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## LCDD's New Website Design Ready to Launch!

This July, expect to see an overhaul of the LCDD website. The current site has sat docile for some time, with few updates. We have changed that! The new site will be user-friendly, list our events, news stories, insight and background about our programs, and information for those we serve, families, providers and our staff and much more! Visit [www.lawrencedd.org](http://www.lawrencedd.org) during the month of July to check out our changes and feel free to give us any feedback!

## Staff Birthdays

- Brynn Murnahan, July 3
- Donna Hunt, July 13
- Steve Nutter, July 17
- Tiffany Williams, July 19
- Bethany Jones, July 21
- Donna Barber, July 23
- Robin Pancake, July 28

## Open Door School and Person Centered Services Make Plans for Relocation



Locations for services under Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities and Person Centered Services will soon be finding themselves a new home within Lawrence County.

Open Door School and Person Centered Services (PCS) are two programs that will be relocating within the coming years. Both programs are to stay in Lawrence County and plan to be in their new locations by the end of 2020.

PCS, an organization that provides day services for adults with developmental disabilities, is currently operating in the facility which formerly housed Tri-State Industries, another adult day services program that was under LCDD. LCDD owns the property, which is located in Coal Grove, but recently the two agencies came to an agreement to end the lease agreement effective January 1, 2019.

PCS will relocate to two facilities in Lawrence County - one in the eastern end of the county and one in the west - and will be able to offer more options and activities for people, a move that Julie Monroe, Superintendent at LCDD, says is much more in line with the vision that the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities would anticipate from service providers across the state.

"PCS has performed a tremendous task of providing adult day services to people with DD in our county," says Monroe. "This move really helps them in expanding their services throughout the county to areas that are more centrally located to where people reside."

After PCS vacates the property in Coal Grove, LCDD plans to begin restructuring the facility to relocate and house Open Door School, which currently operates at Lorain Street in Ironton less than 2 miles away. Open Door plans to operate the 2018-2019 school year at its current location and then move to Coal Grove at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Monroe says that the facility in Coal Grove better suits the needs of the students at Open Door School, as the property is more modern and only consists of one floor as opposed to the Lorain Street property which is three floors.

LCDD also agreed to continue to lease a portion of the property in Coal Grove to PCS monthly in case the agency would need more time to locate and update any properties for DD services. This strategy would allow for services to be continuous with interruption.

"It's extremely important for us to make sure that we do not have a cease of services of any kind," says Monroe. "We are doing everything we can to ensure that the school and PCS do not have interruption due to this transition."

Lawrence County DD said they plan to hold meetings in the coming months to update parties and answer any questions from the public.

"We're excited for this! I know that any type of change raises questions and concerns, but these are certainly changes that are for the good of the people we serve" says Monroe. "LCDD has heard for years that Open Door needs a new facility and we've known that our adult services need to be more accessible for people. This is our big chance to make these changes and improve our programs to reach full potential."



**Buddy Lewis Named  
Hometown Hero By WSAZ**

Buddy Lewis was named Hometown Hero by the local news station, WSAZ. The award is given to someone who makes a significant difference in other people's lives. Buddy's voluntary positive impact at Save A-Lot helped to get him recognized for the award.

Congratulations, Buddy!

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**Easterseals Holds  
Carnival**

Attendees from Easterseals held their own weeklong carnival in late June. Events were both in and outside. All of the attractions and games were designed and created in the rooms at Easterseals. Prizes were given out for game winners and treats such as cupcakes and popcorn were made and enjoyed!



**Calendar of Events**

July 4  
Independence Day

July 7-14  
Lawrence County Fair

July 12-13  
OACB Business Managers  
Conference



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