

LET'S SHARE IT!



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 have just passed 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



Gracie

EI GRADUATES

Congratulations to these little ones for graduating from Early Intervention in September. FCBDD is proud to have them as new preschoolers at Fayette Progressive Preschool. Congratulations to Gracie and Brantley.

"Children learn as they play. Most importantly, in play children learn how to learn."
-O. Fred Donaldson

Brantley



Autumn at Fayette Progressive School



In Early Intervention the kiddos have been busy playing in the sensory bin filled with corn, pumpkins, gourds, and buckets. This play is giving the children opportunities to practice using many different skills. They love it!



Miss Ashley's class

Miss Emily's class



Miss Roni's class



Miss Erin's class





Fall Fun at Fayette Progressive Preschool

A child's work is play. October is filled with these opportunities while enjoying the sights and sounds of Autumn. Whether it is digging into an open pumpkin or a bin filled with corn, or walking to find a pumpkin in the patch; we like to engage all five senses in as many activities as possible.

A dress rehearsal trick or treat was in full swing Thursday before going out into the community that same eve. Exploring the world around them with guidance leads to learning and amazing brain growth. At the Fayette Progressive Preschool children in early intervention and preschoolers with differing abilities, do that work regularly.

Recently a Pumpkin Science night for our students and their families was held at Southern State Community College. Families were invited to join the preschool staff for an evening of exploring pumpkins, snacks and family pictures. Students learned to measure using a ruler as well as cubes to measure the height and circumference of their pumpkin. This often starts with using blocks, shoes or other items which also encourages children to practice their counting skills. They enjoyed using their five senses to explore pumpkins and record their findings. A cool way to explore emotions is while drawing many faces on jack-o-lanterns and then trying to imitate them yourself. Students and parents made homemade doughnuts then practiced fine motor skills cutting the hole out of the doughnut.

The staff at Fayette Progressive Preschool greatly appreciates the families who participated in our family fun night allowing us to extend our play and learning for an evening! Please keep an ear out for upcoming family fun nights. We have some more fun activities planned with the help of our staff and community partners! If you would like more information on Fayette Progressive Preschool or Early Intervention call 740-335-1391 and check us out at Fayette County Board of DD's facebook page and website by visiting www.fayettetdd.com.



FAYETTE PROGRESSIVE PRESCHOOL WELCOMES SCARLET!



Congratulations to Jamie Roe, Preschool Coordinator and family at the birth of Scarlet. Scarlet joins mom, dad and 3 brothers. I'm sure this sweet bundle of joy is going to be loved and spoiled by not only her family, but also her preschool family! Welcome Scarlet!

GOOD LIFE IS STILL GOING STRONG

On October 26, 2017, Fayette County hosted the Regional Good Life Reunion Group. The group meets quarterly in different counties throughout the region to have Good Life Facilitators discuss updates, new ideas for trainings, problem solving techniques and a time of reflection on how their counties are doing with implementing the Good Life mental models.

During this meeting, FCBDD SSA, Cheryl Binegar, facilitated a learning experience with the group that involved a take away about words that we use. Each person had a piece of paper, a tooth pick and a tube of tooth paste. They were asked to spell out a word on their paper with the toothpaste. They then had 1 minute to compete to try to see how many people could scoop up the toothpaste from the paper and put it back into the tube of toothpaste.

The purpose behind the activity was to show that the words we say out loud can never be taken back. Just like trying to put back toothpaste in a tube, it is nearly impossible. No matter how sorry we are, or the justified reason behind the words, once they are out, they are never to be retrieved. In the field of developmental disabilities, many people have to endure verbal abuse or even shaming or humiliation at the hands of people that are to protect them. It is our job to self-assess the things that we say and allow to be said around us. Are we saying things to help, encourage, problem solve and make people better? Or are we negative, angry, critical and rude?

As professionals, family members and advocates, we all have a responsibility for what we words we use. Let us all think of our words as bubbles. They will pop somewhere and land on somebody. Make the bubbles cleansing when they pop not leave a nasty film.

Also during the meeting, there was a going away party for OACB Good Life Trainer, Pete Moore. Pete has worked for OACB for 8 years and has been the partner to Willie Jones in implementing the Good Life movement in Ohio. We are sad to see Pete leave OACB, but excited for his new position as the Executive Director of an ICF in Perry County. He plans to use the Good Life models in his new work and continue to stay active in the Good Life Community. Thank you Pete, for all you have done.

