

## Tom Calcamuggio retires after more than 30 years



*Tom admits to separation anxiety after spending more than 30 years working with adults. Along the way Tom was often formally recognized for the contributions he made, including being named Staff Person of the Year in 2003 and receiving the prestigious Josina Lott Award in 2006.*



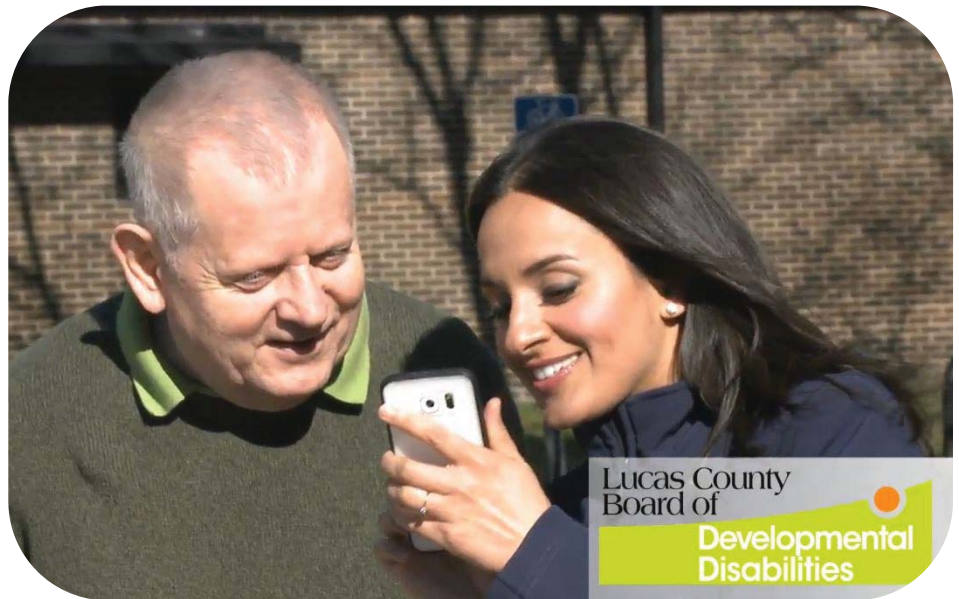
## Upcoming Events

- May 7 - Special Olympics Area IV Games
- May 23 - Monthly Board of DD Meeting
- May 30 - Memorial Day Holiday; All Facilities Closed
- June 8 - Staff Inservice; Adult Facilities Closed
- June 14 - Family & Advocate Forum with Superintendent Deb Yenrick
- June 24-25 - Special Olympics Summer Games

# Update

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
March-April 2016

## New television announcements focus on the Board's Core Values



*Larry Baumgartner appears with 13abc's Sashem Brey in the first of a series of new television announcements that will focus on the Core Values of Living in the same manner as everyone else, Inclusion, Freedom of Choice, and Everyone has Worth.*

## CommUNITY FilmFest allows individuals to tell their stories

The theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March was "What is Your Story?" The videos produced for the second annual CommUNITY FilmFest did just that!

The amateur videos, one shown right after the other at the Maumee Indoor Theater, showed individuals with developmental disabilities living, socializing, and working in community-based settings. The CommUNITY Film Festival's mission is to inspire audiences, promote inclusion, and celebrate the everyday lives of people with disabilities.



*Anna and Grace have been friends since Kindergarten. Grace submitted a video with Anna as her inspiration.*

## Register now for Guardianship Training

It is time to register for the training on the new guardianship requirements. The Ohio Supreme Court is providing this training at no cost in Toledo on May 19 at the Hill Adult Services Center, 3350 Hill Avenue, Toledo, OH 43607. Register by calling 614-387-9445 or [judicialacademy@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:judicialacademy@sc.ohio.gov) by email.

*Who should attend?* All Ohio guardians of adults are welcome to participate.

*Is there a cost for this course?* This course is available free of charge.

*Is this course approved for CLE?* The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College has requested 6.0 hours of general Continuing Legal Education credits for those courses labeled "Professional."

*Is this course approved for Counselor and Social Worker CPEs?* The Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial College has requested 6.0 hours of Continuing Education Units for those courses labeled "Professional."

*Is attendance at the entire course mandatory?* Yes, to complete the education requirement, attendance at the entire course (8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) is mandatory. Certificates will be presented at the end of the course.

## Resolving Complaints and Grievances

There is a formal procedure you may use to resolve disagreements about eligibility, programs and services.

Individuals who have concerns are encouraged to attempt to resolve those differences initially on an informal basis with facility supervisors.

Individuals may also contact the Ombudsman at 419-381-5201.

