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New Year, New Staff

The new school year brings with it some new staff to our school programs. We like to introduce and welcome our newcomers that will be a part of our team for the coming year!

ECC

Mia Dishman - Instructor

Margo Arbogast - Instructor

Michaela Johnson - Instructor

ODS

Mary Kelty - Instructor

Nancy McKee - Instructor

Staff Birthdays

Randy Lilly, September 7

Christy Cremeans, September 10

Dan Dillon, September 12

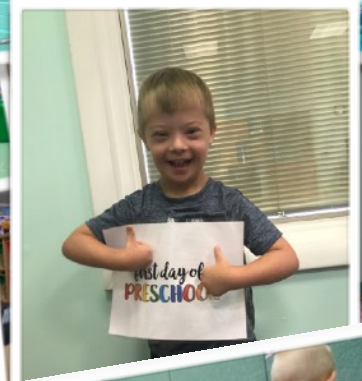
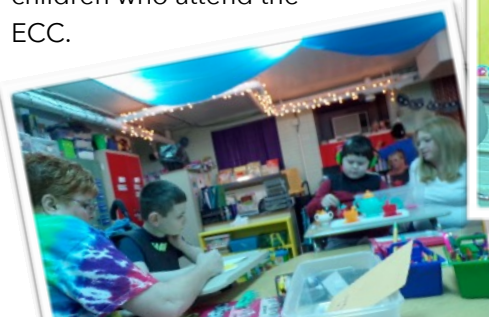
Felicia Comer, September 24

LCDD School Programs Back in Session!!!

School programs under Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities began kicking off on August 15th!

Open Door School held a Back To School Picnic on August 13 to welcome students and parents to the new school year, before classes began 2 days later.

The Early Childhood Center began school on August 20th being the first day for students with IEPs and Sept. 4 being the first day for peer buddies. The ECC will be holding a Family Night for family members of children who attend the ECC.





Superintendent's Corner

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend!

All staff recently participated in a staff in-service where our safety upgrades were shared, along with tips for providing a safe environment for all who utilize LCDD buildings. While every circumstance cannot be predicted, we feel confident that we are doing our best through enhanced procedures and environmental upgrades.

The LCDD applied for a technology grant through DODD to provide more options for individuals to live as independently as possible.

The new Department of Developmental Disabilities Waiting List Rule for DD Waivers went into effect on September 1, 2018. The rule was changed so that the waiting list would more accurately reflect current needs of individuals. The Service and Support Administration Department is handling this change, and information was sent out to everyone who is currently on a waiting list. If you would like more information, please contact 740-532-0406.

Plans are underway for the remodeling of the former Tristate Industries building for the Open Door School relocation slated for August 2019. We anticipate the construction will begin in January 2019, and are working cooperatively with Person Centered Services (PCS) to assure services to individuals they are currently serving continue throughout the renovation project.

If you have not checked out our new website at www.lawrencedd.org please do so to keep up with important information about all LCDD programs.

- Julie Monroe, Superintendent

LCDD Holds Staff Inservice, Providing Useful Information for Employees

Lawrence County DD held its all-staff inservice at the Knights of Columbus in Ironton on August 14.

The inservice provided a plethora of information for staff to use in their professions, as well as tips that cross over into real world situations.

Presentations from outside agencies included:

- Drug Free Workplace, Carley Isaac, OLBH
- Harassment in the Workplace, Stephen P. Postalakis Esq., Haynes Kessler Myers & Postalakis, Inc
- Introduction to Good Life, Jessica Hoffer, Scioto County DD
- Transformation & Changes in the DD System, Scott Marks, OACB

Internal presentations covered Internet Safety Tips, Person First Language/Social Media & Professionalism, and Safety Upgrades & Best Practices from LCDD's Larry Whaley, Tim Nunnery, and Jeff Townsend with Sheriff Jeff Lawless respectively.



Scott Marks (top left), Jessica Hoffer (top right), and Sheriff Lawless (left) present at the all staff inservice for LCDD employees.



Family Night

at the Early Childhood Center
Thursday, September 13 • 6pm - 8pm

- *Meet & Greet the Superintendent*
- *Review Safety Upgrades at the ECC*
- *Tour the Center*
- *Learn What We're Doing Everyday*

Light refreshments to be provided

This event is for families with children enrolled in the LCDD preschool program at the ECC



Calendar of Events

September 10

Executive Professional Development

September 11

LCDD Board Meeting

September 12

El Leadership Meeting (Columbus)

September 13

Family Night at the ECC

September 17-20

Crisis Prevention Institute Training

September 26

Preschool Rules Training (Athens-Meigs ESC)

September 28

Emergency Operations Plan Review

Safety Committee Meeting

Transition Fair!

We are holding our transition fair for students w/ DD in Lawrence County on October 25 at Dawson Bryant High School. To register as an exhibitor to increase awareness of your services & supports to the DD students post-school life, contact Erin @ ehutson@lawrencedd.org



Contact Us!

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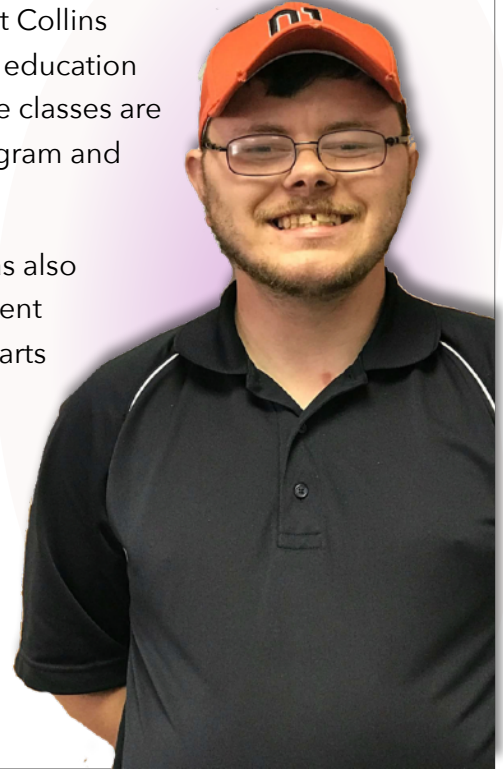
Getting the Most Out of Opportunities

Harold Weaver has kept himself busy with education and job training for the past few weeks, and is looking to make the most out of those opportunities that he's been afforded.

Harold began taking classes at Collins Career Center, primarily adult education classes in Auto Mechanics. The classes are part of a two year degree program and are paid for with a pell grant.

Related to this field, Harold has also completed two job development trainings with Advance Auto Parts in Ironton. Harold has also been practicing to get his driver's permit, which he hopes to achieve in the coming months.

Best of luck to Harold with his goals!



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