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## Staff News

Our annual staff inservice will be held on August 13 at the new Open Door School. Topics will include working in the DD field, the history of DD, the Life Map, levy campaigns, and info on the state's DD system. We look forward to bringing these informative presentations to the LCDD staff

## Staff Birthdays

Cassie Patten, August 3

Mary Beth Kelty, August 7

Amy Bailey, August 14

Jamie Garnes, August 27

## Open Door School Preparing for the Next Chapter

In 2019, Open Door School will hold its classes in a more accessible one floor building for the first time in its history.

Since January of this year, LCDD has been renovating the former Tri-State Industries workshop - most recently occupied by Person Centered Services - to become the new location for the school. Six classrooms were constructed from scratch, while two habilitation rooms were converted and a larger workshop area was reconstructed to become a gymnasium.

LCDD was able to pay for the renovations in large part by selling an unused property to Lawrence County that would be used for the county's Emergency Management Agency. The cost to stay in the former building would likely have exceeded the cost of the renovations within a few years.

As the start of the school year approaches, the renovations are coming to an end and classrooms are now getting decorated and set up. In late July, Ms. Collier contacted the Raceland Rams football team to assist in moving the equipment from the former building to the new one.

An open house and ribbon cutting ceremony are planned for August 13. The open house will begin at 4:30 and the ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 5:30. Both are open to the public.



**You're Invited**  
A COMMUNITY EVENT 58 YEARS  
IN THE MAKING

**RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY  
& OPEN HOUSE OF  
THE NEW OPEN DOOR SCHOOL**

August 13, 2019  
Open House: 4:30pm  
Ribbon Cutting: 5:30pm  
606 Carlton Davidson Lane  
Coal Grove, Ohio



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Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities





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## Calendar of Events

August 13

LCDD Staff Inservice

Open Door School Ribbon Cutting

LCDD Board Meeting

August 19

First Day of School



## Staying in the Family Home

For Diane Cannon, the family life is important not just for support, but also to ensure a continued life of her choosing.

Cannon was born in 1962 with Downs Syndrome. Being one of 5 children, Cannon received a majority of the support she needed from her parents and four siblings during her childhood.

“She was always involved in all of our family activities,” says Debra Jones, Diane’s sister. “We tried to include her in everything we did and she was always just one of us.”

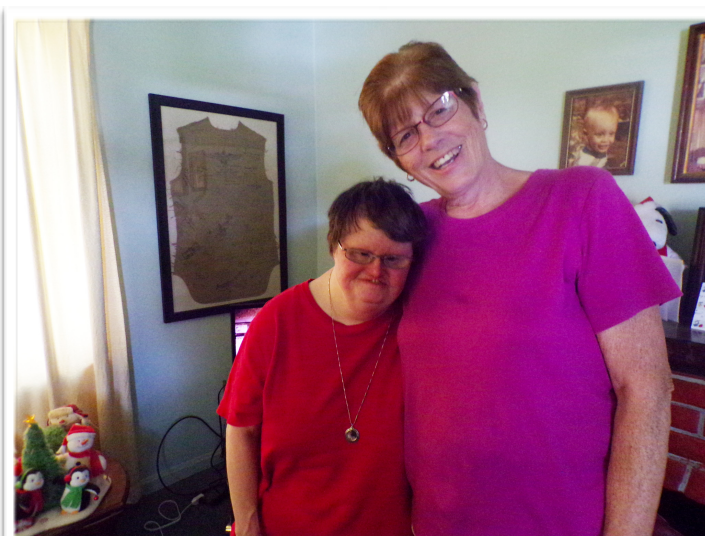
In 1969, Diane began attending Open Door School and soon began receiving services from the newly founded Lawrence County Board of Developmental Disabilities. During her adolescent years, Diane began forming interests and participating in activities, such as collecting Readers’ Digests and listening to music on the radio.

Diane began attending Tri-State Industries following her graduation from Open Door School in 1984 and continued living in her parents’ home into her adult life, being cared for by her parents.

Following the passing of her parents, Diane’s siblings worked with her Service and Support Administrator at Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities to make sure that Diane received an Individual Options Waiver - which would allow Diane to live in her childhood home under the guardianship of her sister and brother who live locally.

Today, Diane attends Person Centered Services for adult day habilitation services along with her close friend, Crystal. She is visited by family members everyday in her home and continues to share life experiences and trips regularly thanks to the coordination of services her family has conducted with Lawrence County DD’s services. Diane’s brother and sister maintain guardianship for Diane, working with her SSA to ensure that she lives a life that best suits her needs and desires.

“We always make sure that someone is here with her overnight,” says Jones. “It’s great for Diane to have the familiarity that she needs and still be able stay in the house that she’s always known and remain close to the people that she’s always known.”



*Diane is under the guardianship of her brother and sister Debra (pictured right) who visit and stay with Diane during the time at which she’s at home*