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Happy Holidays

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Staff Birthdays

Jamie Delawder, Dec. 3

Andrea Caldwell, Dec. 8

Sarah Akers, Dec. 23

Donna Childers, Dec. 26

Jennifer Crum, Dec. 30

Season of Giving Around LCDD

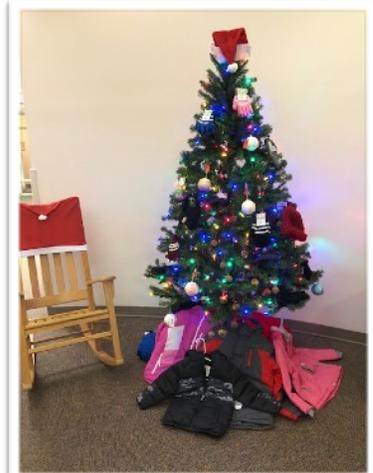


During the holiday seasons, LCDD has been both on the receiving and giving end of several community programs involving giving

Left: Adults from Person Centered Services took non perishable food items to the Proctorville Police Department to assist with Thanksgiving baskets



Backpack Buddies donated over 20 turkeys to Open Door School for students to take home to families this Thanksgiving



The Early Childhood Center in South Point has decorated a tree with mittens, gloves, caps and scarves for families who may need the items

Technology First

Many Ohioans with developmental disabilities encounter obstacles in daily tasks and activities as well as accessing education and jobs. Devices that engage in two-way communication or provide step-by step assistance can help people overcome these barriers and help them live the lives they want. For example, many new technologies can help someone feel more secure in their home, provide instruction on how to prepare an evening meal, or help to access public transportation. With these advancements, more Ohioans with developmental disabilities will have the opportunity to experience a life more fully integrated into their community.

Under Ohio's Technology First initiative, DODD will work with county boards of developmental disabilities to ensure technology is considered as part of all service and support plans for people with disabilities. Remote Support must be considered as the first option when authorizing services for a person with disabilities before authorizing on-site Homemaker/Personal Care staff. Technology First, created through a 2018 executive order, is not a technology-only policy but aims to help people learn more about how to use technology to improve their quality of life and how they can experience more independence and personal freedom.

Supportive Technology

DODD's supportive technology-based services include Assistive Technology and Remote Support. Something is considered Assistive Technology if it helps provide personalized support for daily tasks, such as a cellphone application that reminds someone to stay on task at their job, or appliances with automatic shut-off features.

Remote Support uses two-way communication in real time, just like Skype or FaceTime, so a person can communicate with their providers when they need them. This allows for a person to be more independent in their home without a provider being on site.



Staff Appreciation

Congratulations to our staff members who reached milestones this past year. Employees were recognized at our annual staff appreciation put luck dinner.

5 Years

Robin Pancake
Cassie Patten
Shannon Allen

10 Years

Tim Nunnery

15 Years

Christy Cremeans
Mary Ferguson
Kendra Heim
Steve Nutter

20 Years

Jamie Garnes



Local Musician Brings Musical Therapy the Easterseals



Local Musician, Danny Cox visited Easterseals earlier this month. He taught individuals new songs, song writing and the therapeutical benefits of music.

Holiday Schedule

The Open Door School programs will close their programs beginning December 23 - January 2.

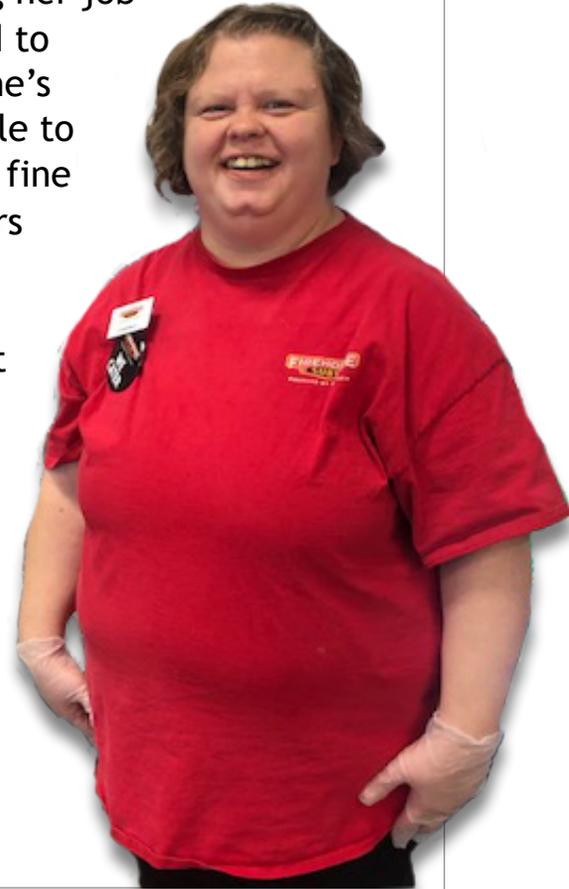
All other programs will be open during this time with the exception of December 25 and January 1





Community Employment

Jennifer started working at Firehouse Subs in Ashland last month. Jennifer's loving her job so far and looks forward to going in for her shift. She's hoping that she'll be able to work more often, but is fine with the amount of hours she's working now.



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Community employment has helped Jennifer to remain more focused and alert at her day program when she attends PCS in Ironton.

Congratulations on the new job, Jennifer, and keep up the good work!



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