

A source for information and resources

From the Superintendent



J. Kyle Lewis

We have decided to do a combined quarterly newsletter rather than having each department do separate newsletters. We hope that you enjoy this new format.

We will feature activities, events, and happenings that we hope that you will find useful and informative. We are also exploring ways to simplify our survey process.

We are seeking feedback to learn the best ways to reach you and gather your thoughts. Please consider providing comments in the link below.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out to any of us should you have questions or concerns. We are here for you.

We Need Your Input



We are interested in knowing your thoughts about current services and future opportunities. Please take a moment to complete our survey. Use the QR code or click [HERE](#).



Early Intervention



Early intervention is a statewide program that works with families to provide services to parents of young children with disabilities. EI serves children between the age of 0-2 years old.

It is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. That's why your local EI team, which includes a service coordinator and service providers, works with you in your home or other places you and your family spend time.

The Role of the Family

- Recognize the critical role you and other caregivers play in your child's development.
- Share your interests, priorities, needs and questions with your early intervention service coordinator or primary services provider
- Set goals based on how your child's progress fits with what is important to your family
- Learn from the team so you can work with your child during your family's everyday routines between visits from the interventionists

The Role of the Intervention Team

- Gather information to determine your child's eligibility and need for early intervention services
- Provide service coordination to ensure the protection of family and child rights, promote advocacy, and coordinate services
- Partner with parents and other caregivers to support children as they learn and grow
- Focus on enhancing child participation in existing and desired family, community, and early childhood experiences
- Work together so that each team member's expertise will be used to help parents meet the goals they have for their child's development
- Help families find answers to their tough questions

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Community Integration & Special Olympics



Want to stay informed about upcoming events and activities? The following options are all ways to check out what is going on:

- ⇒ Follow [Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities](#) on Facebook.
- ⇒ Find our monthly calendars on our website.
- ⇒ Email Latasha to join our Community Integration Email Blast and/or One Call.
- ⇒ Call Latasha to request a paper copy of our monthly calendars.

Latasha Ruddle - lruddle@nikecenter.org - 937.944.3895

Provider Spotlight



CCBDD is proud to introduce our Provider Spotlight for May 2023, Deborah Jones. Deborah has been a dedicated Independent Provider to one individual specifically for 15 years. The care she provides has been described as going above and beyond.

In honor of her passion and commitment the family shared, “Debbie is a HUGE asset to our family. She has shown nothing but love and respect for not only our son, but to us as his parents. We never have had to worry about leaving our son when he is in her care. As a parent, to be able to find someone who you can trust 100% is rare. Our son adores Debbie as much as she does him, they have a very strong and unique bond. She truly is family to us!”

Congratulations, Deborah! Thank you for your dedication.

DODD Monthly Information Sessions



DODD’s Provider Resources and Supports Team will begin offering monthly Information Sessions for Direct Support Professionals, Provider Agency Staff, and County Board Provider Support Staff from around the state.

The information sessions are meant to provide basic information about topics important to DSPs or those interested in becoming DSPs. Sessions will be held from 11am – 12 noon.

2023 Information Session Topics

May 22 - So You Want to Become a Provider – What to Know Before you get Started: Click [HERE](#) to register.

June 26 - So You Want to Open a Group Home – What to Know Before you get Started: Click [HERE](#) to register.

Emergency Preparedness

With the new season comes changes in the weather. Severe weather can happen at any time, and supporting individuals with disabilities may take some extra planning depending on their needs. This is the perfect time to remind individuals, families and providers about ways to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Make an [Emergency Preparedness Kit](#)! Ensure that you have a flashlight, water, food (like granola bars, protein shakes, pop tarts, etc.), batteries, a fully charged cell phone and a portable power supply, etc. Get more info on Emergency Preparedness Kits and other ways to prepare [HERE](#).

BE INFORMED

Clinton County EMA encourages residents to have multiple ways of receiving alerts and warnings. Clinton County Emergency Alerts (CCEA) is a mass notification system used to notify residents about emergencies and other important information throughout the county. Options for emergency alerts: Sign up for free local weather alerts [HERE](#) or send a text to 226787 and send the keyword (all as one word with no spaces): CLINTONCOUNTYALERTS



Download the [FEMA app](#) to get weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five different locations anywhere in the United States.

Employment First

IT'S HERE!

The 2023 Summer Career Exploration Program

- ◇ For individuals ages 14 and up
- ◇ Transportation included
- ◇ Learn about jobs in our community
- ◇ Discover what you'd like to do
- ◇ Visit local businesses and professionals
- ◇ Practice soft skills & teamwork
- ◇ Build a resume and learn interview tips



And of course... we will HAVE FUN!!

★ JUNE 12-16 & JUNE 26-30 ★ 9:00 am- 2:30 pm daily ★

★ Space is limited. Please contact your SSA or Shanon Bene ★

sbene@nikecenter.org or 937-382-7519

And finally...

We hope that you have enjoyed this newsletter and the information shared here. Look for the next one in July. In the meantime, please take a few minutes to complete our survey found on page one. We welcome you to contact us with ideas and feedback!

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