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"Helping people to live, learn and work in our community"

Early Childhood partnership recognized

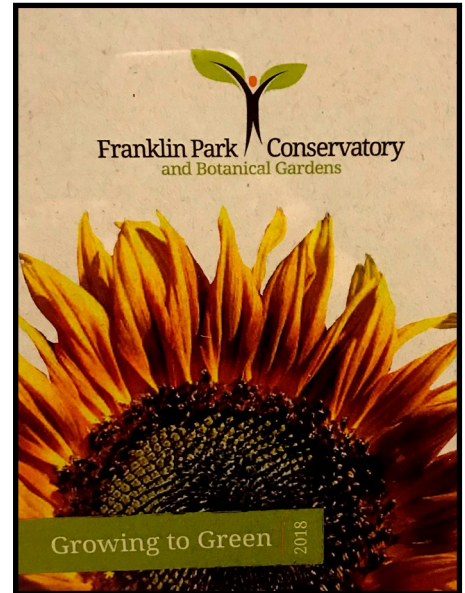
The Early Childhood Partnership, led by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was recently recognized by the Franklin County Commissioners and Columbus City Council with the 2018 'Growing to Green Sustainability Award.'

The award honors and celebrates all the work the Early Childhood Partnership with the Children's Gardens located at the Early Childhood Education and Family Center (ECEFC) and the Early Childhood Learning Community (ECLC).

Becky Love, Director of Early Childhood Education for the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities accepted the award on behalf of the partnership. She stated "We have worked hard to establish sustainable, healthy, producing gardens for students to begin learning about the environment and good nutrition at a young age."

Staff and Farmer Paul provide lessons in the garden and the children are able to enjoy some of the food that is grown.

Congratulations to the Early Childhood Partnership.



Annual Self-Advocacy Conference held

The annual Self-Advocate Conference was held in October for individuals served by ARC Industries.

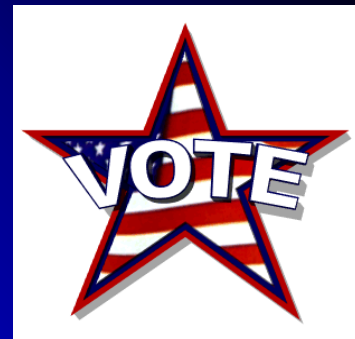
The conference was established as a result of an idea initiated by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) Self-Advocate Advisory Council. This year's featured speakers were Lisa Chandler, Adult Behavior Support Specialist at OSU Nisonger Center and Winston Tidwell, FCBDD Service Coordinator, who presented on the topic of Internet Safety.



Previous conferences have included presentations on voting, safety, advocacy and other topics. This year's conference was held at Xenos and facilitated by Workshop Directors Karen Mills and Linda Monroe.

In other self-advocacy news, Project STIR (Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility) training was sponsored by FCBDD for October 28-31.

Pictured from left to right are Winston Tidwell, Service Coordinator; Linda Monroe, ARC North Director; Karen Mills, ARC East Director and Lisa Chandler from the OSU Nisonger Center's Behavior Support team.



**Election Day is
Tuesday,
November 6, 2018.
Remember to vote.**

***Your voice
is important!***

DSACO recognizes FCBDD staff

Congratulations to FCBDD staff members Jennifer Cunningham and Ryan Phillips, both of whom were recognized as DSACO (Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio) 2018 EXTRAordinary Volunteers.

DSACO especially noted that: "Ryan Phillips has donated his time, expertise and resources assisting with soccer clinics, donor relations, and fundraising efforts. Ryan was instrumental in organizing DSACO's first soccer clinic. Ryan's commitment to the disability community is part of what makes it EXTRAordinary."

Kim Baich from DSACO, recently made a trip out to the FCBDD Human Resources department to present Jennifer's award. The inscription on the back of her award reads: "... she has graciously given her time and talents as a self-advocate serving on many panels and speaking at many events over the years. Jennifer is a great role model to many... Your commitment to DSACO and the Down syndrome community has not gone unnoticed."

