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Fayette County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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available services so that people we serve
may realize their dreams and actively
contribute to their community.

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Marilyn Weidman, Editor

Dear Friends,

Once again, I find myself wondering where the time has gone. It seems that we just published a newsletter however when we look back it has been a few months. I think the busier you are the quicker time goes and these few months have flown by! Busy is good, accomplishments plenty. One of the most exciting things we have been involved in is the development of a partnership with Greene County Community Foundation aka Greene Giving.



Greene Giving is a not for profit community foundation which assists numerous agencies in their fundraising efforts. FCBDD has established a fund, **Fayette County Endowment for DD** at Greene Giving which will enable us to receive donations through this 501(c)(3) entity. This provides the donor the ability to claim this charitable donation on their taxes.

Before the establishment of this fund, FCBDD could accept donations however we were unable to provide the needed "charitable status" many donors desire. Our partnership with Greene Giving solves this dilemma.

In this newsletter, you will read about other partnerships with our community specifically one benefitting our preschool and early intervention service. Note the article about a newly developed relationship with Valero. Valero is truly an example of what community support is all about. We are grateful!

Until next time, enjoy!

Deb Buccilla, Superintendent

Community

**"People coming together as a
community can make things happen."**

Jacob Rees-Mogg

A Surprise Visit From Valero to Fayette County Preschool Can Make All the Difference In the World



"We want to give money to make a difference." Candance Horton

Backrow from left to right: Lisa Langley, Emily Tubbs, Jill Phillips, Cara Russo-Gatta, Michaela Carter, Tessa Hill, Josh Parker, Erin Pemberton, Jan Cobb, Chrissy Daniels.
Front Row from left to right: Elaine Statti, Christie Parker, Candance Horton, Riley Stewart, Karl Charron, Jamie Roe, Suzie Janasov, Trish Thibert, Ashley Fluent, Sylvia Call.



Thank you Valero for your generous donation of \$20,000 to help fund new playground equipment for all to utilize that attend Early Intervention and Fayette Progressive Preschool.



*"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give."
-Winston Churchill*

On Thursday, September 13, 2018 Fayette Progressive Preschool and Early Intervention Program received a surprise visit from Valero with a donation of \$20,000. This grant will provide new and updated playground equipment for all children in these programs to use.

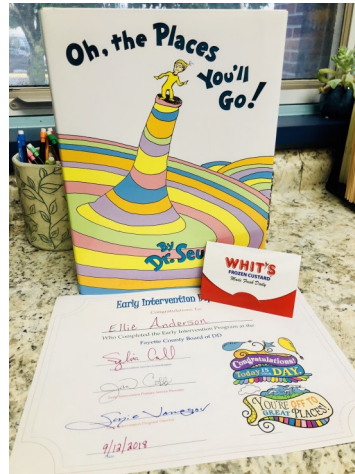
The 14-month grant began with the brainstorming of Christie Parker an Occupational Therapist for the Early Intervention Program; Josh Parker, Valero Water Treatment Coordinator; Suzie Janasov, Early Childhood Director of Fayette County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD); Jamie Roe, Educational Supervisor with FCBDD; the amazing staff of the Early Intervention Program; Candance Horton, Valero Office Coordinator; Kate Dolphin, Valero Administrative Assistant; and Karl Charron, Valero Plant Manager.

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Josh, Suzie with the help of Candance Horton, completed all the legal work through Valero Renewables. Candance was the backbone of this donation. She made sure that pieces of the puzzle matched. Every time FCBDD's staff met with Candance, her words reassured us that giving and continuing to pay it forward is what she and the company of Valero long to do. Through the hard work and dedication of this partnership and their contribution, it will make an impact in the lives of the children and staff in our community. FCBDD is humbled and grateful to have such a partnership with Valero.

EARLY INTERVENTION

**Thank
You!
WHIT'S
FROZEN CUSTARD**



A big thank you to Whit's Frozen Custard of Washington Court House!!



Whit's is generously donating gift cards to each of the little graduates who complete the Early Intervention (EI) program. The graduates also receive an official diploma as well as their own copy of Dr. Seuss's "Oh, The Places You'll Go". We truly appreciate the kindness and support of Whit's in making graduation just a little bit sweeter for these Early Intervention students!



Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard book exchanges number 36,000 around the world in 70 countries – from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a new Little Free Library at Fayette Progressive Preschool on 1351 Leesburg Ave in Washington Court House will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers. This library will be available to community members, and it will also provide the opportunity for our preschool and early intervention students to gain some responsibility by curating the collection of books featured in this library. This library was commissioned by Sylvia Call, Early Intervention Service Coordinator for the Fayette County Board of DD's Early Intervention Program and built by Roger Donaldson, director at the Jackson City Library.

"I love being able to share a love of literature with the community of Washington Court House, especially its very youngest citizens," says Sylvia Call. "The Little Free Library that we installed in front of our home has been a hit, and I'm hopeful that this second location will reach even more people who are on the lookout for a good book."

The Little Free Library nonprofit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader's Digest named them one of the "50 Surprising Things We Love about America." Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more, please visit littlefreelibrary.org.

On September 1, 2018, the Waiting List Rule for Home and Community-Based Services Waivers changed. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has published the following relating to these changes.

FROM
OLD

TO
NEW

Ohio's DD Waiver
Waiting List
and YOU

How should I use this brochure?

This brochure was created to help people better understand the four possible outcomes of the new Waiting List Assessment process.

*To do this, we are imagining four friends—**Jamie, Kim, Tracy, and Alex**—who all go through the Waiting List Assessment process at the same time. These four friends each receive a different outcome and can use this brochure to compare why their outcomes are different. This brochure might even be used during your assessment to explain the process.*

Why is Ohio's DD Waiver Waiting List Changing?

*Over a 24-month period, organizations representing people with developmental disabilities, family members, guardians, county boards, private providers, and the State of Ohio worked together to come up with a **new way for Ohio to manage its waiting list as part of the "Fix The List" coalition.***

***The solution they created is outlined in this brochure.** This new assessment process is designed to address many of the issues that had frustrated families over the years while also helping county boards and the State of Ohio come up with a better plan to meet people's needs when they request a DD waiver.*

To learn more about the coalition, the new assessment process, and related topics, visit FixTheList.info or contact your local county board.

www.FixTheList.info

What has changed about Ohio's DD Waiver Waiting List?

For years, people with developmental disabilities and their families knew that the way Ohio managed its waiting list for DD waivers wasn't working. The waiting list was confusing for families and did little to help people gain access to services and supports they needed to live happy, healthy, fulfilling lives. That's why, for more than two years, Ohio's DD community has been working on a new process that will help county boards fairly and accurately identify the needs of a person seeking a DD waiver. This new process, and the four possible outcomes, are outlined on the inside of this brochure.

Why are we conducting assessments?

In the past, anyone could be on the waiting list for any reason—regardless of whether or not they actually needed a waiver. In fact, a person could be put on waiting lists in multiple counties, even if they didn't live there. A person could also be on multiple waiting lists for different waivers, even if the waiver they were requesting would not meet their needs. The new statewide assessment process will help to identify people's true needs and find ways to meet those needs with or without a waiver.

How might this new process affect me?

***If you were already on the waiting list before September 1, 2018,** you will be contacted by your county board to schedule an assessment interview. The purpose of this interview is to talk about your needs and determine if a waiver is the only way your needs can be met. This interview can take place in person or over the phone, depending on your situation.*

***If you were not on the waiting list before September 1, 2018,** but you think you might need a waiver and your county does not have any waivers available, you will need to complete the assessment process to be put on the waiting list in your county.*

***If you are not on the waiting list** because you already have a waiver that meets your needs, or because your needs are already being met without a waiver and you have not requested one, this process is not likely to affect you.*

Meet Jaime

Hello! My name is Jaime. Recently I had a conversation with my county board to talk about my needs. We completed the Waiting List Assessment, and we discovered I have "Immediate Needs." This means that I have needs right now, and if those needs are not met within 30 days, I will be at serious risk of harm.

Common examples of situations creating a serious risk of harm include, but are not limited to:

My primary caregiver is going away and nobody is available to take their place.

My behavior creates a serious risk of harm to myself or others.

