

From the Superintendent



Kyle Lewis

Welcome to August! Summer is flying by and we have been very busy at your board of developmental disabilities. I want to provide you with an update on our move, which I shared with you in the last newsletter.

As of today, we have officially vacated the Nike Center. As I locked the door for the final time, I was overcome with memories. The Nike Center has certainly served us well and it will always hold a special place in my heart. But it is time to move on.

Construction continues at the Sugartree property. It is expected that staff will report to work after Labor Day. At present, all staff are working remotely. Rest assured, however, that our work continues and we are here for you.

Once our move is finalized, our main telephone number, (937) 382-7519, will remain the same. In the meantime, you can reach any staff person on their cell phones or via email.

I am very excited for our future. This is the right move for us. Once we are settled, I will make sure we have an open house so that everyone can come see our new site.

As always, please reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Moms Support Group



Did you know that the New Life Clinic hosts a monthly support group for moms of kids (of all ages—even adult!) with special needs? Well, they do!

Join us for the next coffee and conversation on Monday, August 19th, 11am at the New Life Clinic located at 100 S. South Street, Wilmington, Ohio 45177.

Marnie Reed, your Family Support Liaison, attends the group to offer support and insight, and often learns a thing or two along the way, as well!

Employment



Are you interested in gaining employment but worried it may affect the benefits you receive?

Visit: <https://oh.db101.org/>

Many people with disabilities and their loved ones fear those entering the workforce will lose their health care and other disability benefits, however there are misconceptions surrounding employment and loss of benefits. To have a better understanding of the connection between work and benefits check out the *Disability Benefits 101* website. *Disability Benefits 101 (DB101)* was created to help you make informed choices and provides free information pertaining to employment and benefits to break down the barriers, misconceptions, how to avoid common pitfalls, and give insight how you can make work part of your plan.

DB101 provides:

- **Information:** Learn about benefits programs and rules around work. Get answers to frequently asked questions surrounding Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Medicaid Buy In, Medicaid Wavier Programs, and Stable Accounts.

- **Benefits Planning Estimators:** Get results tailored just for you that help you plan and set goals for work. Such as benefits & work estimator, school & work estimator, along with Medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities (MBIWD) estimator.
- **Expert Help:** Find answers to your questions. Connect to community resources. Get help understanding your next steps.

DB101 Information Services produce workshops, webcasts, half-day, full-day, evening, and computer lab training events.

Sibshops

We are excited to announce we are offering Sibshops as a new and exciting way to support typically developing children, ages 8-13, who have a sibling with special needs.

Why should we care about siblings? The sibling relationship can be one of the longest lasting relationships, and siblings need information! They may become a support or advocate for their brother or sister. They often encounter unique social experiences linked to disability situations. See



one sibling's thoughts on Sibshops here: [Kinderling's Sibling Support Project: Meet Anya](#)

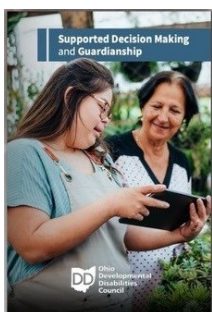
Sibshops provide an opportunity for kids sharing similar experiences to meet and get to know one another. It's a time filled with fun, food, and friendship!

Clinton County Board of DD Sibshops is funded in part by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Ohio SIBS, and in partnership with the Clinton County Youth Council.

Our Sibshops series kicks off with three weekly workshops on September 16th, 23rd, and 30th, from 4pm-7pm.

Registration is required and space is limited. Contact Marnie Reed at mreed@clintondd.org or (937) 944-3215 to register and for more information.

Family Support Series—Supported Decision Making and Guardianship



The decision to obtain guardianship of your family member can be difficult to make. Letting your family member navigate their own decision making can be tricky, too! Learn about supported decision making, guardianship, and more at our September Family Support Series presentation. Attendees will receive a free copy of the booklet written by Attorney Graham for the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council. Visit their website: <https://www.pglawohio.com/programs> to view the flyer.

Attorney Derek Graham of Philipps & Graham will be in-person Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30pm to talk about the ins, outs, and how-to's. Contact Marnie for more information at (937) 944-3215 and Register here: <https://shorturl.at/Klykr>

Provider Spotlight



CCBDD is thrilled to highlight the exceptional dedication of Corie Schurman as an Independent Provider. For an impressive 8 years in Clinton County, Corie has built strong connections with the three individuals under her care and their families. Her compassionate and patient approach makes her a valued provider.

Over the past year, Corie's efforts have led to noticeable improvements in the overall health of her clients, and she has also gone above and beyond by adjusting her schedule to enhance their community involvement and social interactions. One SSA noted, "She is an awesome provider! She is attentive to the needs of all the individuals she serves."

Thank you, Corie, for your unwavering commitment and hard work. You truly make a difference!

July 2024 Health & Welfare Alerts—Required Reading for Providers

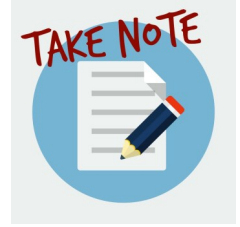
Recognizing and Responding to Medical Emergencies

[This alert](#) provides critical information to caregivers about recognizing and responding to medical emergencies.

In addition to required annual training to identify and report Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs) and Unusual Incidents (UIs), all developmental disabilities employees are required by Ohio Administrative Code 5123-17-02 to review Health and Welfare Alerts released by the department. This training includes the review of any Health and Welfare Alerts released since the previous calendar year's training.

Don't miss the next Health and Welfare Alert -- it's required reading.

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Early Intervention

The Department of Children and Youth became the lead agency for the early intervention program and many others at the state level and unveiled a new logo.

New program rules went into effect on July 4 and can be found here: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/forms-and-rules/rules-in-effect>. Look for Chapter 5123-10.

Thank you to every family that responded to the 2024 EI Family Questionnaire.



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Help Me Grow Early Intervention

EI continues to host a monthly playgroup for families of children ages birth to three years. Visit the EI Facebook page, or contact Marnie Reed or your EI Service Coordinator for more details!

How Are We Doing?



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

Social Media

Keep up with all the information and activities by following our Facebook pages! For early intervention: <https://www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyHelpMeGrow> and for all ages: <https://www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyDD>

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