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## Board endorses Franklin County Children Services Levy - Issue 10

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has endorsed **Issue 10**, the Franklin County Children Services renewal levy.

Franklin County Children Services is the agency mandated to protect and care for the county's abused and neglected children and troubled youth. The largest source of the agency's income, 67 percent comes from two 10-year property tax levies – spread five years apart – a 1.9 mill levy that was renewed in 2014 and a 3.1 mill levy, passed in 2009 that expires at the end of this year.

The Franklin County Commissioners approved placement of the 3.1 mill renewal levy, **Issue 10**, on the **November 5, general election ballot**. This levy will **not increase taxes** but will allow the agency to continue providing vital services to Franklin County's children and families.



**"The agency will lose nearly \$85.6 million – more than 42 percent of our income if this levy does not pass,"** said Executive Director Chips Spinning. Janet Jackson, former municipal court judge, city attorney and past president and CEO of the United Way of Central Ohio chairs the Committee4Children (C4C), a political action committee working to help assure passage of the levy. Information about the levy campaign and volunteer opportunities can be found on the C4C website, [committee4children.com](http://committee4children.com).

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities said, "FCCS does excellent work - often we work together to support children eligible for both of our agencies. This renewal levy is very important and it **will not increase taxes.**"

## Advocacy Conference held

The 10th Annual Self-Advocacy Conference was held in October, thanks to the leadership of ARC Industries.

Scott Phillips, Assistant Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities was the featured speaker on the topic of Major Unusual Incidents (MUI). He opened his remarks stating, "You have the power!" to highlight that individuals have the power to report problems if ever they do not feel safe of when health concerns. The interactive workshop provided insights on the types of things that can be reported and some things that are just not okay.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO opened the conference with thanks to Bob Gaston, CEO of ARC Industries for hosting and to ARC Industries Management staff, Linda Monroe and Karen Mills, for coordinating the conference. Special thanks also went to the Self-Advocate Advisory Council who initiated the idea of having this annual conference.

In his remarks, Jed Morison explained that he is speaking to groups about the 2020 Census and the importance of everyone being counted when the Census takes place in the Spring of 2020. Many federal funds are allocated based on the number of people in a state or County, so it is important that we are all counted. Many in the audience have Medicaid Waivers, supported by federal, state or county funds. Jed Morison is chairing the Disability Census Sub-Committee for Franklin County.

The Self-Advocate Advisory Council of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has been in existence for over 10 years. Representatives meet with the Superintendent to receive updates and provide feedback and suggestions. Since the Council was established, many initiatives has been introduced, including: Legislative Awareness Day every 2 years during state budget deliberations, Advocacy Conference, Legislation introduced and passed, sponsorship of Project STIR, etc.



**Featured speaker Scott Phillips, Assistant Deputy Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities speaks at the Self-Advocacy Conference.**

# Award winners and Dean Fadel saluted

The 2019 Community Star Awards was sold out on October 1, 2019 as fourteen individuals and organizations were recognized, along with long-term Board member Dean Fadel.

Marcus Thorpe served as Master of Ceremonies, Dave Powers and his Trio provided entertainment as the award recipients were recognized for their extraordinary accomplishments consistent with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities' mission of *helping people to live, learn and work in our community*.

Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO also recognized elected and state officials who joined the event, including: Senator Hearcel Craig, County Auditor Michael Stinziano, State Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental

Disabilities, Jeff Davis and Bridget Gargan, CEO of the Ohio Association of County Boards.

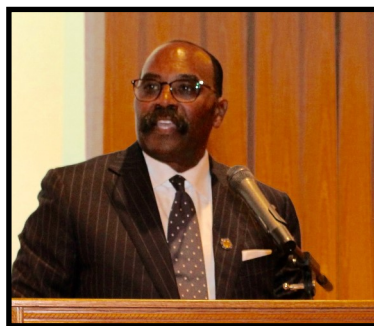
Jed Morison said, "this is how we tell our story to the community, through all these examples of how people with developmental disabilities enrich our community and how our staff, providers and community support those we serve."

Amy Magginis, Executive Assistant coordinated the event, which was held at Villa Milano. This year's sponsors were ARC Industries, Boundless, Creative Housing, Nisonger Center and Goodwill Columbus. Special thanks to Sarah Gillilan for her excellent photography.

