

FCBDD considering budget fixes

FCBDD is facing a challenging budget situation and Superintendent Jed Morison is looking for options.

He has asked staff, service recipients, families, and providers for their ideas as to how to increase revenue and reduce spending. A preliminary draft of *Stability 2011* contains some initial suggestions and is available for review.

"This is a tough challenge for all of us," he said. "But I would rather plan now to make gradual adjustments than just kick the problem down the road."

As a result of the new state budget, FCBDD will suffer a loss of approximately \$5 million in state subsidy dollars over the two-year period beginning July 1st. Also, from 2011 through 2017, FCBDD stands to lose about \$20 million in state funding intended as reimbursement for the elimination of the tangible personal property tax.

FCBDD has ruled out the possibility of making up for lost state support by increasing the agency's requested 3.5 mill replacement tax levy that will go before voters on November 8th.

"Realistically at this point, we can't expect voters to support more than a replacement levy," said Superintendent Morison.

Feedback is welcome and should be submitted by September 15th to: Dot Yeager, Chief Financial Officer, FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, or at stability@fcbdd.org.

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Stability 2011

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Submitted by:
Dot Yeager, Chief Financial Officer

It's official: Star Award winners named

The recipients of the 2011 FCBDD Community Star Awards have been announced. The awards recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding efforts in the service of FCBDD's mission.

The awards will be presented at a banquet on Wednesday evening, October 5th, at Villa Milano, 1630 Schrock Road. The event will include a social hour, dinner and entertainment.

This year's winners are: Candy Fisher, *Adult Participant*; Troy Barnett, *Youth Participant*; Darlene Rankin, *Parent/ Family Member*; Jackie Suver, *Adult Services Staff*; Marsha Whitehead, *School Staff*; Lula Price, *Provider Organization*; Jennifer Hamant (Smith-Barney), *Volunteer/ Good Neighbor*; Sandra Snailham, *Transportation Staff*.

Sandy Ferguson, *Early Childhood Staff*; Todd Mitchell, *Residential Staff*; Michael Boyce, *Management Staff*; Amy Clayton, *Support Services*; Jonathon Zuhosky, *Service Coordination Staff*; Paul's Fifth Avenue Restaurant, *Employer*.

Reservations are now being accepted. For more information, please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

Stability 2011 draft available

A preliminary draft of an outline suggesting possible ways to address FCBDD's budget situation is available to interested persons for review and comment.

Among the suggestions included in the outline are:

Reorganize school program to include a transition school for students ages 14 to 22; reduce certain staff

positions through attrition; use Medicaid resources to 'refinance' some county-funded services; and determine staff-to-client ratios by department rather than building basis.

Evaluate funding options for therapy services; reduce new bus purchases; implement new Medicaid initiatives; increase energy-saving efforts; and consider more shared-service arrangements with school districts.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome by email at stability@fcbdd.org. Please submit them by September 15th.

For a copy of *Stability 2011*, please contact Dot Yeager, FCBDD Chief Financial Officer, at 475-6440.

Jeri Gilbert, safety coordinator, retires

FCBDD's longtime safety coordinator retired at the end of June. Jeri Gilbert called it quits after 22 years in the post. She had previously served as a program manager at ARC Industries South for 10 years, and as a VISTA volunteer based at the Columbus Developmental Center.

Jeri joined FCBDD in 1978, having a degree in psychology from Ball State University, as well as employment experience in the developmental disabilities field in Muncie, Indiana.

Her proudest accomplishment was the development of the FCBDD Safety Manual and overseeing its implementation. She looks back on her career as "a wonderful time... I was lucky to work with so many people who are truly dedicated to the agency."

Commenting on Jeri's service, Superintendent Jed Morison, said "Jeri always made sure that safety was top



priority. She set a great example for all of us."

In retirement, Jeri plans to do some volunteer work at a local food pantry, and travel a bit with her husband, Joe, who works at ARC South. The couple have two adult children, Russell and Leslie.

ARC East promotes volunteerism

by Anna Srba

ARC Industries East has joined the many local companies volunteering for Meals-on-Wheels. East is partnering with the Grote Company, a Gahanna neighbor.

Staff members Deb Manson and Don Crabtree along with ARC employees Mary Demers, Christ Triplett, Mark Evans, Rickey Patterson, Jennifer Jones and Sarah Largan deliver an average of 12 meals in the area. Each volunteer takes turns in going to the homes and handing out the meals.

According to Mary Demers, it is "fun to help others." Mark Evans also likes helping people.

"It is nice to know that we can help," he said.

ADD to hold 5K run and festival

The Association for the Developmentally Disabled (ADD) will hold its *Move to Make it Happen* event at Bicentennial Park in downtown Columbus on Saturday, July 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include a 5-kilometer run and festival open to the public.

