

LET'S SHARE IT!



Fayette County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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

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Superintendent's Message



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We are fast approaching a milestone in the field of developmental disabilities, 50 years of service to the community! County Boards across Ohio, including the Fayette County Board of DD, began providing much needed assistance in 1967. From humble beginnings in church basements, to opportunities today to live, work and play throughout our communities, the field of DD has come a long way.

Many of our "founding families" can and do look back with pride for all they accomplished for their sons and daughters in areas of education, vocational options and housing opportunities. Many of these families will tell you that they had no idea 50 years ago just how robust the DD system would become.

The Fayette County Board of DD is proud to be a part of this evolving system and we feel a sense of pride every time someone meets a milestone. From early intervention and preschool graduation, to an adult getting their first job, to the Dragons winning a game, we all are smiling from ear to ear!

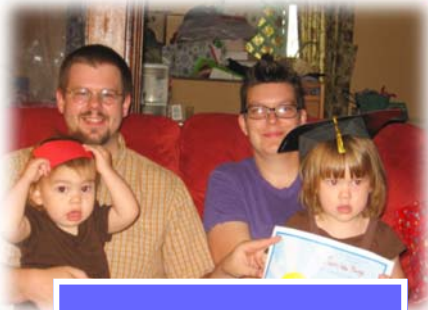
50 years is a long time for any business to not just survive but to thrive. We have the community to thank for supporting us all these years. Fayette County, you are one of the bright spots throughout Ohio assuring all individuals get the supports they need to live healthy, happy lives.

Thank you from all of us!

Deb Buccilla

Superintendent

EI GRADUATES



Surrilda graduated from the
EI program in July.

Congratulations to these little ones for graduating from Early Intervention. They have made huge milestones in their development thanks to the EI staff and support of their family. Watch out Preschool...here they come!

Connor graduated from
the EI program in August



EARLY INTERVENTION

Early Intervention was lucky enough to have a fun-filled day without rain. As the pictures show, they had a great time enjoying a small splash pad and wading pool. They scooped things out of the pool and dumped water in and out of the water with cups. Social skills were used as the children had to take turns with toys, use words to ask for things, and talk about what activities they were doing. So many skills develop, even through play. Noah's picture below, shows what pure joy is just to jump and let water run over him.





Welcome Back!



The students eagerly arrived on the first day of classes.



Hand writing without tears "Mat Man" and Ms. Reatha were on hand to welcome the children back to school. Welcome back Zaylynn!



Fashion Diva Zoey is ready to rock Ms. Erin's class



MISS JILL WELCOMES THE STUDENTS BACK ON HER 30TH YEAR!



Bentley was all smiles as Ms. Kelly assisted him off the bus, excited to start the new year.



Colton found a familiar arm to hang onto.



SERVICE & SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION



On February 1, 2017, after living many years in nursing homes and most recently at Columbus Developmental Center, Mary Lou's goal of finding her "forever home" in Washington Court House came to be. One of the reasons Mary Lou was so interested in moving to this quiet little community was to be able to sit on her back porch, drink coffee and listen to the roosters crow. Mary Lou also wanted to plant flowers in front of her house and have a garden in her back yard where she could grow tomatoes, cucumbers and cantaloupe. Knowing a garden would be a lot of work and plowing up the back yard would probably not be appreciated by the land-



lord; it was agreed Mary Lou would have a pallet garden. Mary Lou's SSA Cathie Rippeth, her Fayette Progressive Industries staff Jeni Harris, and her Frontier Community Services House Manager Tavia Kettles teamed up to obtain the needed materials for Mary Lou's garden. Mary Lou is very proud of the cucumbers and tomatoes she grew this summer.

Dawn's dream was to see the New Kids on the Block in concert. This spring, with the help of her Frontier Community Services staff, Lori Newman and Crystal Townsend her dream came true. With donations of tickets, transportation and time, on May 12th Dawn, Cathie (Dawn's SSA) and Crystal headed for Columbus. After eating at Red Robin, they headed to Nationwide Arena where they saw Boyz to Men, Paula Abdul and New Kids on the Block.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



Nate along with SSA, Cheryl Binegar take some time during a home visit to play Super Heroes in his new home in Columbus.