***Congratulations to the winners!***



**Ethan Boerner, Self-Advocate introduces our emcee for the evening.**



**Senator Hearcel Craig provides inspirational words, honoring Dean Fadel, our Guest of Honor at the 2019 Community Star Awards.**



**Cindy Moore and granddaughter - Addison, celebrate Cindy's award for Support Services Staff.**



**Congratulations Rozalyn Trego, Community Star Award recipient in the Early Childhood Staff.**



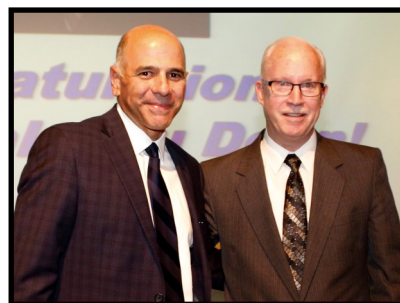
**Ben Phan, and Kroger receive the Community Star Award for Employer. Thank you for supporting our community!**



**Jean Gordon, Extraordinary Partner award recipient. Thanks Jean for your excellent support for many years.**



**Doug and Gordon Smith accept the award for Parent/Family Member (Phyllis could not attend).**



**Jed Morison, FCBD Superintendent/CEO recognizes Dean Fadel, long time FCBD Board Member and Guest of Honor for the evening.**



**ARC Industries provided specially-made bottles of Anthony Hartley's (Management Staff award recipient) drink of choice, Mt. Dew for the evening's festivities.**



**Executive Director for Columbus Center for Human Services, Rebecca Sharp (right), and Tobi Eitel (left), Park West Associate Director accept the award for Provider Organization.**



**Brandon Walker, 2019 Young Adult Community Star Award recipient accepts his award from Superintendent/CEO Jed Morison, Senator Hearcel Craig and DODD Director Jeff Davis.**



**George Barnette, Transportation Staff Star Award recipient celebrates with wife Monica.**



**Kevin True, Adult Participant/ Self-Advocate shares his special evening with friends and family.**



**Cary Johnston and the Shopworks Theater Company, Adult Services Staff recipient.**



**Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director Jeff Davis (left) and Carmen Rhodes (right), award winner in the Residential Staff category.**



**FCBDD Board President John Bickley shares special closing remarks for the evening.**



**Original organizer of the Community Star Awards, Frank New (left) and Auditor Michael Stinziano (right) enjoy the celebration.**



**Patti Saniel-Banrey and Canine Companion 'Lion' are the Community Star Award recipients for School Staff.**



**Carey Humphreys, Star Award recipient for Service Coordination Staff.**



**Emcee Marcus Thorpe, never at a loss for humorous moments - Thanks Marcus, for all you do to support our event!**

**Special thanks to Sarah Gillilan for the excellent photography of the 2019 Community Star Awards.**

# Provider Partnership Update *by Larry Macintosh*

This year Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Franklin County Provider Council have been participating in a Provider Partnership to support Providers. Several county boards and representatives of the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB), the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, and the Ohio Provider Resource Association are looking at new approaches for county boards and Waiver Providers to work together.

The core Franklin County project team is composed of Sara Eppard, State Director of Dunganvin Ohio, Lola Risley, Director of Operations of RMS of Ohio, and Lynn Nichols, Director of Payco, Inc. (who are also the co-chairs of the Franklin County Provider Council), and from FCBDD, Tracey Crawford, Maggie Hart and Larry Macintosh.

Two important accomplishments from the initiative are listed below.

1. FCBDD established new dedicated email addresses for Waiver providers to use to:
  - Alert FCBDD staff about billing and PAWS issues and see quick resolutions
  - To request "what-if" analyses of billing consequences of proposed changes to staffing patterns
  - To formally request a change of the staffing pattern for Individuals according to the requirements of DODD's new "MRC rule".
2. Thirteen Focus Groups with up to 20 participants per Focus Group were held composed of individuals with disabilities (2 groups), parents and guardians (2 groups), Service Coordinators (3 groups), and Provider Direct Support Professionals (3 groups).

The central question that the focus groups were asked to discuss and define was "what is best practice in the provision of Homemaker Personal Care services?" Willie Jones from OACB, who is a professional focus group facilitator, conducted the groups with help from FCBDD's Joni Sparks.

A report of findings and recommendations will be issued to FCBDD and Franklin County Provider Council later this year.

For additional details on the Provider Partnership Initiative, contact Larry Macintosh at 614-342-5973.

## Ohio SIBS

"Reaching for New Relationship and Supports" is the theme for this years OhioSIBS Conference to be held on November 1-2.

Ohio SIBS (Special Initiatives by Brothers & Sisters) is recognized as the unified voice and partner for Ohio adult siblings of people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Ohio SIBS will provides advocacy, education, leadership and supports that promote enhanced quality of life, improved public policy and increased services and supports for adult siblings (of people with developmental disabilities) and their families.