My level of personal or medical care needs is so high that I am at serious risk of harm.

What happens next?

My county board will work with me to link me with services and supports to meet my "Immediate Needs." These services could be paid for by the county board, by a waiver, or through community-based alternative services, such as those offered by another government agency.

Will I be put on the waiting list?

No, I am not put on the waiting list because my county board must take action to meet my needs within 30 days. If I was on the waiting list before September 1, 2018, I will be removed, and my county board will take action to meet my needs as soon as possible.

- If I disagree with the outcome of my assessment, I have the right to appeal. My county board will give me information about how to make an appeal.
- No matter what the outcome of my assessment, if my needs change, I can ask my county board to go through the assessment process again.

Meet Tracy

Hey there! My name is Tracy. Recently, I had a conversation with my county board to talk about my needs. We completed the Waiting List Assessment, and we discovered I have "Current Needs." This means that I have needs right now or I will have needs at some point in the next 12 months, but I am not at serious risk of harm if no action is taken within 30 days.

After talking it over with my county board, we have come up with a plan to meet some of my assessed needs without a waiver. However, we also determined that some of my other needs cannot be met unless I get a waiver. This means **I need a waiver for all of my needs to be met.**

What happens next?

My county board will work with me to link me with services and supports to meet my "Current Needs" as much as possible without a waiver. These services could be offered by the county board, by a waiver, or through community-based alternative services, such as those offered by another government agency.

Will I be put on the waiting list?

If my county board is unable to immediately enroll me on an available waiver, then **YES**, I will be put on the waiting list. If I was already on the waiting list before September 1, 2018, I will keep my original date of request. If I was not already on the list, I will be placed on the list with a new "status date."

- If I disagree with the outcome of my assessment, I have the right to appeal. My county board will give me information about how to make an appeal.
- No matter what the outcome of my assessment, if my needs change, I can ask my county board to go through the assessment process again.

Meet Kim

Hi! My name is Kim. Recently, I had a conversation with my county board to talk about my needs. We completed the Waiting List Assessment, and we discovered I have "Current Needs." This means that I have needs right now or I will have needs some time in the next 12 months, but I am not at serious risk of harm if no action is taken within 30 days.

After talking it over with my county board, we have come up with a plan to meet all of my assessed needs without a waiver. This means I don't have to wait for services because I can have all of my needs met without a waiver.

What happens next?

My county board will work with me to link me with services and supports to meet all of my "Current Needs" without a waiver. These services could be paid for by the county board or be community-based alternative services, such as those offered by another government agency.

Will I be put on the waiting list?

No, I am not put on the waiting list because my needs can be met with non-waiver resources. If I was on the waiting list before September 1, 2018, I will be removed.

- If I disagree with the outcome of my assessment, I have the right to appeal. My county board will give me information about how to make an appeal.
- No matter what the outcome of my assessment, if my needs change, I can ask my county board to go through the assessment process again.

Meet Alex

Howdy! My name is Alex. Recently, I had a conversation with my county board to talk about my needs. We completed the Waiting List Assessment and we discovered that I do not have any unmet needs at this time. This means that I will not have any needs in the next 12 months, and I am not at serious risk of harm if no action is taken within 30 days.

After talking it over with my county board, we have agreed to stay in touch in the months and years ahead in case I have any unmet needs in the future. Even though I don't have any unmet needs today, my county board is always available to help me find services if that should change.

What happens next?

If my needs should change, I should contact my county board as soon as possible to discuss my situation. My county board can link me to services and supports to meet my needs, and if necessary complete a new assessment at that time.

Will I be put on the waiting list?

No, I am not put on the waiting list because I do not have any unmet needs at this time. If I was on the waiting list before September 1, 2018, I will be removed.

