



Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities

Focus



LCDD Unveils New Identity

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities marked a dramatic change in its identity by launching a new name as well as a new logo, mission statement and list of core values to accompany the approval of its 2018 Strategic Plan.

The new logo for the agency, formerly known as the Lawrence County Board of Developmental Disabilities – effectively dropping the words “Board of” – incorporates aspects of the new mission and core values to showcase them in the form of a colorful flower with the tagline, “Growing Possibilities.”

The new mission for LCDD is a more simplified and clear statement for the agency – To promote advocacy, inclusion and personal growth. The 2018 Strategic Plan also institutes core values that the agency hadn’t established until now. Those core values are communication, accountability, safety, integrity and compassion.

As Tim Nunnery, Public Relations Director



for LCDD, explains, the flower logo embodies these elements in its colors and design.

“Our new logo best represents what LCDD stands for today,” says Nunnery. “The visual elements are all there to reflect what we’re about and we’ve emphasized them with this design. Each aspect of the logo has a meaning - we really put a lot of thought into developing it”

Nunnery says the flower stands tall, representing advocacy, and is among other flowers showing its inclusion with others. Personal growth is reflected in the flower itself, as it will continue to grow. Each petal of the flower is a different color which represents one of the five core values at LCDD – orange represents communication, the transparent petal

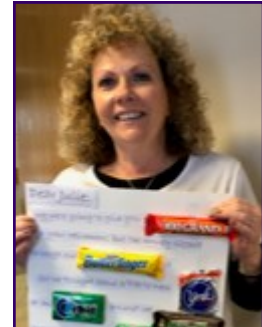
stands for accountability, and green, blue and pink represent safety, integrity and compassion, respectively.

Designed in-house, the new visual identity presents the agency as modern and evolving, reflects the strength and direction of its new brand, and represents its commitment to the individuals they serve in Lawrence County.

Along with these changes, Nunnery says LCDD will be updating the agency’s website in the coming weeks and realigning certain positions within to run more efficiently and better serve their individuals.

“We’re really excited about revamping several characteristics of our organization. We’re long overdue for some changes and we’re hoping that those will be seen by many, both internally and externally.”

February Edition



Recognition of Retirement

LCDD would like to recognize Julie Imes and thank her for her years of service as the Business Assistant.. Julie had been employed with LCDD since 2003.

We wish Julie the best!

Staff Birthdays

<i>Sarah Mease</i>	<i>2/3</i>
<i>Sue Vanderhoof</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Missy Beckett</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Debbie Fields</i>	<i>2/6</i>
<i>Diane Mannon</i>	<i>2/10</i>
<i>Andi Burton</i>	<i>2/13</i>
<i>Traci Brace</i>	<i>2/21</i>
<i>Brandi Robbins</i>	<i>2/21</i>
<i>Susan Price</i>	<i>2/13</i>

Calendar of Events

Open Door School

February 5—100th day of school
February 6—Open Door Jets Home Basketball Game
February 8—Open Door Jets Home Basketball Game
February 9—Jet Café will be open
February 15—Parent/Teacher Conference
February 16—In-Service for Staff
February 22—OCALI observations of students for behavior plans
February 22—Open Door J
February 23—Transition Classes trip to Wal Mart
February 23—Jet Café will be open

Early Childhood Center

February 15—PS Family Conference (4:00—8:00)
February 16—PS Family Conference (9:00—12:00)

Board Office

February 13—Board Meeting (Noon)



Assistive Technology Expo Planned

Technology plays a significant role in the lives of many people with developmental disabilities. DODD is expanding technology-based services that can be funded by Waivers. The new service, "Assistive Technology," is scheduled to be in effect 4/1/18.



In an effort to increase awareness of the available services and educate individuals and families on the resources that are available to them, LCDD will be hosting RISE: Reaching Independent Success Expo. The Expo will take place Thursday, 3/1 4:00-7:00 at Ohio University Southern Campus. A representative from DODD will be presenting information about available services and how those services are funded. Additional guest speakers will include service providers and advocates.



March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March 24, 2018

11am - 2pm

Dawson Bryant High School

Help Support Developmental Disabilities Awareness



To register your organization for the cookoff, call 740-532-7401



Growing
Possibilities

Equine Therapy: Benefiting From Horseback Riding

"I am an equestrian!" That's what Dustin Schenk will proudly exclaim when asked about his horseback riding skills. The positive benefits of interacting with horses has proven to enrich Dustin's life in so many ways.

