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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

I know it's hard to believe, but we vacated the Nike Center going on a year ago now. I believe that the transition has gone about as smoothly as it could. It is nice seeing so many of you visit us at our new location on Sugartree Street in Wilmington. It is my sincere hope that you are finding our site to be more accessible and accommodating.

I want to remind everyone that the Special Olympics Track and Field event will be held this Saturday, May 17th at Wilmington High School's Alumni Field. Events will start at 2:00 p.m. Please come out and show your support for our athletes. Let's hope for excellent weather and a fantastic time filled with fun competition! I look forward to seeing everyone there.

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT

Clinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) is proud to recognize Sarah Collett for her outstanding service as an independent provider over the past three years.

Sarah has shown unwavering dedication to the individuals she supports. She's a strong communicator who works closely with her individuals, their teams, and CCBDD staff. Whether it's reaching out with questions or collaborating to solve problems, Sarah is always engaged and proactive. She's open to team discussions when needed

and consistently brings thoughtful insight to support each individual's success.

Sarah also takes initiative in tracking outcomes and doesn't hesitate to follow up when progress needs attention or adjustments. Her advocacy for individual rights and her encouragement of new experiences make a meaningful impact in the lives of those she serves.



Thank you, Sarah, for your commitment, compassion, and for being such a valued part of the CCBDD provider community!

HELP ME GROW EARLY INTERVENTION

The 2025 EI Family Questionnaire will be underway soon. Like the past few years, the majority of questionnaires will be distributed via email and collected online with Survey Monkey. If you are lucky enough to be chosen to receive a questionnaire, we ask that you complete it promptly.

Feedback from the questionnaire lets us know how the EI program is working across the state of Ohio and helps determine areas of improvement. It is also great because families often share how the EI program has positively impacted their lives.

The Family Questionnaires are distributed from the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) and are sent directly to families via email or mail. Family reponses are received and compiled by the DCY. Family identifiers are removed by DCY and results are shared at the state and local levels. To see results of prior EI Family Questionnaires click <u>here</u>.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Major Unusual Incident Rule Change Training Announced

DODD invites you to attend an informative training titled: "The Major Unusual Incident Rule: Exploring Key Changes to <u>OAC 5123-17-02</u>."



This session will focus on the significant updates that will take effect on July 1, 2025. Participants will learn about additional resources to help navigate the updates and ensure compliance. Two hours of DODD investigative agent, service and support administrator, superintendent, and adult services continuing professional development will be offered. For a copy of the updated rule, click <u>here</u>.

Multiple training dates and locations are being offered. Click here for dates, times, and to register.

Please contact the MUI office at <u>MUI.UNIT@dodd.ohio.gov</u> or 614-995-3810 for questions or accommodations.

A DAY IN THE RING



A Day in the Ring is presented by the Clinton County 4-H program, Clinton County Agricultural Society, and friends of the 4-H program to provide differently abled community members ages 10 and up the opportunity to show at the Clinton County Fair. This is the 4th year for the program at the Clinton County Fair and we are excited to have added rabbits this year to the show line up.

Each participant is paired with a current 4-H member and they mentor the individuals for several weeks in learning how to show their project. The A Day In

The Ring Show will take place Friday, July 11th at the Clinton County Fair Livestock Exposition Center at 6:00pm. Please join us at the fair to cheer along all the showman!

For more information, contact Kelly Williams at (937) 382-7519.

TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Track and Field Day is this Saturday, May 17. Come out and cheer on our special athletes beginning with the opening march at 2pm at Wilmington High School Alumni Field. Becker's Smash-tastic Burgers food truck will be available for purchase. *Let's fill the bleachers!*

ARE YOU A SOON TO BE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE AND INTERESTED IN CONTINUED EDUCATION OR EMPLOYMENT?



Don't forget about inquiring about services though Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). This state agency is dedicated to empowering people with disabilities through employment and connects individuals with resources, training, and opportunities that match their unique needs. OOD offer disability determinations, accessibility, and independence.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

• Vocational Rehabilitation (VR):

This service helps individuals with disabilities prepare for, find, and maintain employment. VR counselors provide career exploration, counseling, training, job placement assistance, and support for individuals to succeed in the workplace.

Assistive Technology:

OOD provides access to assistive technology that can help individuals with disabilities overcome barriers in their work and daily life.

• Disability Determination:

OOD works with the Social Security Administration (SSA) to determine medical eligibility for federal disability benefits.

• Education Support:

OOD provides financial assistance and other support to students with disabilities who are pursuing education and training programs.

• Independent Living Services:

OOD offers services to help individuals with disabilities live more independently, including assistance with personal care and finding support.

• Job Development/ Placement:

OOD helps individuals with disabilities find jobs that match their skills and interests, including connecting them with internships and employment opportunities.

• Work Incentives Counseling:

OOD provides counseling and support to help individuals with disabilities understand how their work can impact their benefits and other resources.

UNIVERSAL CHANGING TABLES LOCATIONS



Find a universal changing table anywhere in the United States using this <u>interactive map.</u>

> **Psst**! This one is located at your Clinton County Board of DD!