

Managers of the Year



Erin Mayer, Community Employment Coordinator



Tammy Talmage, Service and Support Coordinator

Upcoming Events

- August 8—Family & Advocate Forum with Superintendent Deb Yenrick
- August 25—Monthly meeting of the Board of DD
- September 16—Special Olympics State Softball Tournament
- September 19-20—Special Olympics State Golf Tournament
- October 9—Staff Inservice Day

Update

Quarterly

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities
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Commissioners' Proclamation recognizes our fiftieth anniversary



Commissioner Pete Gerken, Jim Dungan, Marc Arnett, Elise Wagner, Commissioner Tina Wozniak, and Commissioner Carol Contrada

A Proclamation from the Lucas County Commissioners recognized the 50th anniversary of the County Board of DD for tireless work “to break down attitudinal barriers so individuals with disabilities will have greater access to housing, employment and social activities.” Senate Bill 169, establishing the county board system, was signed into law by Governor James Rhodes in 1967. The Proclamation notes “it is important that we have an agency in our community that supports the concept that everyone has worth and should be allowed to share their talents and abilities.”

Disc golf gets you on the green, but no putting irons are necessary



Playing disc golf was a wonderful way to take advantage of a beautiful day at Ottawa Park. Disc golf is much like golf but instead of balls and clubs, players use a flying disc or “Frisbee.” The object is to get the disc into the “hole” which is an elevated metal basket.

Board presents special recognition to two Toledo police officers



Officers Dave Avalos and Kerry Hayes, members of the Toledo Police Crisis Intervention Team, were recognized for their exemplary outreach efforts on behalf of an individual served by the Board. They were welcoming, friendly and professional. The Board appreciates the efforts these officers put forth and especially their willingness to accept individuals with developmental disabilities as people first.

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



Several members of Maumee Valley Chapter Partners for Inclusion with donations collected during the recent clothing drive for Goodwill Industries. In exchange, Goodwill provides shopping vouchers that are distributed by the Board of DD Service & Support Specialists.

Become a “Partner!” Service Club maintains its vision to help develop an inclusive community

The primary focus of Partners for Inclusion, formerly Maumee Valley Civitan, is to enhance the quality of life for persons with developmental disabilities through the organization of inclusive activities in the community.

The passion members feel toward service to individuals with developmental disabilities has fueled the development of Partners for Inclusion into a strong, vibrant service club. In its 11 year history, the club has earned international and state awards for its efforts.

Membership is open to individuals with disabilities, family members and advocates. For more information visit the website www.PartnersForInclusion.info

Lott becomes a “stand alone” provider

Lott Industries, a not-for-profit corporation, has been in operation for 61 years; the last 50 as an affiliate of the Lucas County Board of DD. But that is no longer the case. At a recent news conference, Lott Industries announced its separation from the Lucas County Board of DD and its new status as a "stand alone provider." Lott executive Tim Menke said Lott sees the separation as an opportunity to expand services.

In addition to the production operation at its facility on Hill Avenue, Menke says he envisions Lott providing transportation, day habilitation, career counseling, community employment, homemaker personal care, and other services.

The separation was required under a new Medicaid rule calling for “conflict free case management.” That means the Board cannot be the entity that administers waiver dollars and also accepts those dollars to provide services.

These are the same Medicaid rules that required the Board of DD, last year, to end the provision of transportation services.

When you need a helping hand the Ombudsman can help. Call 419-381-5201

The Ombudsman will address service-related issues in a timely manner that is fair and which respects personal rights and professional responsibilities. The goal of the Ombudsman is to increase your ability to deal more effectively with your situation.

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Developmental Disabilities

2016 Report to the Community



The Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities would like to thank the residents of Lucas County for their ongoing support. The employees of the Board work very hard to serve the individuals of our community and to be mindful of the trust placed in us.

There are significant changes underway in how the Board is providing its services. Never before has the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities been involved in such a huge systemic change as what it is now experiencing. Because the Lucas County Board of DD is a Medicaid administrative agent and determines eligibility for service, Medicaid mandates that the Board have "conflict free case management." This requires the Board to eliminate its direct services. Eliminating direct services has the potential to affect every person served, families, staff and the entire provider community.

The first major change was ending transportation services provided by the Board. These services are now being provided by TARTA, TARPS and other providers in the community.

Vocational training and employment managed by the Board through Loft Industries will end this year. Loft, a not-for-profit corporation, is being reorganized and starting to operate independently from the Board of DD.

A major emphasis of the Board will continue to be in Provider Support. We want to help providers maintain regulatory compliance and build upon their strengths. We will also grow our efforts developing providers in specialty areas, such as, seniors and people with autism.

In 2016 the Board was fully accredited by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities... and by CARF, the international Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. Accreditation means state-of-the-art programs and quality service delivery.

2016 was the first full year for our new Mission Statement: Improving LIFE so that individuals with developmental disabilities reach their full potential.

A series of television announcements highlighted the new Mission... and the four Core values:

- Living the Life I desire;
- Being included and accepted;
- Having my voice heard in decisions that affect me; and
- Being able to share my talents.

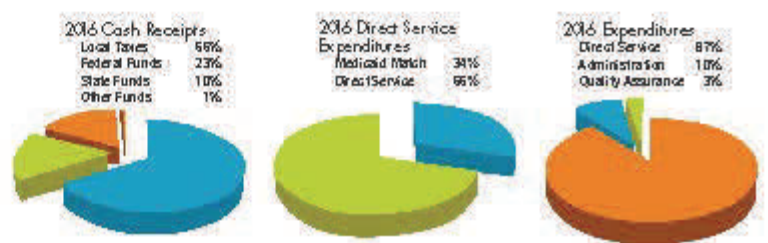
Highlights of our 2017 Action Plan include:

- Utilizing a grant from Leadership Toledo to develop a network of volunteers to support individuals in community-based activities;
- Developing programs in association with the Arc and Camp Courageous to enhance self-advocacy through People First;
- Employing a state grant to help direct service providers recruit staff and increase retention; and
- Recognizing the vulnerability of persons with developmental disabilities to be victimized, the Board will maintain its involvement with the Human Trafficking Coalition.

The year 2017 marks that 50th anniversary of county boards of developmental disabilities. We recognize it will be a year of ongoing change and new challenges... but also a year in which we will continue to support eligible individuals and their families in developing a vision for the future based on individual strengths, interests and choices.



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Board notes significant accomplishments by presenting Special Recognition Awards



Dennis Rectenwald is noteworthy for his strong work ethic. He is truly a hard worker and takes great pride in the work that he does.

It is very obvious that work is extremely important to Dennis. He is a man who is focused and will not be interrupted until the task is done.

Congratulations, Dennis! The Board is pleased to honor you.



Anna Dungan is a dedicated volunteer at the Shared Lives Studio. She is also the mother of one the artists, James. Weekly, she assists wherever she is needed. She has helped prepare for the Artwalk, offered assistance to the artists, and cleaned.

And, the artists have a wonderful relationship with Ann.

Thank you, Ann, for all your efforts on behalf of the artists at Shared Lives!