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Staff News

Ashley Pelletier has been hired as an Instructional Aide at Open Door School. We welcome Ashley to Open Door in the classroom.



Staff Birthdays

Ayrie Staley, March 6

Michale Picklesimer, March 21

Elizabeth Graybeal, March 28

Susan Murnahan, March 30

Tim Nunnery, March 30

Team MAP: Preparing for Life After School

Team MAP, or Multi Agency Planning, is an approach to providing services to students transitioning from high school into adulthood. Team MAP focuses on developing a strategic and measurable plan to improve the local capacity to serve transition age youth and to extend and sustain multi agency planning practices.

LCDD is in its second year of partnering with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), local school districts, and the State Support Team Region15 to form a core team with the purpose of supporting youth to have meaningful transition services. Key components of our plan include: improving the knowledge of community resources; increasing communication between local school districts, LCDD, and OOD; hosting training sessions and working together to develop a comprehensive transition plan for students starting at a younger age; and focusing on engaging students and families in the transition process.

Here in Lawrence County our Team MAP started out as the Lawrence County Transition Network and has now evolved into the Employment Resource Alliance (ERA) with the vision that youth, families, and community partners will have a clear and cohesive path to successful, competitive, integrated employment. We are just getting started on our journey and are excited to see what's yet to come for transition age youth in Lawrence County! If you would like more information about ERA, please contact Jamie Garnes, Director of Service & Support Administration at 740-532-0406 ext. 205 or jgarnes@lawrencedd.org.



Learn About Local Advocacy Group, Arc of Ohio

The Arc of Ohio is a statewide membership association made up of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families, friends, interested citizens and professionals in the disability field.

The Arc of Ohio is a strong, unified voice that makes an impact on local, state and federal policy. The agency advocates for progressive, value-based individualized community services, as well as for human rights, personal dignity and community participation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, through legislative and social action, information and education, local chapter support and family involvement.

Locally, the Southeast region of the Arc of Ohio serves Lawrence County. Meetings are held monthly in the evenings for individuals and their families to receive answers to questions that seem overwhelming.

For more information about the arc, visit their website at www.thearcofohio.org or the local chapter can be reached by email at seohio@thearcofohio.org



*LCDD SSA
Director, Jamie
Garnes meets with
the Southeast
region of the Arc to
answer questions*

PCS March Madness Basketball Game

March 21, 6pm - 8pm

Ironton High School

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

There will have a raffle at the game and all proceeds made will go to the PCS nonprofit fund for the individuals



SAVE THE DATE

TECHSUMMIT 2.0

A program of the Ohio Technology Project

June 21, 2019

8:30AM - 4:00PM

Crowne Plaza

Columbus North - Worthington

6500 Doubletree Ave., Columbus, OH 43220

Hear from families

Sample technology to help support people with developmental disabilities

Hear from experts about technology and technology services

Register Here: Nisonger.osu.edu/TECHSUMMIT

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
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DD Awareness Month Kicks Off!

March is developmental disabilities awareness month. During the month, we like to promote inclusion of people with DD in our community and raise awareness about DD and the importance of agencies like Lawrence County DD, providers - such as Easterseals and Person Centered Services, and educational and job opportunities for people with DD in Lawrence County.

LCDD's annual 20th Annual Chilifest and Craft Show is scheduled for March 16th at Dawson Bryant High School. This event will include many agencies from around the tri-state area along with people with developmental disabilities participating in a chili cook off.

Admission for the Chilifest and Craft Show will be \$1. Doors open at 10!



Students at Open Door School release balloons during the annual balloon launch to kick off DD Awareness Month 2019

Games & Entertainment for Family Fun!

20TH ANNUAL CHILIFEST & CRAFT SHOW

for developmental disabilities awareness

March 16th

Dawson Bryant High School

Doors open at 10
Chili served from 11-2

Growing Possibilities

Presented by Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities



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Funding Our Services: What's a Waiver?

Waiver services are intended to help people with DD engage in community life. Waivers are federal funds and are one way to pay for services that help people with developmental disabilities live their lives.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities administers three different types of waivers. The Individual Options, Level One, and Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) waivers each have different spending limits and offer different types of services.

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities must contribute approximately 40% of the funding for these services. As of 2018, Lawrence County had 244 people receiving waiver funding, with more on a waiting list. These services paid for by LCDD and federal and local funds help to bring in jobs and dollars to Lawrence County. In 2018, over 9 million dollars was paid to local independent providers and provider agencies for services provided to people with DD in our county.

LCDD is currently gathering information and working to shape the future of services in Lawrence County by shortening the waiting list and expanding waiver funding, continuing to lead the way for DD services for people in our area.

More information on waivers can be found at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/IndividualFamilies/ServiceFunding/Pages/WaiverTypes.aspx>



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