Dustin began his journey with horses and riding several years ago when his mother enrolled him in Ohio University's Therapeutic Horseback Riding program in Franklin Furnace, Ohio.

Dustin started out learning basic horsemanship and began riding with a lot of supportive and knowledgeable guidance and instruction. When he first started the program, it took several helpers to help Dustin on the horse and also to hold him on as they slowly walked.

Over time, Dustin progressed to riding

on his own in an enclosed area, communicating with the specially-trained horses with the help of the well-trained staff.

"The program there is top notch and is such a wonderful

addition to our community", says Raetta Schenk, Dustin's mother.

"Dustin has grown not only socially, but also in confidence. Not only did he begin to grow personally, but also began displaying various physical benefits as a result of riding horses." Everyone began to notice that Dustin's gait was improved and his overall balance and strength had increased. Over time, Dustin gained the balance and skills to even compete in several Horse Shows at the facility in Franklin Furnace where he performed walk and trot Western Dressage patterns. Dustin proudly displays his blue ribbons that he earned in the program there.

After gaining a few years of solid foundational riding instruction at Ohio University's Therapeutic Program, Dustin continued improving his horsemanship skills with Mustard Seed Equine Services instructor, Susie Duncan. Under Susie's encouraging instruction, Dustin has not only mastered basic horsemanship, but has now progressed to more difficult skills and maneuvers in horsemanship and is even perfecting his cantering skills. Every week, Dustin heads to Kelly Cantrell's Bear Moon Farm in Argillite, Kentucky, where he greets his lesson horse, Pete. Pete, owned by riding instructor Susie Duncan, is a very special horse who has helped Dustin improve his horsemanship

skills and gain even more knowledge and confidence as an equestrian. Everyone involved agrees that Dustin and Pete are quite the pair and have a special bond as horse and rider! Dustin looks forward to his time of learning and growing and even loves being challenged to improve.

Dustin's comments when asked why he loves horses and riding so much is, "It's hard work, but really fun! Riding has helped me walk better. I love learning and spending time with Pete". When asked about his most proud accomplishment in riding, Dustin will quickly respond with "learning to post!" Posting is a movement made by the rider riding the horse at the trot that involves moving with the horse in rhythm and balance, quite an accomplishment for Dustin.

Dustin has plans of continuing his journey as an equestrian and is constantly looking for ways to grow and learn.



Dustin riding horseback along a course

LAWRENCE COUNTY DD AND COMMISSION REACH DEAL ON PROPERTY FOR 911, EMA CENTER

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities recently sold property to Lawrence County in order to acquire funds for improvements and to allow for Lawrence County to open a new location for 911/EMA center.

The commission and LCDD have been working together for over a month to come to an agreement on the building located at 715 Lane Street in Coal Grove. Currently, LCDD has only been using the property for storage.

"We felt that this was a win-win for everyone involved," says Julie Monroe, Superintendent for LCDD. "We had property that the commission really needed and we have several program and capital upgrades that we need to make." The purchase was for \$275,000 along with the transfer of deeds for property in which LCDD already utilizes.

Originally, LCDD could not own property, therefore the property used for DD purposes was put under the ownership of the commission and leased to LCDD for purposes of providing services to individuals with disabilities. This law changed recently allowing LCDD to own property. The commission and LCDD agreed on a selling price of \$275,000 for the property and to receive the deeds for property located in Coal Grove and South Point currently utilized for DD purposes.

"We had been meeting with potential buyers, many of which expressed that they would need to make physical upgrades to meet their needs," Monroe said. "With the offices being ready to use as is for the county, they can move in immediately. It's really a great deal for the county and for our programs."

The property consists of approximately 5 acres of land, with a 12,000-13,000 square foot building housing 13 offices and 3 warehouse areas. The purchase was made from the Medicaid Managed Care Organization tax.



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740-532-0406 - Service and Support
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740-377-2356 - Early Childhood Center
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Our Vision:

*Leading the way,
achieving excellence
and shaping the future*

Our Mission:

*To promote advocacy,
inclusion and personal growth.*

Our Values:

*Communication, accountability,
safety, integrity, compassion*



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