

A source for information and resources

From the Superintendent



J. Kyle Lewis

I would like to offer a warm welcome to our newest board member. Tracy Ames joined the board this month. She replaces Cristina Lewis, who served as a board member for several years, and will be missed. Tracy was a board member for many years until she moved out of county. She has returned to Clinton County and is ready to contribute to her community again. The Board of Developmental

Disabilities relies on dedicated citizens to serve in this important volunteer role to ensure that quality services are provided to individuals served. Current board members include Bob Wilson, President; Susan Frazier, Vice President; Joan Burge, Secretary; Tracy Ames; Mark Bush; John Luttrell; and Kelly Straw.

We also welcome two new staff members. Leda Volino is our newest Service and Support Administrator (SSA). Leda did an internship with us when she was in college. She has been working as an SSA in another county and recently relocated to Clinton County. Rebecca Baker has been hired as our new Employment Coordinator. Rebecca comes to us from the Clermont County Board of DD, where she worked in several different positions. I am confident they will both provide excellent services and be great additions to our family.

Provider Spotlight



CCBDD would like to recognize Helena Patrick for her dedication as an Independent Provider. Helena conducts herself in a professional manner. She is fun (funny), caring and always thinking person-centered. She cares deeply for the 6 individuals she provides services to and is willing to meet with new individuals for an interview to see if she's the right fit for their needs. Her communication is great with

individuals/families and she is always providing the SSA's with updates. She is flexible; she understands that sometimes life just happens. Helena has the mindset that it's all for the people we serve and making their lives better and easier.

Thank you, Helena, for all of your hard work and dedication.

What are Remote Supports?

Remote Support allows an off-site direct service provider to monitor and respond to a person's health, safety, and other needs using live communication, while offering the person more independence in their home. Remote Support uses two-way communication in real time, just like Skype or FaceTime, so a person can communicate with their providers when they need them. Depending on the needs of the individual, this service can include additional equipment necessary for remote staff to assess safety in the home such as cameras, sensors, security systems, door locks, thermostats, etc.



Assistive Technology to Try

Lightweight headphones for both adults and children. Cozy Phones (available at Amazon) are perfect for individuals who might find other kinds of headphones uncomfortable or too heavy. Great for active lifestyles and easy to sleep in. These are not noise canceling headphones, but are Bluetooth compatible.



CCBDD Quarterly Provider Meetings 2024



Meetings will be offered both in-person and via Zoom.

January 9, 2024 @10am

April 9, 2024 @10am

July 9, 2024 @ 10am

October 8, 2024 @10am

Clinton County Special Olympics



Basketball and Cheer season is right around the corner! Are you or someone you care for interested in getting involved? If so, register by scanning the QR code to the left or go to <https://form.jotform.com/CCBDD/basketballcheerleading> Questions? Contact Latasha Ruddle at lruddle@nikecenter.org

Early Intervention



If your child is enrolled in our early intervention program we encourage you to attend our monthly playgroups. Kids will have fun, make friends, and grow in their skills, while you will the support other parents.

- November 16, 2023, 11am-noon—Fun sensory activities with a fall theme
- December 14, 2023, 11:30am—12:30pm—Santa and Pizza!

Both events will be held at the Clinton County Board of DD, Town & Country Building.

Employment News

Every October we celebrate **National Disability Employment Awareness Month** or NDEAM. Declared in 1988 by the United States Congress for the month of October, NDEAM is meant to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities.



We give thanks to all that support individuals with disabilities to achieve their goals of independence and community employment.

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 specifically 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 always 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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