Congratulations to both Jennifer and Ryan for your much deserved recognition.



Kim Baich (left) from DSACO and Jennifer Cunningham (right), FCBDD Clerical Aide.



Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics Coordinator.



Nisonger receives communication grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Institute on Deafness and other Communication Disorders awarded a 3-year \$468,000 grant to The Ohio State University Nisonger Center at the Wexner Medical Center. The Grant will support the measurement of social communication outcomes in young children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD).

"I am excited that this project will bring together parents, teachers, and experts in the field to work toward creating an assessment tool that improves our ability to measure change in social communication," said Katie Walton, PhD; Program Director for Nisonger Center's Early Learning Program, Assistant Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry and principal investigator.

Social communication skills lay a foundation for the development of communicative competence and healthy social relationships across the lifespan. This grant will allow Nisonger to focus on the development of items to better measure social communication in 2-6 year olds with ASD. The resulting assessment tools will be designed to measure social communication effectively across young children with ASD who have different developmental and language skills, making these useful tools to track the outcomes of early intervention.

The mission of The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, part of Wexner Medical Center's Neurological Institute, is to improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Best Buddies Friendship Walk

Best Buddies International, will have their annual Friendship Walk on Saturday, November 10, 2018 in Central Ohio. The event will be held at BrewDog in Canal Winchester, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Programs help people form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills and feel valued by society.

Catlin Layton, Ohio Director for Best Buddies Ohio stated that sponsorships are available. For details on sponsorships or participation in the walk, contact Best Buddies Ohio at 888-610-3015 or visit the website at BestBuddies.org/Ohio.



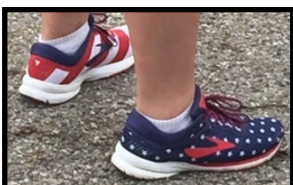
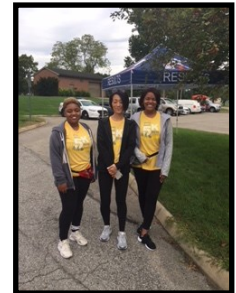
Over 200 participate in 5K event

It was a great day to celebrate "wellness" and support the Franklin County Special Olympics with the 5K 'Discover Your Abilities' event held at the JFK Park in Reynoldsburg.

Special Olympians, family members, volunteers, staff and friends joined together on a Sunday morning. A special appearance from Brutus Buckeye helped fire up the participants.

Special thanks to Ross Appeldorn, CEO of Feazel Roofing who provided a \$10,000 sponsorship for the event. According to Ryan Phillips, Franklin County Special Olympics Coordinator, "Ross has been terrific as a Coach, Volunteer and now Feazel Roofing is a generous sponsor."

Pictured below are just some of the supporters of the 5K event.



2018 Community Star Awards

It was a perfect night to celebrate the achievements of the 2018 Community Star Award winners.

Each year, the Community Star Awards are held to recognize people and organizations in fourteen categories. As Superintendent/CEO stated, "it is like our 'Academy Awards', and through these examples of extraordinary achievements, we are telling our story and demonstrating how we 'help people to live, learn and work in the community.'"

Award categories include accomplishments of people who have developmental disabilities, family members, staff, volunteers and Providers.

This year's event also included special recognition of Helen Ninos, former Board President and member of the Board for twelve years.

Mikaela Hunt served as this year's Master of Ceremonies and the Dave powers Trio again provided excellent entertainment. See the pictures of all award winners in this issue of 'Dateline.'

Congratulations to the 2018 Community Star Award winners.



Jennifer Fox Cunningham introduces our emcee for the evenings festivities.



Winston Tidwell, Service Coordination Community Star Award recipient and **Beth Savage, FCBDD Vice-President.**



Maria Lopez, Residential Staff Community Star Award recipient.



