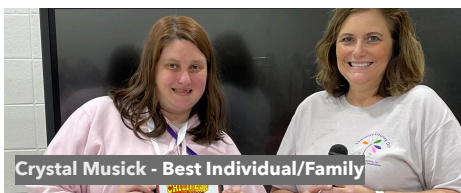




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Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



For DD Awareness Month 2022, Lawrence County DD visited the Lawrence County Courthouse to celebrate the proclamation of DD Awareness Month by our commissioners and we saw the return of our annual Chili Fest and Craft Show. Thanks to everyone who made DD Awareness Month 2022 a success!

Focus - March '22



Stay Connected to the DD Community in Ohio

You and your family can stay up to date on many topics and issues across the state and close to home. You can also communicate with other individuals and families sharing the same concerns. Go to <https://dodd.ohio.gov>, Supporting You and Your Family, Click on Connecting Families to DODD and Family Resources.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

Autism Awareness Month

9th - Walk for Autism & Sensitive Egg Hunt

12th - 6:00 pm Board Meeting at ODS

15th - In-Service Day

18th – 22nd - Spring Break (No School)

MAY

Mental Health Awareness Month

3rd - In-Service Day

26th - Last day of school

DD Provider Retires

Direct service providers (DSP's) are the backbone of the developmental disabilities system. DSP's provide a range of services to help individuals with developmental disabilities live safe and productive lives. These services may include providing assistance with shopping, meal preparation, medication administration, personal care, transportation, and an array of other direct services.

Bev Miller provided care to individuals in Lawrence County for 31 years. She started in 1991 as an Adult Foster Care provider (now call Shared Living). Certified by the Ohio Department of DD and working closely with the Lawrence County DD, Bev opened up her home to provide services 7 days a week/365 days a year. The individuals who resided with Bev were treated like family, and participated in camping and other activities. Bev says she always knew this was what she wanted to do with her life, as she's always found it rewarding helping and caring for others.



Bev retired on March 1, 2022, and plans on traveling, and visiting various sites across the country. She made a huge impact on the lives of those she supported, and will be missed by everyone she worked with in the Lawrence County DD system.

For more information on becoming a Direct Service Provider, contact the Lawrence County DD Service & Support Administration Department at 740.532.0406.

Service Recipient SPOTLIGHTS



Terry Mays

What town do you live in?

Ironton

What services do you receive from LCDD?

SSA, Level 1 waiver

What do you like to do for fun in your free time?

Walk around neighborhood in Ironton, visit friends at businesses in neighborhood, go on dates with girlfriend, buy shirts at the Harley Davidson store, sing karaoke songs by Alabama, go shopping, visit zoos and aquariums in Columbus and Cincinnati.

What is your dream vacation?

Terry wants to go to the beach and to King's Island with his girlfriend

What is your favorite way to spend your weekend?

Terry works at the Shake Shoppe in Ironton on the weekend and goes on dates with his girlfriend



Mark Stoddard

What town do you live in?

Proctorville

What services do you receive from LCDD?

SSA, IO waiver

What do you like to do for fun in your free time?

Basketball, swim, play on iPad, work math problems, draw, write, visit local farms, ride bicycle, trampoline parks, take walks, shop for tape measures and tools, going to festivals, watching parades.

What is your dream vacation?

Mark loves amusement parks and water parks. He will ride all the rides. Nothing scares him!

What is your favorite way to spend your weekend?

Mark loves weekends when he gets to visit his family in Cincinnati or spend time with his friend Kim and her family at cookouts and swimming parties.



Rhonda Peterson

What town do you live in?

Ironton

What services do you receive from LCDD?

SSA and an HPC provider

What do you like to do for fun in your free time?

I like to go to the Zoo, go walking, go out to eat. I like to go shopping and go to fairs if it's not too hot. I like to go visit people and on outings with my church.

What is your dream vacation?

Hawaii! I would go to the beach and collect seashells, swim with dolphins, watch people swim and go shopping to buy my friends souvenirs.

What is your favorite way to spend your weekend?

My favorite way to spend my weekend is to be with my family and with my provider and her family. I love to go to church. I like to help people and bring emergency responders presents for all their help trying to save our lives. I always want to help people.



The Lawrence County DD is partnering with the Autism Project of Lawrence County, and Special Needs Youth Sportsmen to bring a Walk for Autism and Sensitive Egg Hunt to Lawrence County in recognition of Autism Awareness Month in April.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2022 at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds in Proctorville. The event will open at 11:00 a.m. and the walk will start at 11:30 a.m. A sensitive egg hunt at the fairgrounds will follow at 12:30 p.m.



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