The SSAs are trained in Good Life Principles, Trauma Informed Care, and Person-Centered Philosophies, all of which support people and their families with their personal outcomes to help them move forward, as they desire, in their lives. Supports are designed to balance what is important to a person and what is important for them. The supports are also provided in many settings, such as, but not limited to, the family home, community living, school and employment.



family, she jumped at the opportunity to ride share to visit the historic landmark! During the long drive up to Cleveland, they jammed-out to a variety of genres of tunes. He educated Mel on different facts about various artists/bands. Mel stated, "Kyler knows more about music than anyone I know!" They spent the entire day at the museum where Kyler loved seeing all the memorabilia especially the Johnny Cash exhibit. On their return, Mel was excited to share this event with everyone stating that they had a blast together and she felt so blessed to have been able to share that day with Kyler!

Kyler is a young man who receives services through FCBDD. While discussing Kyler's hopes and dreams in a previous meeting with his Services and Supports Administrator Mel Cockerill, he shared that he has always wanted to go to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Kyler has a strong passion for music. He loves listening to all types of music and enjoys going to concerts. Since Mel travels to Cleveland regularly on the weekends to visit



GIVING BACK

*To the
community*

The Fayette County Board of DD's Give Back Crew recently visited the Carnegie Public Library, the Fayette County EMS, the Fayette County Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, and ABC Pediatrics of Ohio.

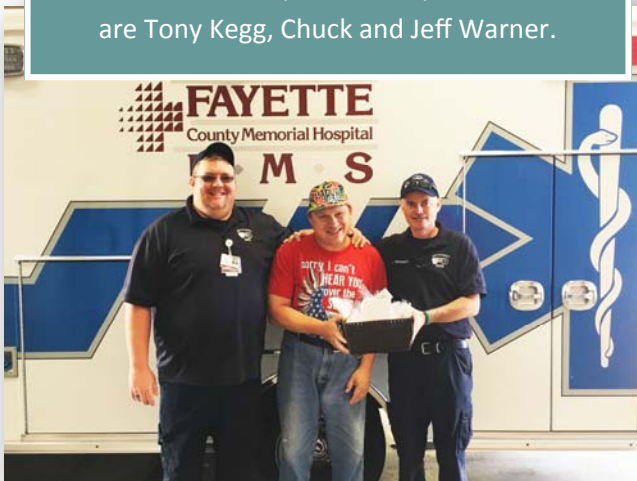
Give Back to ABC Pediatrics of Ohio. Pictured are Diana, Dr. Fitton and Chuck.



Give Back to the Carnegie Public Library. Pictured are Chuck, Buffy, Aaron Teeter, Diana, Sarah Nichols.



Give Back to the Fayette County EMS. Pictures are Tony Kegg, Chuck and Jeff Warner.



Give Back to the Fayette Co Memorial Hospital Emergency Room. Pictured with Chuck is Kathy Yokum.



The Fayette County Special Olympics held their big Dime a Dog night on September 10th. With a great crowd on hand and perfect weather, the Dragons ultimately lost the game to the Guns and Hoses team by a score of 22-10. Close to 600 hot dogs were sold along with snow cones, lemonade shake ups and t-shirts. Several people also donated baked goods for a bake sale which was held during the evening. This event was very successful as there were roughly 15 volunteers from the community and over \$2400 raised for Special Olympics! FCBDD and the Dragons would like to thank the community volunteers for their support of Special Olympics and their help to make the Dime a Dog game a huge success.



Baked goods were donated and sold to raise funds for Special Olympics.



Pictured above: the Honor Guard from Post 3762 and playing of the National Anthem before the Dime A Dog game.

Pictured below: the Guns N Hoses and the Dragons teams .



FAYETTE COUNTY DRAGONS

LOCAL PROVIDER UPDATES



Dana Logiudice from Frontier Community Services took Donnie and Randy to a Big Time Wrestling event in Chillicothe. Both men love wrestling and were excited to meet one another as Randy lives in Chillicothe and they have so much in common. The men got to meet the wrestlers as well as get their signed autographs. Dana stated, "The guys had a great time. They enjoyed talking and looking at the signed pictures from the wrestlers all the way home.

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Randy and Donnie with Shane Douglas Mr. Franchise



Goodwill, Inc. has a Volunteer program to help with production, daily maintenance, organization, customer assistance and donations. If interested, stop by the store and pick up a volunteer application or visit www.gwisco.org/be-a-volunteer. Volunteers must be 16 years or older and is a great opportunity for anyone in high school as you can add this work to a resume.

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

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