For more information on Good Life training, please contact Cheryl Binegar, SSA, Good Life Coordinator at the Fayette County Board of DD.



FAYETTE COUNTY DRAGONS

This year the Fayette County Special Olympics program is excited to announce a new addition to the fall sports calendar. Flag football has made its debut, with 18 players currently on the roster. So far, the Dragons have participated in 2 games, winning both. The first game was a nail-biter with the Dragons taking the lead with just 2 seconds remaining in the game! It was a very exciting game and something everyone enjoyed.

The Dragons will compete in the State flag football tournament on Saturday November 4th with a goal of bringing home the first-ever state championship in flag football.

Volunteers are always needed and are what makes this program a success. If interested, contact Tim Stewart, Community First Coordinator at 740-335-7453.



TRAUMA - INFORMED CARE 101:



*Cheryl Binegar, SSA, LSW,
Good Life Coordinator*

In case you haven't heard, Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) has become a very important part of the work we do. It has infiltrated not only our system, but law enforcement, mental health providers and school districts. The information about TIC has become so important to the work that professionals do and neces-

sary to provide a thriving life for those with disabilities. If at this point, you have never heard about TIC, don't fear! Fayette County Board of DD is a Trauma-Informed Agency and have trainings available to assist with getting you up to speed on this important topic. For now, here are some key points in the TIC discussion.

What is TRAUMA? Individual trauma results from an event, series of events or set of circumstances that is experienced by a person as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on that person's functioning and mental, physical, social emotional or spiritual well-being.

It is important to know that what may NOT be traumatic to you, can be very traumatic to someone else. We need to be careful to not decide what we think trauma looks like for people. There are clear traumatic events, such as a death of a loved one, abuse, neglect, war or natural disasters. There are also different ones that we may not think of such as public humiliation, well-intentioned medical procedures that went wrong, divorce, poverty, or living with someone with an addiction.

No matter what the trauma may be, it has been estimated that nearly 90% of people with disabilities will experi-

ence trauma in their lifetime. This percentage is disturbing and a clear reminder that we all need to have tools on trauma-informed care available to us.

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The impacts of trauma change people's brains, life expectancy and relationships with others. It is to be taken seriously and delicately. The good news is that with proper care and healthy relationships, resiliency can happen and people can begin to heal.

Choosing to judge people's actions less and seek to understand what might be the underneath and behind it, is the right thing to do.

Let's start asking, "What happened TO you" instead of "What's wrong WITH you."

For more in- depth information on Trauma-Informed Care, please contact Cheryl Binegar, SSA, Good Life Coordinator and Trauma-Informed Care Trainer at the Fayette County Board of DD.

**the struggle
you're in today
Is developing the
strength you need for
tomorrow**
~Robert Tew



GIVING BACK

To the community



The Fayette County Board of DD's Give Back Crew recently visited WCHO, St. Catherine's/Court House Manor, VFW Post 3762 and Kroger. Thank you for your support and for all you do to give back to the Fayette County community.

Give Back to WCHO. Pictured are Bryce Matson, Diana, Chuck and Harry Wright



Give Back to St. Catherine's/Court House Manor. Pictured are Erica, Julie Bolendar, Kyler, Sue Thomas and Chuck.

Give Back to VFW Post 3762. Pictured are Chuck, Matthew, Bob Malone, Tom Smith, Chris, Tracy Patterson, Betty Reisinger and Kyler.



Give Back to Kroger. Pictured are Kyler, Matthew, Chris, Amy Mick, Chuck and Shelia Johnson.

LOCAL PROVIDER UPDATES



Thank you to Dana Logiudice from Frontier Community Services for taking the time out of her busy day to not only take these men to area attractions, but to also create some lasting memories. The men said it was not only fun but a relaxing trip.



Josh, Shawn and Roy visit Ross County's Yoctangee Park to feed the ducks and geese.



Roy visited the tank in Clarksville.

Goodwill is accepting new employees for the work center located at 1827 Columbus Ave, Washington Court House, OH. Goodwill provides a variety of training and employment tools to offer maximum opportunity for program participants to reach their full potential. For more information, contact your Service and Support Administrator.



On Friday October 20th Fayette Progressive Industries held their annual Halloween party. Thank you to Roger Bellar for providing music at the party and congratulations to the costume contest winners 1st place went to Erica, 2nd place was awarded to Allen and Mandy received 3rd place.



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