Beth Savage, FCBDD Vice-President.



Pat Rafter, CEO of Creative Housing, Inc., the Management Staff Community Star Award recipient and **Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD.**



Beth Savage, Jean Goss, Transportation Staff Community Star Award recipient and **Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD.**



Stephon Draper, Young Adult Community Star Award recipient.





Mikaela Hunt, emcee of the 2018 Community Star Awards.



Monica Plucinski, Early Childhood Staff Community Star Award recipient and Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD.



Jennifer Schneid, School Staff Community Star Award recipient.



William J. Browning, Volunteer/Good Neighbor Community Star Award recipient and Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD.



Jeff Girard and DSW, Inc., recipient of the Employer Community Star Award and Jed Morison.



Family and friends helped Mildred Blumenfeld, former FCBDD Board President and the 2018 Parent/ Family Member Community Star Award recipient celebrate the honor.



Past and present Community Star Award Event Coordinators Linda Fleming (right) and Amy Magginis (left).



Paula Matthews accepts the Community Star Award for Provider Organization on behalf of Lighthouse Supported Living, Inc.



Beth Savage (left), Brian Zuefle, Adult Participant/ Self-Advocate Community Star Award recipient, and Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD. (right)



(from left to right) State Representative Hearcel Craig, Beth Savage, FCBDD Vice-President, Paula English, Adult Services Staff Community Star Award recipient, and Jed Morison, Superintendent/ CEO of FCBDD.

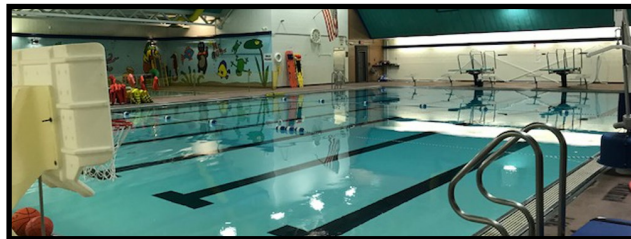
Special thanks to Sarah Gillilan for the excellent photography of the 2018 Community Star Awards event.

Family swim night at West Central

The West Central School Aquatics Center is open to individuals, staff and family members for an open swim Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

A one-time charge of \$10.00 is good for the entire family for the entire year. The heated pool, including a separate shallow water pool are available.

Monday night swims are available every Monday night except for holidays or poor weather days. For details, contact Tina Pashovich at 614-342-5290.



COSI Sensory Friendly day

COSI (Center for Science and Industry, 333 West Broad Street, Columbus), will have a Sensory Friendly Day on Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The day is dedicated to families with children living with cognitive or developmental disabilities. Sensory bins, wind tubes, riding toys and more will be available.

For details, call 614-228-2674.



Winter weather planning



When winter weather is severe, it is possible that the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities transportation might have to be cancelled.

On days when FCBDD transportation is cancelled, Administration and Service Coordination locations remain open. Adult Services will be making their own announcements since they are no longer using FCBDD transportation. However, always be certain to call the building in advance just to be sure.

Individuals, family members and providers are also reminded that they can always decide not to send an individual even if the FCBDD buses are operating. Conditions may vary in different areas of the county. Individual circumstances and health considerations may require that people stay home to be safe.

When transportation is cancelled, television stations will be contacted as soon as the decision is made.

Ohio Adult Sibling conference

The 18th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference will be held on November 2-3, 2018 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, Ohio.

Featured speakers include Lori Horvath, Deputy Director, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), who will speak on the new Waiting List rule; Laurel Steedman and Kyle Corbin, DODD, who will speak on technology assists; Mark Davis, OPRA and Kelly Petty, Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, who will speak on 'Provider Guide Plus,' an online tool to review Service Providers.

For additional details, call Ohio SIBS at 330-705-8367.



