

From the Superindendent



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The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities regularly reviews County Boards of DD to ensure quality services are available throughout our great state. We recently underwent our review here in Clinton County. A team of seven reviewers was on site for two days in July.

They observed our practices, reviewed plans, met with individuals and family members, and talked with staff and board members. Our review went very well. We received no citations, which is not easy to achieve and very few counties do. This is our second review in a row in which we have received no citations.

Some feedback received...

- We know our people. We interact with them and have true actual relationships.
- We put families in the driver's seat with their plans.
- Concerns are addressed immediately.
- We want to see people succeed.
- Individuals and families feel supported by the board. We listen and help plan their futures.

Staff members here in Clinton County work very hard and do an amazing job! They are dedicated to being here for all of you! I am very proud of the work that they do. Be sure to let them know "job well done" when you see or talk with them!

Summertime Safety



The latest Health and Welfare alert from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities provides good information about how to help people with developmental disabilities stay safe in the hot summer months. It also lists signs of dehydration and distress, and tips on how to prepare for a safer summer. Read it [here](#).

Goodwill Voucher Program



The Clinton County Board of DD has partnered with Goodwill EasterSeals Miami Valley since 2020 to provide vouchers to individuals and community members in need. Vouchers can be used to make purchases at any Goodwill Store.

How can you help? Drop off your donated items at the Wilmington store and ask for your receipt. Give that receipt to any CCBDD employee and we get that converted by GESMV into vouchers.

Need help? Contact Marnie Reed at mreed@nikecenter.org

Summer Career Exploration



Participants of the 2023 Summer Career Exploration Program learned first hand about jobs in our own community. With support from Capabilities, Inc. and the Clinton County Youth Council, the Board of DD was able to provide the opportunity for 8 individuals to tour/meet with

over 15 businesses and learn what all they do. We received behind the scenes tours and some hands on learning, while also gaining knowledge about the skills and qualities that employers are looking for when hiring.

Each participant learned teamwork skills, communication techniques, completed cash register training, became certified in CPR, created a resume, and took part in mock interviews.

Thank you to all businesses and individuals who helped to make this year's program a success.

For more information about employment opportunities and supports available specific to you, contact Shanon Bene at sbene@nikecenter.org

Flu Shot Clinic



We will host a flu clinic for the public (clients, providers and family) on Friday morning, September 22nd, 9am-10am. Nurse Susan will travel afterwards to the homes of clients who cannot come in. Contact Kelly Williams to register by calling (937) 382-7519.

Keeping in Touch



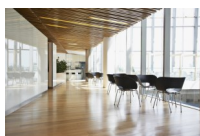
The best way to keep current on all things happening at the Clinton County Board of DD is to [follow us](#) on Facebook and sign up for our OneCallNow calls and/or emails. Contact Marnie Reed, Family Support Liaison, at mreed@nikecenter.org or call (937) 944-3215 to learn how.

Recycling Event



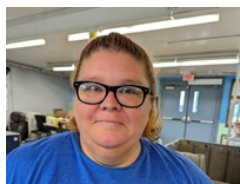
Clinton County residents and businesses can recycle electronics for FREE on September 16th! Click [here](#) for more information and to register. You must pre-register to participate.

SALT TALKS



Student Adult Life Transition (SALT) TALKS is a series of informative planning sessions that helps parents, caregivers, teens and young adults figure out what to do after school ends. Click [here](#) to see all the fall opportunities. Contact [Shanon](#) Bene for more information.

Provider Spotlight



CCBDD would like to recognize Pam Wright for her dedication as a Direct Support Professional. Pam has been a Direct Support Professional at Active Day for 6 years. Pam's positive personality is contagious and appreciated by everyone she supports. Her supervisor stated that Pam has an amazing rapport with all of the individuals and assists them with progressing in all areas of life. Pam does a great job ensuring all the services she provides are always person centered. She is such an amazing DSP! Thank you, Pam, for all of your hard work and dedication.

CCBDD Quarterly Provider Meeting

October 10th, 2023 @10am in-person and via Zoom. Please note the date change, sorry for any inconveniences.

2023 Office of Compliance Provider Training Series

August 31, 2023 @10am: Service Delivery and Documentation
September 28, 2023 @10am: Shared Living Requirements
October 26, 2023 @10am: Provider Compliance Rule

Registration Link below:
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_xoDdYGXlQgS0lvQ_m18o8w

Amanda will also be offering these trainings to be viewed at CCBDD building C for those who would like to attend.

What is Assistive Technology?



Assistive Technology (AT) is equipment that assists a person with a developmental disability in

activities of everyday living. This could include special adaptive devices such as induction stoves, medication dispensers or med alert devices, even mainstream consumer devices, such as digital assistants (Alexa, Google Home), lights, doorbell cameras. Assistive Technology doesn't have to include electronic devices, it can be an adaptive fork, a rail in a bathroom or even a pillow!

Technology to Try



Colgate Hum Black Electric Toothbrush for children or adults.

Hum starter kits range from \$15-\$25 on Amazon. The smart toothbrush syncs with an app that you can download to your phone to track your brushing coverage, frequency, and duration....no more cheating!! Hum provides guidance to help ensure good oral care and you can even earn points to use toward products! Hum is just one of many smart toothbrushes on the market. Check the different smart toothbrushes available to see which one works best for you.



Early Intervention Facts

More than 150 children living in Clinton County, ages birth to three years, received early intervention services from July 2022 through June 2023. Services provided by our County Board include both EI Service Coordination and EI services. A Primary Service Provider is identified by using the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) process and is carefully selected to best meet the needs of the child and family to help accomplish their outcome(s). Families and professionals can make referrals to early intervention by contacting Central Intake and Referral at: (513) 434-3322 or HMGreferrals@helpmegrow.org or or contact the County Board directly by calling Mickey at (937) 382-7519.

Events and Activities

We are happy that so many individuals and families choose to participate in and enjoy the activities the County Board has to offer. To assure that everyone is able to enjoy the activities and events please remember that it is the parent/caregiver responsibility to make sure any individual requiring supervision has a responsible person with them. Unless otherwise noted, County Board staff who are on site at events are there to organize and ensure the event or activity runs smoothly, and are not there to supervise individuals or other participants.

Want to join in on the fun? The best way to keep current with information and activities is to follow our Facebook pages! [Clinton County Board of DD](#) and [Early Intervention Clinton County](#).

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. Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#).



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