For more information, please go to www.addohio.org.

Special Olympics coaches compete in ultra event

Ten coaches competed in either the triathlon or duathlon races held as part of the *Ultra-fit USA* event. Sponsored by Wendy's, the race was held on Sunday, June 12th at Alum Creek.

This was the second year that a team of coaches has come together to train and raise funds for the program.

The triathlon consisted of a 1/2 mile swim, 17 mile bike ride and 3.1 mile run, while the duathlon was a 2 mile run, 17 mile bike ride and 3.1 mile run.

The following coaches competed in the triathlon or duathlon: Alan Beymer, Justin Buren, Becca Calkins, Debra Kelbaugh, Ryan Phillips, Anna Milligan, Karen Mobley, Ken Morrison, Alyssa Torok, Monica Wangler.

Special Olympics Director Ryan Phillips praised the participants. "Our coaches are highly successful students, parents, spouses and professionals, yet they found time to train and give of themselves."



To become a fan on Facebook, look up Franklin County Special Olympics. To coach, contact Ryan Phillips at ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org.

Photo by Casei Phillips

CRC seeks members

The Council for Retarded Citizens (CRC) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to improving the lives of people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The council, whose offices are at 2344 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, operates citizen advocacy, parent-to-parent, latchkey and recreation programs.

You can help strengthen this organization by becoming a member. For more information, please call 252-4900.

Retirement beckons for Kate Blakeslee

ARC Industries North staff member Kathleen Blakeslee retired April 29th after 32 years in the field. During her tenure, Kate wore several different hats. She worked as vocational evaluator, work adjustments specialist, rehabilitation supervisor, program manager and habilitation specialist.

According to ARC North Director Nan Burns, Kate used her knowledge and skills to provide outstanding service to the individuals she served. "She was very innovative and thorough in her delivery of these services."

Kate had been involved in many special projects. She was a trainer of trainers for *Try Another Way*, and more recently, worked on the AIMS computer project. She also served on several committees.



Over the years, Kate built special relationships with a variety of individuals at ARC North. She has plans to continue those friendships.

Reflecting on her retirement, Kate commented, "I've had a great career, and am grateful for the opportunity to work for a wonderful organization."

We wish Kate the best in all her endeavors.

Adrienne Steele celebrates 9 years at OSU hospital

by Elizabeth St. John & Sandy Kyle

A client of FCBDD's Job Placement Department has been successfully employed in the food service department at the Ohio State University Hospital for nine years. Adrienne Steele has had to adapt to changes within her department and learn new job duties over the years.

She started on the tray line. This proved to be a struggle for Adrienne, but her hard work and flexibility were so appreciated by management that they redesigned her job duties to include stocking the cold food wheel and food preparation.

Eventually she became so efficient at stocking the cold food wheel, that they added the hot food wheel to her job duties as well.

Some time later, the kitchen and dining rooms underwent remodeling, which included removal of the hot and

cold food wheels. Adrienne was reassigned to another new post, that of dish machine operator.

The change has worked out well. According to her supervisor, "Adrienne is dependable, and takes initiative to start the least desirable jobs that no one likes to do."

Outside of work, Adrienne has overcome a lot of personal adversity. Over a short period, she had major surgery, her father fell ill and had emergency surgery, and her family moved.

In her free time, Adrienne enjoys spending time with her family and her two cats, Chloe Jane and Phoebe Bufay. She may frequently be found



viewing books at Barnes and Noble, or perfecting her art.

Congratulations Adrienne on nine successful years, and best wishes for many more!

SIBS conference set

The 11th annual Ohio SIBS Adult Sibling Conference will be held the weekend of November 11th and 12th at the Columbus Airport Marriott.

For more information, please contact Tom Fish at 292-3727 or www.ohiosibs.com.

Buddy Walk set for Sep. 18

The 10th annual Buddy Walk will take place on Sunday, September 18th at Columbus Crew Stadium. The 1-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

The Buddy Walk is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) in order to promote acceptance and inclusion of persons with Down Syndrome.

After the walk, a wide range of entertainment will be available, including a live band, zoo animals, clowns, team mascots and face painting.

"This is a great opportunity to celebrate the success of individuals with Down Syndrome," said FCBDD Superintendent Jed Morison.

For more information regarding the Buddy Walk, please contact DSACO at 263-6020.



Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBDD Community

Kriss Rogers, the owner of **Outside Envy**, garden, deck and patio shop at 15 N. State Street in Old Westerville, has welcomed art products made at Studio West into her store. During the recent Westerville Music and Arts Festival, Kriss decorated a shop window with Studio West items.

Special Olympics athlete **Jeff Brewer** returned home to Columbus from the Special Olympics World Games in Athens, Greece. Jeff won the gold medal in the 400-meter dash. A large group of family and friends from **Goodwill Columbus** welcomed him. Congratulations, Jeff, on a job well done!

