

Board member
resigns; moving
from the area



Board member Nikki Montgomery has submitted her resignation, saying she is moving from the area. She was appointed to a term beginning in January by Probate Judge Jack Puffenberger. We wish her and her family well in all their new pursuits.



Upcoming Events

- June 26-27 - Special Olympics State Summer Games
- July 3 - Independence Day Holiday; all Board facilities are closed
- July 20 - ADA Day at the Zoo
- August 11 - Family & Advocate Forum with Superintendent Deb Yenrick; 9:30 a.m. at 1154 Larc Lane
- August 18 - Monthly meeting of the Lucas County Board of DD
- August 20 - People First, 6:00 p.m., at the Ability Center
- September 7 - Labor Day; all Board facilities are closed

Update

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Athletes train for Summer Games

Chris Blue spurting to victory in the Area IV Spring Meet, a prelude to the Special Olympics Summer Games in Columbus, June 27-29. More than 2,500 athletes statewide are in training, including 53 from Lucas County. Most competition venues are on the campus of The Ohio State University. The Games bring together athletes for competition in 11 sports: Aquatics, Athletics (track and field), Bocce, Bowling, Cycling, Gymnastics, Power Lifting, Roller Skating, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball.



Frequently Asked Questions about upcoming changes to services and supports

Less isolation and more options. These are guiding principles behind the changes coming to the way the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides services and supports. The changes are in keeping with trends that show an ongoing evolution to greater community integration. The Lucas County Board of DD has always endorsed this evolution, and has been in the forefront to support an increased emphasis on housing, employment and social activities in community settings.

Admittedly, though, we believe there should be greater flexibility with the timelines being imposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. None-the-less, the Board is committed to ensuring that all individuals served are in safe, supportive environments; person-centered planning continues; and that opportunities and life experiences will expand.

Question: *I have heard there are big changes coming because of a new Medicaid rule. What is this all about?*

Concern was being voiced that too often individuals with developmental disabilities were being isolated from the rest of their communities. So, in 2014, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new rules that say federal and state Medicaid funds could no longer be used for Waiver services if those services are provided in segregated settings such as Lott Industries.

CMS gave Ohio and many other states until 2019 to make changes that would bring service delivery into compliance with their new rules. Ohio has asked for an extension until 2024, but so far the state has not received a response from CMS.

CMS is also concerned about what it believes is an inherent conflict of interest, so the new CMS rules also prohibit Ohio county boards of developmental disabilities from providing case management while at the same time providing services.

Because of this perceived conflict of

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New ISP form being developed



The Service and Support Administration Department has recently revised the Individual Service Plan (ISP) to make the plan more Person Centered. This plan will be seen by all in the near future. The plan is still being revised. This ISP looks different than the previous plan but still includes all the important pieces to make sure individuals are receiving all the supports needed. Please speak with your Service and Support Specialist with any questions you may have. It may take some time to be comfortable with the new ISP but the SSA department is here to answer any questions you may have. Email questions and comments to - ISPquestions@lucasdd.org

Early Childhood Network Reunion



A reunion of women who had worked the Lucas County Early Childhood Network in the 1990's. The Network assisted families connect with services. Front row: Kay Chirgott, Pat Williams, Mary Jo Bosch, Anita Richardson, Joni Dehne; Second row: Kathleen Sheets, Shirley Butwin, Jeannie Mahoney, Maureen Mullins, Meliss Klorer, Barb Maniak, Jennifer Murray, Laurie Dinnebeil; Back row: Diane Frazee, Claudia Patterson, Kathy Gaudet, Karen Porter, Ellen Hatcher



Marianne Mader accepts position in Holmes County

Marianne Mader, Senior Director of Community Services and Supports, has accepted the Superintendent position at the Holmes County Board of DD. Marianne has 25 years experience in the DD field, the past 12 of them with the Lucas County Board of DD. Marianne will begin her new duties on July 6.

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interest with case management, Board operation of Adult Options, including staffing and financial support to Lott Industries, will be phased out. The Board will also be required to end its Transportation Services. That means that those services will be provided by independent providers in Lucas County.

Question: Will there be enough providers? I do not want my loved one to be without services.

The number of private providers has been growing in Lucas County. Already, these providers account for about 54% of the services now being afforded to Lucas County residents with developmental disabilities. To help increase the

number of providers, the Board will be hiring a person to work at developing new providers.

The Lucas County Board of DD will continue to provide training to providers and also will monitor providers to ensure quality service delivery.

Question: My loved one has always received services from the county board. All these changes make me very nervous.

We understand. But please remember your Service and Support Specialist will be working with your team to map out the Individualized Service Plan. And, your Service and Support Specialist will still be helping you identify service providers.

Board honors staff with the prestigious Josina Lott Award

The annual Josina Lott Award is presented to staff members not only to recognize outstanding contributions but also to remind us about the heritage upon which this program was built. Our history is linked to Mrs. Lott's first formal program in Lucas County, started in 1938, for persons with developmental disabilities.



Rochelle Smith



Kelly Watson



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Anna Markley



Michelle Radtkin



Myrna Austin



Jennifer Krach



Mary Anne Burns



Mike Robinson

Daryl Slaughter and Margaret Lawless recognized as Staff Persons of the Month

Darryl Slaughter, with his calm and controlled demeanor is a bus monitor we rely on often. We appreciate his attitude toward his job and especially his caring attitude toward our passengers. Darryl will take on any route assignment without complaints. He is a true team player. Darryl, thank you for what you do to insure everyone has a safe and pleasant ride each day.



Margaret Lawless, Habilitation Specialist at the Larc Lane Center, is a tireless worker and advocate. She works from the moment she arrives until the moment that she leaves, all in an effort to make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve. She is chair of the EAAC Committee, a member of the Safety Committee, and also manages the monthly calendar of events. Margaret is very dependable, a team player, and a wonderful person to be around.



New television commercial emphasizes benefits to employers of hiring individuals with a developmental disability

The latest "Think Lott" television commercial emphasizes the benefit to employers of hiring an individual through the Lott Industries community employment program. The spot focuses on the needs employers have for employees who are:

- Well-Trained;
- Have a good work ethic; and
- Will pass a drug screen.

These are all attributes an employer can find in an individual through the community employment program. And, individuals receive on-site job coaching at no cost to the employer. Employers are urged to learn more by calling 419-381-5200.



Local thespian Glen Ackerman portrays the businessman asking the question, "Think Lott! Now why didn't I think of that?"

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Have food, will serve. Lott kitchen begins catering.



Serving up the food buffet style for the Lott Kitchen is (from left) Kitchen Manager Angie LaPlante; Lisa Masters; Adult Options Director Caren Taylor; Lucas Fernandez; and Sean Freeman. Lott catered the event hosted by Boston Scientific.

The Lott Kitchen, already providing lunches to the Hill Avenue facility and to Larc Lane Center, has embarked on a new phase of its operation, catering. "We can provide the buffet-style service for receptions, business luncheons, and parties," said Kitchen Manager Angie LaPlante. Entrée selections include favorites, such as beef tips in wine sauce, herb roasted chicken, kielbasa, and lasagna. For information about having the Lott Kitchen cater an event contact Angie at 419-381-3558 or 419-381-5200.