A pamphlet outlining these procedures is available by calling the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 419-380-4000. It is also available on the Board of DD website at [www.lucasdd.org](http://www.lucasdd.org)



## Proclamation from Lucas County Commissioners recognizes Lott's 60th anniversary



*(from left) Roger Bresnahan, Lott Board member, Glenn Barrell, Lott employee, and Jan Brown, Lott President thank the Lucas County Commissioners for the Proclamation recognizing Lott's 60th anniversary.*

"This is an exciting and momentous event," said Lucas County Commissioner Carol Contrada when the Commissioners presented Lott Industries with a proclamation recognizing Lott's 60th anniversary. Commissioner Pete Gerken complimented the workers from Lott who do janitorial work at the Government Center, "They are always pleasant and respectful." And Commissioner Tina Skeldon Wozniak said she was sure that "businesses who contract with Lott are grateful for the reliable work ethic."

## Mad Mondays sports events at U.T. a huge success!



*UT student volunteers with Zohn Zmuda and Craig Welch*

It was heartwarming to see how well UT student volunteers partnered with Special Olympics athletes. Many of the students who participated expressed interest in expanding the program.



*Audrey Osstifin*



*Student volunteer with Artem Zaurov*



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# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Although involved in major systemic changes in 2015, the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities re-dedicated itself to improvement of **LIFE** so that individuals with developmental disabilities reach their full potentials.

**LIFE** is an acronym for a revised set of Core Values:

**L**... for Living **LIFE** - a desire to live life in the same manner as everyone else. This means having the opportunity to choose home, relationships, hobbies, career, and beliefs.

**I** represents Inclusion - a person should be included, accepted, and able to participate in all things throughout the community.

**F** is for Freedom of choice- where an individual's voice is heard ... and a person's opinions matter.

**E** - Everyone has worth- and may share talents and abilities. Every person deserves the chance to contribute to the betterment of the community.

2015 was also the year the Board submitted its plan for major systemic changes – notably the phase out of adult services and transportation services. Individuals that have relied on the Board of DD to provide transportation to and from day programming must now receive that service from a provider in the public sector. The phase out of transportation services is expected to finish by mid-2016.

Lott Industries, a not-for-profit corporation that provides employment opportunities for persons with developmental disabilities, must end its direct link to the Board of DD. That means Lott Industries will soon no longer avail itself of the Board's financial and staff support.

The major catalysts to these changes are two directives from Medicaid.

The Board can no longer be the entity that administers Waiver dollars and also accept those dollars to provide services. Medicaid also wants services provided in non-segregated environments.

The plan submitted to the State has benchmarks, or timelines, that must be met to ensure the transition is on schedule to be completed over the next few years.

The Board will partner with providers in a quality network of community support for persons served. One way we will do this is to coordinate provider training.

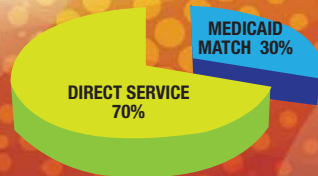
Staff from the Board's Service and Support Administration are meeting with mental health organizations... including the Lucas County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board... to ensure quality mental health services for persons with dual diagnosis.

The Board will maintain its focus on Early Intervention... with outreach into the community... including community play groups at libraries, the West Toledo Y, and the East Toledo Family Center. We partnered in 2015 with two school districts to provide Self-Determination Training for students. The Children's Department will also expand its outreach to children preparing for the transition into adult life.

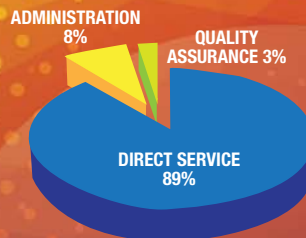
In 2016, the Board will continue its active involvement with the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition... working to prevent people with developmental disabilities from being exploited.

This is an amazing time in the evolution of services for persons with developmental disabilities – an evolution that began in Lucas County with the Josina Lott in the late 1930's to ever-expanding opportunities to live, work, play and socialize in community-based settings.

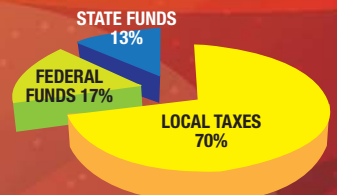
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2015 Direct Service Expenditures



2015 Expenditures



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## Ken Sutton and Kristie Sullivan recognized as Staff Persons of the Month

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The Board is pleased to recognize Ken Sutton, Skills Coach at the Holland Adult Services Center, as the February, 2016 Staff Person of the Month.

Ken has a positive attitude and is very supportive of individuals served throughout the entire facility. Over the years, he has organized and participated in several programs to boost the morale of staff and individuals served. He also helps with support team calls and assists whenever there is a need. Ken is a true team player which makes him a great asset to the Holland team.

Thank you, Ken, for all you do to further the Board's mission of improving LIFE so that individuals with developmental disabilities reach their full potential.



The Board is also pleased to congratulate Kristie Sullivan as the March, 2016 Staff Person of the Month. She has been a Vehicle Operator and Van

Driver in the Transportation Department for many years. However, as the transportation services are being reduced, Kristie accepted the Routing Technician position. She quickly learned her new position and has been helpful and insightful in that role.

Kristie takes pride in doing her job well. When most people would walk away from challenges, she steps up and gets the job covered. She is especially helpful in emergency situations and is adept at figuring out route coverage. The management staff in Transportation was thankful to have Kristie working alongside them!