo, CO. Danny along with his wife, Lois and 2 children Hannah (3 1/2 years old) and Ethan (17 mo.) left for Colorado on Sept. 21st.

Danny is excited to move and feels this is a great calling. The church at

the present time only has around 10 regular people attending. However, it is in a great neighborhood with many children living close, so Danny feels there is a lot of potential in that area for the church. This position is another stepping stone to Danny and his family's long-term goal; to become missionaries. His wife's parents currently are missionaries in Ghana, Africa.

Good luck with the move and your new calling, Danny. We hope to stay in touch to hear how you and your family are doing, and will definitely keep you in our thoughts.

Mark Your Calendar!

A representative will be available to discuss the Ohio Deferred Comp program on Friday, Oct. 9th. He will be available at The Starting Gate from 1-2 PM and at Fayette Progressive Industries from 3-4 PM. Please see Liz for more information.

October 2015

			1 FACT Meeting	2
5 Art Class Picture Day - ECFC	6	7	8 Cracker Barrel	9 Deferred Comp Meeting
12 Art Class	13	14 Applebee's	15	16 Parent/Teacher Conferences—ECFC
19 Art Class Cracker Barrel (PM)	20 Flu Shots at FPI	21 Olive Garden Halloween Party-FPI	22 Pumpkin Patch Trip—ECFC Provider Fair	23 IHOP Parent/Teacher Conferences—ECFC
26 Art Class Wrestling Group SAFE Meeting	27	28	29 Olive Garden	30



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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 268 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

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

The Fayette County Softball teams just finished up a very successful softball season. The Varsity team was undefeated, winning all 3 tournaments they participated in and outscored opponents during the season 199-51. They finished the season with a 13-0 record.

For the first time the Dragons also had a JV softball team. This consisted of a lot of first time players,

some being as young as 8 years old. The Dragons showed much improvement from the first game of the season to the last game. They placed fourth in the first tournament they participated in and placed third in the second. They finished the season 2-10 losing several games by 3 runs or less.

I want to thank Jeni, Brittney, Sharon and Nikki for volunteering their

time to work the concession stand throughout the season. The Dragons will begin the 2015/16 basketball season as the next Special Olympics sport starting in November. Again there will be 2 teams with an adult team and a school age team.

Check the website often for updated information regarding the Special Olympics programs.

Article Submitted by Tim Stewart, Recreation Coordinator

