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Staff News

Appreciation Dinner Scheduled

Our staff appreciation dinner has been scheduled for December 6 at the Knights of Columbus in Ironton. Our theme for this year is "Throwback Thursday: Christmas Edition" in which we hope to showcase Christmases from the past into our event. We'll also recognize those employees who've reached a milestone in their employment with LCDD.

Staff Birthdays

Jenny Johnson, Nov. 5

Tim Sexton, Nov. 10

Erin Hutson, Nov. 10

Pam Carpenter, Nov. 21

Misti Lambert, Nov. 21

Welcome Aboard

We'd like to welcome our new employee, Katie Snyder to our team as a Preschool Instructor!



Senator Uecker Meets with Lawrence County

Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities Superintendent Julie Monroe and Board President Carla Salyer, along with Scioto County Board of DD's Superintendent, Matt Pucell, met with state Sen. Joe Uecker, R-Miami Township, October 3 to discuss disability policy and funding ahead the upcoming two-year state budget process.

The meeting, which was attended by officials from the Brown, Lawrence, and Scioto County Boards of DD, was held at the Scioto board offices in Portsmouth and included a tour of local facilities.

Supports for Ohioans with developmental disabilities are funded by a combination of local, state, and federal dollars. Much of the state's portion of that funding is decided every two years during Ohio's biennial budget process, during which lawmakers draw up the state's two-year spending plan. The 2020-21 state budget will be written in the first half of 2019.

"We're always happy and thrilled to meet with our local officials to discuss how we can expand and improve services to people with developmental disabilities," said Tim Nunnery, Communications and Resource Development Director for LCDD. "Having Sen. Uecker come from the state level to meet with us and discuss these topics reassures us - and hopefully those we serve - that we have the support of our officials and that they do care about their livelihood."

Monroe, Salyer and Purcell spoke to Uecker about several other DD-related topics, including state funding for DD programs and the ongoing statewide shortage of direct service professionals (DSPs) to care for people with developmental disabilities in home and community-based settings.

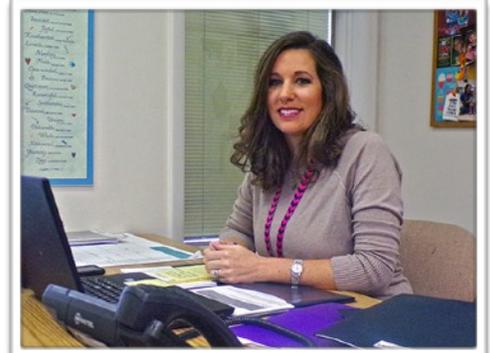
Uecker represents Ohio's 14th Senate District, which includes Adams, Brown, Clermont and Scioto Counties and part of Lawrence County. He is serving his second term in the Ohio Senate. Uecker is chairman of the Standing Committee on State and Local Government. He previously served four terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.





Development Specialist Expanding Knowledge with New Certification

Tammy Fennimore-Taylor, development specialist in the Early Intervention program at LCDD, is in the process of completing a Newborn Behavioral Observation certification from Brazelton Institute, Boston Children's Hospital at Harvard Medical School



Superintendent's Corner

During this season of gratitude, there is much to be thankful for. The LCDD has a multitude of community partnerships that work with us to provide quality services to those we serve. Our staff truly care about what they do and those they serve, and our Board members are supportive of our initiatives to move the program forward. We are thankful for a community that supports DD services.

As the year winds down, we have been busy gathering feedback from stakeholders as part of our ongoing assessment to assure quality services. We appreciate the feedback, and review all of it very carefully as we make plans for the future. Our Strategic Plan Progress Report, that outlines what we accomplished over the year, will soon be available for review. Additionally, any updates to our Strategic Plan for 2019 will be made available to the public.

I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!

The NBO gives infants a "voice" and helps parents understand their unique strengths and needs. This observational tool also gives clinicians a systematic way to help parents respond with confidence and competence to their newborn's individual needs and build a positive parent-professional relationship in the process. The NBO is based on 25 years of research and is all about how infants respond to different stimuli to indicate their muscle tone, rooting response, sucking response, hand grasp, visual response, orientation to sound and voice, visual tracking, habituation, soothability, state regulation, response to stress and activity level. It's not an assessment but can be implemented into a home visit to provide great observations and information about infants birth to 3 months.

WSAZ's Brandon Butcher visits Easterseals

WSAZ Meteorologist, Brandon Butcher - Troy Robinson's favorite weather forecaster - visited Easterseals in Burlington on October 30, 2018. He talked with the attendees about various weather conditions and answered their questions.

Jonathan Simpson asked him about bow echoes and tornadoes in the Tri-State area. Brandon informed everyone about various weather events that they could watch on Youtube. He also said we were probably going to have a harsh winter



this year, based upon past weather trends! Thanks Brandon and WSAZ for visiting our community and prepping us for Old Man Winter!

Halloween at Lawrence County DD



Calendar of Events

November 7-8
Sp. Olympic Volleyball

November 12
Veteran's Day (Programs closed)

November 13
LCDD Board Meeting

November 19-20
No students at ODS

November 21-23
Fall break (Preschool/ODS closed)

November 22-23
Thanksgiving (all programs closed)

November 28-30
OACB Conference



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Meet Lauren: The Newest Employee in the SSA Department

We are proud to announce that Lauren Wade was hired by SOCOG & has joined our team as of Sept. 24th. She was selected out of a highly competitive field of applicants and multiple interviews. Lauren will be working as a receptionist helping with the front desk, managing communications throughout the department as well as in other LCDD departments. Lauren will be augmenting staff during the scanning project with the new software system, Intellivue. Previously, Lauren has worked at Bath & Body Works, and volunteers every week at the "Neighborhood"; a community service center in Ashland, KY that helps with clothing and feeding those in need. Additionally, Lauren has attended Emmau day program in Greenup, KY as well as Tristate Industries several years ago. We are excited to have Lauren work here; she's already doing an outstanding job and we look forward to working with her in the future. If you see Lauren, please give her a warm congratulations and welcome her as our newest team member!



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