Superintendent **Jed Morison** has been appointed a member of the Ohio Department of Education's State Advisory Panel for Exceptional Children. The panel's mission is to advise the Department of Education regarding the needs of children with disabilities, ages 3 to 21.

Katie Hopper, Director of Sales for ARC Industries, Inc., was featured in the June 17th issue of *Columbus Business First*. Katie noted that the publication helped "increase inquiries for our services."

Dr. Diego Solis and the **Nisonger Center's Dental Clinic** were the subjects of a cover story in the June 22nd issue of *Fronteras de la Noticias*, a local Spanish language newspaper. The dental program receives support from FCBDD and is housed at the Early Childhood Education and Family Center, 2879 Johnstown Road.

Special thanks goes to the volunteers who served on the 2011 Special Olympics Golf Outing

Committee. They helped ensure a highly successful event, raising over \$80,000. The committee members were **Trent Baker, Cheryl Carpenter, Andy Cuprisin, Patrick Hogan, Stacie Lyme, Traci Nickels, Ryan Phillips, Gina Ricks, Andy Schmitmeyer** and **Jennifer Hamant** chaired the group.



Administration staff member **Jennifer Cunningham** was married on June 4th to **Bryan Fox**. The couple celebrated their love in the company of many friends and relatives. Jennifer and Bryan are active in Special Olympics as both athletes and volunteer coaches. Best wishes, Jennifer and Bryan!

- 5 years**
- Jennifer Baird
 - Lisa Bowman
 - Mandy Brown
 - Lori Cox
 - Bonni Francisco
 - Carolyn Furr
 - Brian Hill
 - Ashley Hunt
 - John James
 - Kathleen Krzeczowski
 - Lisa Lewis
 - Sara McMullen
 - Ryan Mitchem
 - Allen Myers
 - Dawn Parrish
 - Ronnia Parsley
 - Jessica Robenstine
 - Michael Ross
 - Emma Snailham
 - Dena White
 - Holley Wiseman
 - Lindsay Wright

Career Milestones

30 years
Marcia Backus

25 years
Gary Andrus
Carolyn Dailey
Mary Flynn
Ann O'Leary
Patrice Palmer
Robert Reardon
Kathleen Rudolph
Charles Skeen
Jacqueline Suver

20 years
Patricia Bean
Trena Brown
Deanna Bukovec
James Carsby
Dionne Cox
Rhonda Gilliam
Stephen Madaffari
Malinda McKinley
Deborah Pierce
Gregory Smith

15 years
Theresa Alfred
Rhonda Amburgey
Sree Aswath
Kathy Bernon
Karin Crabbe
Dee Finnell
Jeri Jude
Anne Russell
Deborah Schafer

10 years
Wendy Abel
Tracy Benjamin
Laura Demaria
Sherri Foster
Sarah Gillilan
Rebecca Hearn
Samuel Lamboi
Terrie Little
Mary Martin
Kristin McLaughlin
Cathy Miller
Carol Owens
Lori Robinette
Michaela Rodgers
Gretchen Shevelow
Nancy Stewart
Davina Wilcox
Kenneth Yusko

The green spot by Chuck Lamb

Last year ARC East continued efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle. Our year-end totals indicated we reduced our trash output by 48,239 pounds. This amount instead went into recycling. This was a huge increase over the previous year, which yielded 12,730 pounds.

In early 2011, our kitchen steamer went down. We took this opportunity to upgrade to a "connectionless" model. This new type has no boiler to fill with water each day. Instead, it recirculates the steam so it uses less water and electricity. According to the Energy Star ratings, we should see an average annual savings of 174,500 gallons of water as well as a 70 percent reduction in electricity usage.

In other areas, we are continuing to recycle as many items as possible. We are also planting vegetable gardens to create sustainable food sources that can be used in our cafeteria.

We continue to maintain our Columbus Green Spot certification and encourage neighboring businesses to do the same.

Dateline

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Calendar

July, 2011

- 20 Family Support (formerly Parent League) meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 25 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 28 FCBDD Finance and Human Resources Committees meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 28 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 29 School-age Summer Center program ends.

August, 2011

- 4 ECE Summer Center program ends.
- 5 Staff Development Day for Adult Services and Transportation staff. All adult facilities closed.
- 6 Second Annual ARC Industries Golf Scramble, Royal American Golf Course, Galena, 12:30 p.m.
- 9 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 22 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 11:30 a.m.
- 22 ECE and School staff returns - Staff Preparation/ Development Day.
- 24 First day of classes, Northeast and West Central Schools.
- 30 First day of classes, ECE - please consult program schedule.

"Quotable quote"

"I have not failed.
I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

-- Thomas Edison