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Meet the Johnson twins and read about their family's success story!



Meet the **Johnson Twins**

SPOT LIGHT



Randi Johnson
Mother of Jamin and Josiah

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Early Intervention services at LCDD provides services to individuals when a delay or disability is evident. The Johnson twins, Jamin and Josiah, became part of Brian Hayton's, Developmental Specialist's case load when they returned to their mother's custody. Jamin and Josiah were not communicating well and their pediatrician referred them to Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention for assistance.

Brian explains how Early Intervention helps with coaching and modeling to assist families and caregivers as the

most important teachers in their children's lives.

"We come along as a supplemental aide to assist," says Brian. "When I first met the boys they were not using words. Now they are using words, naming shapes and colors and mom has done a wonderful job at home talking to them, reading to them, singing to them and making sure she's communicating with them on a daily basis. You can really see it coming out in everything they do."

Mom, Randi, has been successful in rehab, she has obtained her degree and now is a rehab counselor. "Being in the field and seeing people come in where I started out, it's actually very fulfilling. It reminds me of where I was,... and where I don't want to go back to," says Randi. Early Intervention coming in with their suggestions and helpful tips played a part in where her kids are now.

"We could not be more proud of her and this family as a whole. The family, together, has worked really hard to get where they are and they are 100% a success story," says Brian.



Scan this QR code to link to the Johnson's interview.



LOOK BACK

LOOK AHEAD

Dec 1

Lawrence County Autism Project monthly meeting at Open Door School 6:30 p.m. This will be their Christmas party.

Dec 14

ODS Bell Choir performing at the courthouse 10 a.m.

LCDD Board Meeting 6 p.m. at Open Door School

Dec 15

Open Door School Christmas program
Elementary 10 a.m.
Middle School/High School 1 p.m.

Dec 21 - Jan 2, 2024

Christmas Break

Jan 9

LCDD Board Organizational meeting 6 p.m. at Open Door School followed by monthly board meeting

Jan 15

Closed Martin Luther King Day

Inclement weather may just be around the corner, we will post closings on WSAZ, Facebook and do a phone call/text message. If you have recently changed your phone number, please call our agency person you work with and give them an updated number. Thank you.

Celebrating our Employees and Years of Service!

November 7th was staff inservice, staff appreciation and staff recognition rolled into 1 day. This year we had 7 staff members who reached milestones at Lawrence County DD and were recognized. Thank you for your years of service at Lawrence County DD.



Julie Monroe: 5



Andrea Caldwell: 10



Sarah Akers: 15



Laurie Eastham: 15



Missy Beckett: 20



Donna Childers: 25



Lecia Menshouse: 35



Susan Mumahan: 35

Open Door School participated in the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce's Festival of Trees with the theme Bee Kind.



Students Gain Recycling Knowledge and Job Skills While Helping LCDD

Mrs. Young's Pre-Vocational 2 class (10th and 11th grade) wanted to do something to help LCDD while also gaining job skills, so they decided to start a recycling program. The program started in August of 2023. The recycling crew goes to Paul Porter Park weekly to drop off recycling that has been collected and sorted. The students work hard to make sure that no trash goes to recycling and that all rules are being followed. They love helping the planet by keeping recyclables out of the landfill!



L to R: Wesley Fitzpatrick, Noah Fisher, Patricia Cooper, Austin Stapleton, Selina Lawson and Eli Utsinger



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