

A source for information and resources

From the Superintendent



J. Kyle Lewis

The board met for its annual organizational meeting on January 16, 2024. During the meeting, board members Susan Frazier and Joan Burge were both re-appointed to additional four year terms. Bob Wilson was elected President of the Board, Susan Frazier was elected Vice President, and Joan Burge was elected Recording Secretary. Additional board members include Tracy Ames, Mark Bush, John Luttrell, and Kelly Straw.

Meetings of the board will be on the third Tuesdays of each month, with the exceptions of June (second Tuesday), July (no meeting), and December (no meeting). All meetings are held in the administrative conference room at the Nike Center, Building D, at noon. Citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend.

In November, the board approved a new Strategic Plan. Our plan was developed based on feedback from surveys and input from our constituents, our providers, and our staff. I would like to thank everyone who provided suggestions on ways to improve services. These ideas are reflected in our plan. You can find a copy of the new plan on our agency website – www.co.clinton.oh.us/boardofdd.

Moms Support Group



Did you know that the New Life Clinic hosts a monthly support group for moms of kids of all ages (even adults!) with special needs?

Join us for the next coffee and conversation on Monday, February 22 at 6pm at the New Life Clinic located at 100 S. South Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

Family Support Series



In January 2024 the Clinton County Board of DD began hosting a monthly information session geared toward supporting parents and caregivers. Child/adult care is available on site to make participation easier.

January's speaker provided information on Special Needs Trusts and Estate Planning to 13 attendees.

Plan to join us on February 13 at 6pm when Gary Tonks, President and CEO from The Arc of Ohio will share information on accessing and keeping benefits such as Medicaid, SSI, and others. Click [here](#) to register!

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month



Help us to empower all to embrace a community transformation that encourages integration and positive relationships committed to trust and acceptance.

Wear YELLOW on March 12 to help spread Developmental Disabilities Awareness! Post your picture to Facebook or Instagram and tag [#clintoncountyddad2024](https://www.facebook.com/clintoncountyddad2024) for a chance to win a mystery prize!

T-Shirt orders are due February 11th. Proceeds support Clinton County Special Olympics,

Order your t-shirts @ <https://form.jotform.com/CCBDD/DDAD2024>

Employment Spotlight



Ohio Means Jobs website offers an assessment center for those who want to build upon and improve their overall real-world job skills.

The job skill assessments are beneficial for those interested in improving their soft skills, such as teamwork/professionalism, communication, along with problem solving, and critical thinking skills. The site also offers test preparation for obtaining your G.E.D and assessments to determine what job industry/career is best suited to your skills.

The job skill assessments track overall progress, offer graded rating scores, and identify what areas may need improvement.

Access the Ohio Means Jobs assessments and the training center via this link: <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/Assessments/Home.aspx>



Technology First

CCBDD has created a one stop shop for all of your Technology First questions. Learn more about Technology First, upcoming Technology Trainings, and Assistive Technology Resources in one place.

<https://padlet.com/CCBDD/technologyfirst>

This link can also be found on our CCBDD webpage at:

<https://co.clinton.oh.us/departments/BODD/TechnologyFirst>

Feel free to reach out to Amanda Van Tress with any questions.

Provider of the Year 2023



Last year CCBDD recognized several amazing providers who went above and beyond the services they provide to individuals in Clinton County. CCBDD would like to thank them again for their dedication and ask that you vote for one as **Provider of the Year 2023 Nominees are:**

[Deborah Jones](#) (Independent Provider)

[Pamela Wright](#) (DSP- Person Centered Services)

[Helena Patrick](#) (Independent Provider)



Please scan the QR code to cast your vote or click [HERE](#) to access the link.

Quarterly Provider Meeting

April 9, 2024 @10am
July 9, 2024 @ 10am
October 8, 2024 @10am

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

Early Intervention



Parents of infants and toddlers have an added tool to help them monitor their child's developmental milestones like crawling, walking, and language! In addition to regular pediatric checkups, families can also use the [Ages & Stages Questionnaire \(ASQ\)](#) online to understand how their child is developing and whether there are any developmental concerns. If developmental concerns are noted, families can engage their local early intervention program.

Dental Hygiene Spotlight



The reasons to care for your teeth go far beyond helping to keep them white and cavity free. Did you know that brushing and flossing can also help keep your heart and lungs healthy?

People with intellectual disabilities often exhibit poor oral health in part because they need to rely on providers and caregivers to assist them in maintaining good oral health habits.

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities has a [playlist](#) on their YouTube channel that has a series of informational and how-to videos on the topic. You can also read their article [here](#).

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](#).



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