

# B.R.I.D.G.E.S.

**Building Relationships Intentionally to Develop Growth  
and Exemplary Services**  
{August 2018}

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## FORECAST

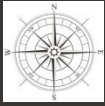


**WELCOME!** Happy August! We hope your summer has been going well.

**FYI:** Reminder to check Individual Seeking Provider profiles.... There are many individuals waiting for a good provider!

**RULE UPDATE:** The MUI Rule has gone through clearance. No date has been set for it to go into effect as of yet. When a date is decided, updated training will be scheduled.

**Did You Know:** The Lucas County Board of DD is one of the only counties in Ohio which offers FREE training EVERY MONTH?



## GUIDES



Jane Meyer has worked for the Board since 1996. Jane serves as a provider liaison and also works with the PATHS (Partners Against Trafficking in Humans) program which helps agencies serve trafficking victims. Jane serves as a link between the Board of DD, the Human Trafficking Coalition and the University of Toledo's Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute. Jane's role helps victims with disabilities receive the services they need to recover. When Jane isn't at work, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, watching her son play soccer and hockey, playing cards or games, and visiting the beach.

## LAMPPOST



***Provider Guide Plus*** is a new website which was created by OACB, OPRA, and DODD.

In response to many requests from parents, guardians, and individuals over the years, the group developed this on-line tool to be used to review providers of services for people with developmental disabilities in Ohio.

It is intended to help people select a provider and help improve overall services. It allows people to post public reviews on providers' services and to read others' reviews.

Recipients of services are encouraged to go into this tool, create an account, and write an anonymous review based on your experience with that provider.

Those who are in the process of choosing a service provider are encouraged to use the reviews already in the tool to help with the decision-making process. ProviderGuidePlus can be particularly helpful if someone has already narrowed their search to a few providers and want to compare how others have experienced those providers.

The site also has a tab to help providers update their listings and navigate the site. Here is the link to the site: <https://providerguideplus.com/index.php>

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Have you heard about the **Training and Longevity Add-on Incentive?**

Recently DODD began offering this Competency Rate Modification for experienced direct care staff and independent providers who have also completed approved training. HPC direct service providers with two years of experience are being urged to take 60 hours of additional training to earn up to \$1 more per hour. DODD is offering 130 hours of free online training so agency and independent DSPs can earn more with the new training and longevity add-on. Follow this link for more information under the "Direct Course" heading: <http://dodd.ohio.gov/Training/Pages/default.aspx>



## KUDOS!

We were glad to have Ken Smith of Rest Assured come and share the benefits of utilizing remote monitoring! His presentation highlighted ways to reduce provider costs and address the shortage of direct support professionals. Remote monitoring helps individuals receive the support they need while giving them independence and privacy.



## UPCOMING TRAININGS

We are excited to continue hosting the **DS PATHS Curriculum** over the next few months. PATHS is an approved curriculum through DODD for the incentive mentioned above. The PATHS trainings do not have to be taken in any particular order.

The registration for any PATHS course is through the OADSP website. Each session has its own link to register below:

- PATHS #204 “Promoting Community Service & Networking” - Monday August 6 (4:00 pm - 7:00 pm)

– held at Friendship Baptist Church (5301 Nebraska Ave.)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=m5azxaeab&oeidk=a07efghxs232f10bfe8>

- PATHS #218 “Direct Support Professional as a Leader” – Tuesday August 7 (9:30 am - 12:30 pm)

– held at Lucas County Board of DD Training Center

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=m5azxaeab&oeidk=a07efghlw9u5b850795>

- PATHS #219 “Direct Support Professional as a Mentor” – Tuesday August 7 (1:30 pm – 4:30 pm)

– held at Lucas County Board of DD Training Center

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=m5azxaeab&oeidk=a07efghlw9u5b850795>

- PATHS # 218 “Direct Support Professional as a Leader” – Monday August 20 (4:00 pm – 7:00 pm)

– held at Friendship Baptist Church (5301 Nebraska Ave.)

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=m5azxaeab&oeidk=a07efghq45s636cce70>

**The rest of the August trainings can be registered for as usual by contacting Sara Gardner at (419) 381-5164 or emailing [sagardner@lucasdd.org](mailto:sagardner@lucasdd.org) .**

### **Special Topic Trainings:**

- Wednesday August 8 (10:00-11:30 am) “**Community Life Engagement and the Day Service Rules**” by Kelly Schuck. She will present on topics related to transformation of service from a facility based model to a community based model. Kelly will provide resources that can help both DSPs and agencies as a whole shift towards individualized services that support community connections for people with disabilities. Kelly will discuss how she can be a resource for further training and technical assistance to providers.

- Wednesday August 22 (10:00am - 12:00 pm) “**Human Trafficking 101**” is a presentation by Pat Stephens, Director of Provider Supports, and Steve Mentrek, Director at Bittersweet Farms. This presentation is back by popular demand! Pat and Steve will give an overview of Human Trafficking. Data and demographics will be shared to show the size of this problem. This training will share the top circumstances which make a person vulnerable to becoming a trafficking victim. Attendees will learn signs and red flags to watch for as well as what to do if one suspects an individual is being trafficked.
- Thursday August 23 (10:00-11:00 am) “**Independent Provider Documentation**” by Ron Volk. Ron is an Independent Provider and a parent of an adult child with a disability. Ron has created successful forms and systems to help him stay organized and on top of his documentation and billing. If you are an Independent Provider please come and let Ron share his experience, forms, and systems with you!

A copy of August's Training Calendar can be found at the following link:

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/46f9edd74ac726fdf457dfeof/files/42726ad6-b238-4f68-8dbo-ddfeb458690e/August\\_2018\\_Training\\_Calendar.pdf](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/46f9edd74ac726fdf457dfeof/files/42726ad6-b238-4f68-8dbo-ddfeb458690e/August_2018_Training_Calendar.pdf)



**SHOOTING STAR**

ABILITY

*is what you're capable of doing.*

MOTIVATION

*determines what you do.*

ATTITUDE

*determines how well you do it.*

## RESOURCES



Helpful provider information is always available at the following websites:

[www.dodd.ohio.gov/Pages/default.aspx#](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov/Pages/default.aspx#)

[www.lucasdd.info/provider-support-2/provider-support/](http://www.lucasdd.info/provider-support-2/provider-support/)

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