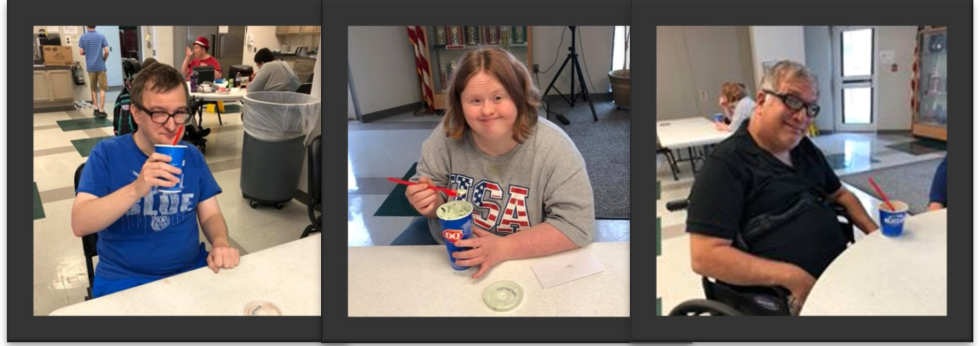
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LOCAL PROVIDER UPDATES

On Thursday August 2nd Fayette Progressive Industries participated in Dairy Queens Miracle Treat Day. Together with the community the local Dairy

Queen nearly doubled last year's contribution.

Pictured are Jason, Olivia and Rob enjoying a blizzard.



Goodwill has been working on building **Community Integration**. To help achieve this goal, activities have been planned in the community. On one outing, the girls went to DQ, Fred and Robin went to Red Robin on a lunch date, and earlier this year, the group went to

Frisch's where a deep discussion was held on WWE and Special Olympics events over the years. If you see any of these people out and about in the community, be sure to stop and say hello.



NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB



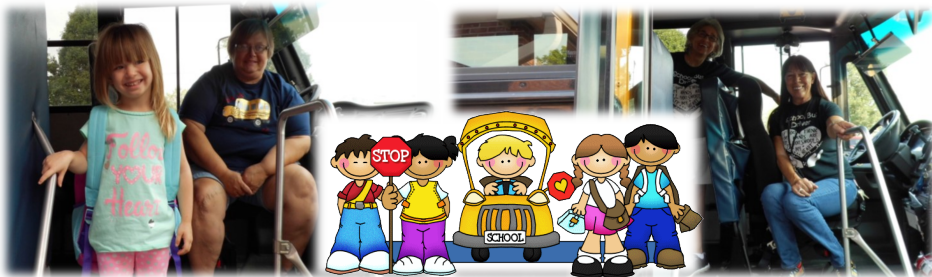
The NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUB, recently held their end-of-the-book party at Dairy Queen. Who doesn't love ice cream? For more information about this national book club, call FCBD at 740-335-7453. Thank you to the facilitators and volunteers for helping these adults love to read.

Helping people with disabilities enjoy books, friends and their community.

it's my
FIRST day of
PREschool!
2018



THEY GROW SO FAST!



A grandparent's LOVE
Is strong and deep,
filled with MEMORIES
to cherish and keep.
Grandparents Day 2018



DRAGONS

Fayette County Special Olympics has another season in the books. The softball season was plagued with a very wet summer which caused many cancellations including the Fayette County Classic Softball tournament and the annual Dime a Dog night. The highlight of the season was the Varsity Softball team taking first place in the Highland County Softball classic.



Flag Football will start soon. There are currently 15 athletes playing football this year. This team will play several games through October and wrap up at the state tournament on November 10th.

Fayette County Special Olympics will hold their annual awards banquet on November 5th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Grace Community Church. This event will honor all Special Olympic Athletes, partners, coaches and volunteers. A buffet style dinner is being planned with awards to follow. This night is one the athletes look forward to each year to showcase their success.

Congratulations!

The Fayette County Board of DD would like to congratulate Buffy on her recent swearing-in, as a Region 3 representative for the People First of Ohio. On July 19th, Buffy attended the 2018 Summer Developmental Disability Conference People First of Ohio & The Arc of Ohio, where she and other board members were sworn in by John Martin, the Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

People First of Ohio is a statewide organization that works with state legislators and builds relationships with other advocacy groups and state agencies. These relationships promote better interaction among people who make decisions in the communities and the state. People First believes that if policymakers begin to really know people with disabilities, they will be able to make positive changes.

For more information about People First of Ohio or the programs and services provided by the Fayette County Board of DD, please call 740-335-7453 or visit www.fayettedd.com.