Ohio SIBS
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Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBD community



Congratulations to the 2018 participants in the PIECE program at The Ohio State University. This Prevocational Integrated Education and Campus Experience offers many positive experiences leading to employment. *Pictured from left to right are: Jessie Green, Brigida Alcaraz, Deonte Bryant, Melissa Curtis, Jose Vazquez, Willie Joe Watts, Chad Welling, Josh Tammadge, Elizabeth Thacker, Brandon Porter, Alec Sengamphan, Brandon Baker, Mary Demers, Tina Young, Josh Cook, David Barrett, Robyn Norman, Dane Leimbach, Amber Dunn, Amber Scott, Michael Rash, Exzhane Mull, and Margo Izzo.*

Thank you to Dr. Jeff Marinko-Shrivers, Psychologist, for representing the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, at the 16th Annual Ohio NADD (National Association on Dual Diagnosis) Conference. Dr. Marinko-Shrivers presented on Diagnosis and Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder with Dr. Zev Goldberg.

Congratulations to Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology, for receiving a prestigious award at the Annual Ohio NADD Conference. Dr. Ray received the Ed Comer Award for Excellence in Service to Individuals with IDD for her extraordinary contributions in the fields of mental illness and intellectual disability. Well deserved!



Congratulations to Margo Crabtree, ARC West and Sunapple Studios, for partnership with Wesley Glen, where residents and artists created a series of mixed media wall murals.

Special thanks to Jennifer Schueneman and all the Combined Charitable Campaign Coordinators on another successful Combined Charitable Campaign.



Special thanks to Amy Magginis for coordinating the 2018 Community Star Awards.



Congratulations to Steve Oster, Superintendent of the Knox and Coshocton County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, on receiving the Steve Cooley Award at the 2018 Synergy Conference.





Ginnie Whisman received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2018 Synergy Conference. Ginnie is an Assistant Director for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Congratulations!

Career Milestones

30 years

Doreen Bailey
Michael Brewer
Loren Kohl

25 years

Pamela Creadon
Zachary Kendall

15 years

Patricia Aellig
Doris Burchfield

10 years

Tasha Bolton
Robin Caminiti
Tara Kridler
Roberta Mulledy
Ryan Phillips
Munazza Quraishi
Joannie Simmons
Frederick Thomas

5 Years

Tony Cooper
Freda Kendrick
Troy Shaffer



"Quotable Quote"

"I am grateful for what I am and have. My thanksgiving is perpetual."

- - Henry David Thoreau

Early Childhood families receive fresh produce

Thanks to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, our early childhood education families at Johnstown Road enjoyed almost 6,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables.



On Thursday, October 11th - Early Childhood Education and Family Center hosted an Open House for the families served in the Early Childhood Education partnerships.

Families were able to visit their classrooms and meet with their teachers and specialists. Families also were able to take home apples, pears, salad mix, and other assorted fresh fruits and vegetables.

A special thank you to the Mid-Ohio Foodbank for pro-viding much needed nutritional foods to our families.



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Calendar

November, 2018

- 2,3 Ohio Sibs Conference at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. For more information, contact Bobbi Montenegro at (330) 705-8367 or www.ohiosibs.com.
- 6 Election Day.
- 12 Veterans Day celebrated - all county facilities closed.
- 14 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 14-16 OCALICON, Greater Columbus Convention Center, for more information about the conference, contact OCALI at (614) 410-0321.
- 15 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 4 p.m.
- 15 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 19 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, 2780 Airport Drive, Columbus, 11:30 a.m.
- 22 Thanksgiving Day - all county facilities closed.
- 23 Thanksgiving Recess - Early Childhood, schools and adult facilities closed.
- 24 OSU Buckeyes v. Michigan football game. Kickoff at 12:00 p.m. at OSU. Go Bucks!
- 28-30 OACB Annual Convention, Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center, located at 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219.

Voter rights

Disability Rights Ohio (DRO) operates a Voter Hotline every Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. If questions or if your right to vote is violated, call DRO at 614-466-7264 or 800-282-9181.

