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## Welcome Aboard

We'd like to welcome our newest employee, Sabrina Callahan to our team. Sabrina will fill the position of a Service Coordinator in our Early Intervention program.



## Staff Birthdays

Brynn Murnahan, July 3

Kathleen Griffith, July 11

Donna Hunt, July 13

Nancy Mckee, July 16

Steven Nutter, July 17

Tiffany Williams, July 19

Bethany Jones, July 21

Donna Barber, July 23

Robin Pancake, July 28

## Mobile Smart Home Visits LCDD

The SOCOG's Mobile Smart Home visited Lawrence County DD on July 1 to demonstrate how significantly remote supports can impact a person's life with DD.

The Southern Ohio Council of Governments (SOCOG) was awarded grant funding to purchase a Mobile Smart Home to promote awareness of technology-based support for people with developmental disabilities. Devices and services called "remote supports" can give people access to support staff over two-way video or audio conversations. In addition, many technologies in the home such as security systems, door locks, cameras and motion sensors are accessible by remote staff from a central monitoring facility.

Remote supports are designed to complement traditional in-home services, and individuals can choose which option is right for them. These supports can allow greater privacy and independence while reducing the cost of services and allowing more people to receive services during a shortage of available staff.

SOCOG received the \$20,000 grant on January 1, 2019 from Ohio State's Nisonger Center and the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. SOCOG's grant funds went toward the purchase of a trailer that was outfitted in April 2019 with technology by Total Homecare Solutions, LLC, a leading provider of remote support services.

SOCOG's grant proposal called for a technology expert to lead the grant's efforts. Due to his extensive background in technology and knowledge of service delivery, George Myers, IT Director at the Ross County Board of DD, was chosen for this role. "The 15 counties SOCOG represents are so spread out that a Mobile Smart Home just makes sense. We can take the technology to people where they live and let them see what remote supports look like in person," Myers said.

Five counties in the SOCOG region are formally participating in the grant with a designated liaison to help educate people in each county. Liaisons include Renee Guess (Fayette), Kelli Williamson (Highland), Lana Matthews (Jackson), Jeremy Joyce (Pickaway) and George Myers (Ross).

More information and a schedule of future events can be found at <http://socog.org/remote-supports>.





## Person Centered Services Relocates to New Facility for Services

After over 2 years providing services in the former Tri-State Industries facility in Coal Grove, Person Centered Services expanded into the Lawrence County community to provide adult service to people with developmental disabilities.

Located in downtown Ironton, the new facility will occupy the former Bob Lynns Sporting Goods store, allowing the agency to have renewed resources and energy to assist in individuals' journeys towards independence and self-reliance.

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Growing  
Possibilities  
Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities

The logo for 'Growing Possibilities' features a stylized flower with five petals in different colors: orange, green, blue, red, and purple. The stem is purple and has two small green leaves. The text 'Growing Possibilities' is written in a large, purple, sans-serif font, and 'Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities' is written in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font below it.