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Marilyn Weidman, Editor

Season's Greetings,

November and December of each year seem to be the busiest times for most of us but also a time of reflection and thankfulness. In November, Fayette County residents went to the ballot and once again voted for renewal funding for the Fayette County Board of DD. A special thank you goes to all the *Friends of Fayette DD* committee members for spreading the word about the wonderful programs and services being provided or supported by the Board. Norma and Mitchell Kirby co-chaired this committee and worked tirelessly to achieve the passage of the levy with over 75% of the vote.



Thank you to Norma and Mitchell Kirby who co-chaired the Friends of Fayette levy committee.

The generosity of our community not just by supporting the tax levy but by opening doors for the individuals being served is remarkable. From partnering with Fayette Memorial Hospital to host Healthy Living classes, to working with Carnegie Public Library to hold monthly Book Club, to support from Kroger who shares space for monthly advocacy meetings, we are fortunate.

As we head into the Christmas season, all of us at Fayette DD would like to thank the community for this support and recognizing all of us, as just one of you.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Deb Buccilla, Superintendent





Early Intervention



In November, the EI kiddos were busy painting and coloring turkeys. We used our fingertips to make a turkey with a beautiful tail. It is always amazing how children like to play outside in the dirt and get their hands dirty, but a little bit of paint sometimes is a problem. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas!



Look at those smiles! Congratulations to these Early Intervention Graduates!



Oct. Graduate
Matthew



Oct. Graduate
Ryder



Nov. Graduate
Chesneigh



Nov. Graduate
Derrick

Pet Day at Fayette Progressive Preschool

The students at Fayette Progressive Preschool have been learning about pets. There is so much to discover from a study about pets: concepts and skills in the areas of literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, and the arts and technology. The students also developed thinking skills as they observed, investigated, asked questions, solved problems, made predictions, and tested their ideas.

Thank you to the Fayette County Humane Society who visited one of the classrooms during this study and brought Virginia and Faith, two kittens to play and interact with the students. Other pets who visited include Mikey with Jamie Rowe, Early Childhood Coordinator, and students Rylie, Easton and Presley brought their special friends.





GIVING BACK *to the community*

The recipients of the November Give Backs played a big part in making the 3rd Annual Business Awards dinner a success. This event is held annually to honor employers within the community that partner with FCBDD. The night celebrates those that are employed within the community, participate in a vocational training program or volunteer at different locations throughout the community.

Grace Community Church provided a beautiful venue for the evening. Donovan Stickle and Kevin Evans from Grace Community Church went above and beyond donating their time to run the sound and video systems without hesitation.

Channel 3's David Woolever and Harry Wright also assisted with making the event a memorable one for all. David and Harry took the time to meet with some of the employees to allow them to share what work means to them, or why work is important to them. They brought their cameras to FCBDD and created a video which was shared at the banquet. David donated his time and talent editing and adding music to create an empowering and informative video for all to enjoy.

Pat Catan's also went above and beyond to help ensure that this event was one to remember. Brett Joseph and his staff at Pat Catan's did a lot of footwork and went out of their way to make sure that everything needed was available to make the venue elegant and inviting. Fayette County is very fortunate to have Pat Catan's in this community, and the FACT group from FCBDD appreciates the support that is provided by this business.



FAYETTE COUNTY DRAGONS

The Fayette County Dragons have again wrapped up another great sports season and have moved right into the next! The Flag football team would unfortunately lose a heartbreaker at the state tournament losing the lead with only 30 seconds left and eventually take home 3rd place. From there the Dragons have transitioned right into Basketball! There will again be 2 teams featured this year with one being a Varsity and the other a JV team that consists mostly of school age players. The first game this year will be December 20th with the JV team playing at home against Columbus Black. We look forward to having another great Basketball season for both teams and hopefully winning our first ever state championship! The Dragons also will continue to have a great Cheerleading squad consisting of 16 cheerleaders! They are all loud and proud and love to show their Dragon spirit! Feel free to check out the Dragons Facebook page for all updates on scheduling! The Dragons were also apart of this years Christmas parade with several athletes and volunteers walking the parade route! They looked great and look forward to continuing to do that next year! Thanks to Kelly Shilts for getting everything together for that and Shannon Shilts for driving the truck in the parade!



SYNERGY 2017



Buffy enjoys the photo booth at Synergy 17.



Aaron and Chad pose for a picture while at the conference.

Professionals, Advocates, Resources (PAR) and Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) partnered to provide a one of a kind opportunity for people from different locations and backgrounds to come together, share their stories, network with colleagues, and form lasting relationships. Chad, Aaron, and Buffy, 3 advocates from Fayette County, attended the 3-day conference.

The event boasted key note speakers, break-out sessions, and culminated with a party complete with a D.J., a photo booth and dancing. There were over 700 registered for this conference many of which were people with disabilities, from all over Ohio. The Fayette crew left the conference feeling more empowered and with new friendships.