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has provided scholarship support for every Ohio SIBS annual conference in support of its mission to involve siblings. According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO of FCBDD, "the role of siblings becomes more and more important as medical technology continues to improve for those we serve and their parents age."

For additional details on Ohio SIBS, go to [ohiosibs.org](http://ohiosibs.org) or contact Executive Director, Bobbi Montenegro at 330-705-8367 or by email at [rmontenegro@ohiosibs.org](mailto:rmontenegro@ohiosibs.org).



## 'Dateline' available electronically

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If interested in receiving the *Dateline* electronically, go to the following link: [www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org).

If interested in the printed version, send your name and address to Amy Magginis at 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219 or send an email to [amy.magginis@fcbdd.org](mailto:amy.magginis@fcbdd.org).



# Good For You

*Notable achievements in the FCBDD community*

Congratulations to David Ott, HR Director and 2019 Combined Charitable Campaign Coordinator and individual Department Coordinators for a strong campaign to help meet community needs.



Special thanks to the following staff for coordinating and assisting with the campaign: Kelly Bowers, West Central School; Mike Boyce, Maintenance; Timika Boyd, Fiscal; Jack Brownley, Schools & Aquatics/Recreation/Special Olympics; Kristen Coble, Service Coordination; Sarah Gillilan, ECEFC; Silicia Hedges, Service Coordination; Mandy Holland, Fiscal; Amy Kulow, Transportation; Larry Macintosh, Medicaid and Provider Support; Mary Martin, ECEFC; Angela Ray, Psychology; Jennifer Schueneman, Fiscal; Carl Scott, Print Shop; Travis Sherick, IT; and Gretchen Uhl, ECLC.



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# Career Milestones

**30 Years**  
Jennifer Schneid

**25 years**  
Albert Bain, IV

**15 Years**  
Kevin Jones

**10 Years**  
Wendy Kornell



Best wishes to David Royer, retiring CEO of ADAMH (Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board).



Thank you to Amy Magginis, Emmanuel Owusu-Boadi, Sarah Gillilan, Jack Brownley and all others who volunteered to support the 2019 Community Star Awards.



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Congratulations to Ryan Phillips, Andrea Stonebraker and all the Coaches, Volunteers and Athletes on another successful annual Special Olympics banquet.



Thanks to all who coordinated or were speakers for the Staff Development Days in October.

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Special thanks to Mary Martin and Jeff Baird for coordinating another successful blood drive.



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Thank you to the Service Coordination Department for agreeing to pilot test the new single state assessment.

# Residential Options Counseling Pamphlet Published by DODD

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has published a pamphlet titled "Residential Options Counseling Pamphlet."

The 10 page pamphlet briefly describes services available in intermediate care facilities and services available under home and community-based waivers.

The brochure can be downloaded from the DODD Website:

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/providers/icf-resources/pamphlet-options-counseling>.



# STABLE Accounts promoted

Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague and his office continue to promote STABLE Accounts, which allow a person with disabilities to save and invest without losing benefits such as Medicaid or SSI.

One can open an account with as little as \$50. Ohio was the first state in the nation to launch this type of account, following passage of the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) act by Congress in 2014.

To be eligible, the person's disability must have happened before the age of 26 and he/she has been living with their disability for at least one year.

Money in a STABLE Account can be used to pay for disability-related expenses, such as housing, transportation, assistive technology, employment training and more.

For additional details or other eligibility requirements, go to [stableaccount.com](http://stableaccount.com).



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**[www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)**

## Calendar

**November, 2019**

- 1,2 Ohio Sibs Conference at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. For more information, contact Bobbi Montenegro at (330) 705-8367 or [www.ohiosibs.com](http://www.ohiosibs.com).
- 5 Election Day.
- 11 Veterans Day celebrated.
- 20 Family Support meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:00 a.m. Meeting is open to all family members.
- 20-22 OCALICON, Greater Columbus Convention Center, for more information about the conference, contact OCALI at (866) 886-2254.
- 21 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Finance and Human Resources & Ethics Committees meeting, 4 p.m.
- 21 Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving Day celebrated.
- 29 Thanksgiving Recess celebrated.
- 30 OSU Buckeyes v. Michigan football game. Kickoff at Noon at Michigan. Go Bucks!



## OCALICON 2019

OCALICON 2019, the Nation's Premier Autism and Disabilities Conference, will be held on November 20-22 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

The Conference hosts several thousand people who will focus on issues, challenges, victories and accomplishments that people with autism or disabilities encounter across the lifespan.

For details or to register, go to their website at [OCALICON.org](http://OCALICON.org) or call 866-886-2254.

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