LOCAL PROVIDER UPDATES



Thank you to Jeni Harris with Fayette Progressive Industries for helping Eddie with this project. Jeni stated that Eddie came to her asking if she could help him make a stuffed animal. He later changed his mind and wanted to make a Raven doll. Jeni and Eddie worked together and finished Raven this week! Awesome job! She looks just like Raven.



The employees at Goodwill, Inc. enjoyed a holiday party complete with props for pictures. Merry Christmas!



THANK YOU PROVIDERS

On December 18th, the Fayette County Board and the Service and Support Administration department shared their appreciation to providers who serve children and adults in our community. With it being Christmas and the season of giving, we wanted to thank our providers for the great job that they do by providing a light lunch and an opportunity for sharing. With the variety of soups, sandwiches and sweet treats, the time together was enjoyed by all!

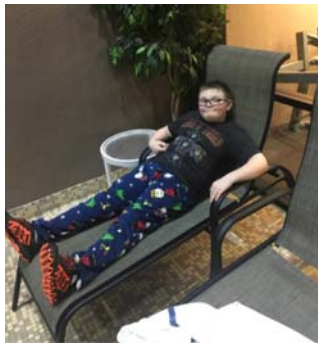
With nearly 120 people receiving paid supports from certified providers, having a strong and skilled provider capacity is a must. The Fayette County Board is committed to supporting our providers and people's chosen teams, by offering team and individualized trainings and focused efforts to increase the provider pool for more choices. Providers are assisting people to live successfully within their community, providing job training and other employment services, and independent living skill development. Their services are identified through a person-centered planning process to develop a person's Individual Service Plan (ISP), that focuses on outcomes that keep a person moving forward in life. Once again, THANK YOU providers for all you do!! You make a difference!



The teachers, assistants, Early Intervention specialists and bus drivers at Fayette Progressive Preschool take some time out of the hectic holiday schedule to celebrate the holiday season. "From home to home, and heart to heart, from one place to another. The warmth and joy of Christmas, brings us closer to each other." – Emily Matthews



SAFE Festivities



On December 18th, members of the support group S.A.F.E. (Showing Acceptance for Everyone) enjoyed some holiday festivities by having their annual Christmas Party. This year they held their party at Deer Creek Lodge and enjoyed an evening of swimming, fellowship and food.

"It was suggested that maybe we should try to do a pool party for Christmas since our annual July pool party was rained out 4 times this summer. The kids and families were thrilled with the idea of an indoor party," said Cheryl Binegar, facilitator of the support group, "It was a big hit!"

Parents, siblings, and kids with special needs all enjoyed the evening together. One parent said, "There are no divides here. Everyone plays together, and this is so good for my kids."

S.A.F.E.'s mission is to provide support, education and resources to families with children with special needs in Fayette County. The group typically meets two times a month at Heritage Hall from 5:30-6:30 pm. Child care is offered.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this extra support, please contact Fayette County Board of DD, SSA, Cheryl Binegar at (740) 335-7453, for more information.



TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE: AN INTRODUCTION

1/25/18 9:30a-12:30P

Participants will learn how childhood and life experiences, including neglect and traumatic stress, change the brain and therefore the physical and mental health of an individual. Ways to assess adverse childhood experiences and resilience will be introduced. Attendees will enhance their ability to plan supports and services that are informed by a clearer understanding of “What has happened to you?” and “What have you done to survive?” rather than “What is wrong with you?”

Dr. Angela Everson Ray received her Masters and Doctorate degrees in psychology from The Ohio State University, specializing in mental health services for persons with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (IDD). She is the Director of Psychology for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities in Columbus where she supervises a team of 11 clinicians (psychology assistants and behavior specialists). She has served people of all ages with I/DD and co-occurring mental illness for over 30 years in private practice and at the FCBDD. Dr. Ray is a trained trauma professional and has taught a variety of audiences about trauma-informed and trauma-responsive care. She is a member of APA, OPA, AAIDD, and NADD.

Dr. Lisa Gordish received her doctorate in clinical psychology from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 1997 and has been a licensed chemical dependency counselor since 2013. She has worked as a psychologist at the Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus Ohio since 1999 and is currently a forensic coordinator at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services. Dr. Gordish’s clinical interests include forensic psychology, trauma, and substance abuse. She provided trauma treatment in an outpatient Sexual Abuse Survivor’s Program in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and provided clinical services within the Metro Dade Police Department in Miami, Florida after Hurricane Andrew in 1992. She subsequently worked in an outpatient anxiety disorders clinic and an intensive outpatient substance abuse program. Since 2008, Dr. Gordish has provided leadership in adopting Trauma-informed practices within the state regional psychiatric hospitals.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Define trauma and trauma-informed care
2. Describe the ACE study and the essential elements of a comprehensive trauma assessment
3. Understand the essential elements of a Trauma Informed Biographical Timeline (TIBT)

LOCATION:

Southern State Community College
Fayette Campus

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Washington Court House, OH

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below web address

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The application for continuing education has been submitted. For more information, please contact Kim Kehl @ Kim.Hehl@mha.ohio.gov

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