

Dateline

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Renée Stein steps down from Board

Renée Stein, former President and long-term member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, will end her time on the Board in January, 2021.

Renée was appointed to the Board by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners in 2009, representing the category of parent of a child who is eligible for or receiving services by the Board. Renée was reappointed two additional four year terms for a total of 12 years. Board members are term limited after serving three full terms.

As a member of the Board, Renée held positions on all committees and served in each elected office, including President of the Board for 2014 and 2015.

Throughout Renée's tenure on the Board, two levies passed to allow for stable funding for services. During her term as President, Renée's leadership resulted in the Board achieving a 5-year accreditation from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Expanded Medicaid Waiver services, establishment of transitional services for older school-age students, increased partnerships with school districts and expanded opportunities in early childhood education were all accomplished under Renée's leadership.

As a parent of a child who is eligible for services, Renée's perspective and support of children's issues was always evident. Renée was a consistent supporter of staff, including when she served as Chair of the Human Resources Committee.

At 'Dateline's' deadline, Renée's replacement had not been appointed by the Board of Commissioners. The new Board member will officially begin the four year term on January 28, 2021, when the board holds its annual organizational meeting.

Thank you to Renée Stein for exceptional leadership these past 12 years.



Renée Stein,
FCBDD Board Member

Combined Charities goal exceeded!

Over \$57,000 has been raised for Combined Charities, thanks to the generosity of staff of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology and the 2020 Combined Charitable Campaign Chair announced the results in November. In announcing the results, Dr. Ray stated, "we are immensely grateful to our staff and the Coordinators for each of the Departments. Our staff see the needs of people every day, especially during this COVID-19 Pandemic and they have opened their hearts."

Special thanks to this year's Department Coordinators who include: Joe Becker, Collaboratives (School Age); Mike Boyce, Maintenance; Kelly Bowers, West Central School; Jack Brownley, Schools & Special Olympics; Sarah Gillilan, Early Childhood Education; Silicia Hedges, Service Coordination; Mandy Holland, Fiscal; Larry Macintosh, Administrative Services; Anna Oscar, Administration; David Ott, Human Resources; Jane Pickens, Transportation; Angela Ray, Psychology; Catherine Rearick, Service Coordination; Bill Ryan, Transportation; Travis Sherick, Information Technology; and Gretchen Uhl, Early Childhood Learning Community.

A drawing was held for those who participated, including a grand prize for those who donated through payroll deductions. Winners of \$100 gift cards for various shopping and restaurant establishments were Ta'Mika McCluney, Service Coordination, Cathy Miller, Administrative Services, Maggie Hart, Provider Relations, Julie Stevens, Early Childhood Education, Pam Lett, Early Childhood Learning Center, and Laura Novak, Intake/Psychology. The winner of the Grand Prize of a \$300 Master Card Gift Card was Darren Thompson from Early Childhood Education. The Department Coordinator winner was Gretchen Uhl, Early Childhood Learning Center.

Thank you to all who so generously contributed to help with our community needs!

Supplemental Education support during Pandemic

As many families are balancing working from home and assisting their child with a disability learn through a remote or digital education platform, the Department of Development Disabilities (DODD) has partnered with the Ohio Governor's Children's Initiative to provide financial support to families who may need supplemental assistance outside of what is provided by their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)

The program, Learning Aid Ohio, connects tutors, aides, and in-home providers who can offer distance learning support with students who have IEPs. Students with IEPs have individualized accommodations that are difficult to achieve without in-person help and Learning Aid Ohio will help bridge the gap in services to help promote academic success this school year.

The Learning Aid Ohio program, administered by Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO), will expand their already existing program. The technology to support these additional services is made possible by Michelle Salsberry, owner of Fam-ess, LLC.

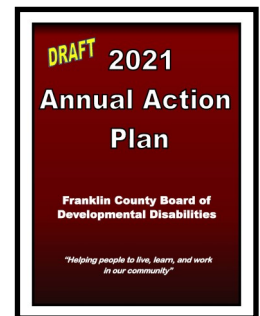
Applications for this program can be submitted at www.LearningOhio.com. To qualify a student must have an IEP, be enrolled in remote education 100% of the time, and be experiencing financial hardship. Families who qualify will be awarded up to \$1,500 in financial support to be used for learner provider services.

Annual Action Plan update

Annually, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities updates the Annual Action Plan for the year. The plan for 2021 will be considered by the Board in their January 28 meeting.

The Annual Action plan is similar in format to the Board's long-term strategic plan, which is for the current levy period from 2019 through 2028. The plan outlines priorities of the Board and includes strategies to meet goals, based on projected needs. Major Service areas such as Services for Children or Adults or Specialized services are outlined.

A public hearing on the plan was held in November. Other feedback on the plan is welcome and should be emailed to amy.magginis@fcbdd.org before January 1, 2021. Copies of the draft plan can be requested from Amy Magginis by email or calling 614-342-5950.



Please complete the Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Annually, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities seeks input on the status of service and needs.

In this issue of 'Dateline' is the Community Survey and Needs Assessment. We ask all to take a few minutes to respond to the quick survey. Comments from individuals served, family members, staff, Provider and the public will help to shape plans for the coming year.

Survey responses are reviewed and considered in the final development of the Board's Annual Action plan, which will be considered by the Board in their January meeting.

All are requested to respond by January 1, 2021.

Thanks to all who respond!

Face masks available

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) continues to be important for individuals and Providers due to COVID-19.

Thanks to donations and purchases, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a limited supply of masks for individuals with developmental disabilities and Provider organizations.

To request masks, call Keith Ogle at 614-342-5705 or email at keith.ogle@fcbdd.org.



Requests will be prioritized and may be partially filled based on the number of requests.

Good For You

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Special thanks to Robin Ryan, Occupational Therapist, for the outstanding services provided to thousands of children served by the Early Childhood Education program of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities for over 30 years. Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement in January, 2021.



Special thanks to Dr. Angela Ray, Director of Psychology and this years Combined Charitable Campaign Chair, and all coordinators and staff for raising over \$57,000 for Combined Charities.

Congratulations to Ryan Phillips and Special Olympics team and volunteers/coaches maintaining the Annual Special Olympics banquet with a revised “drive-through” event for Special Olympians.

Thank you to everyone for all that has been done to keep people safe during this Pandemic. Keep up the good work. Let’s hope that the Pandemic ends in 2021!

Career Milestones

30 Years

Linda Dudley

20 Years

Laura Patzer

15 Years

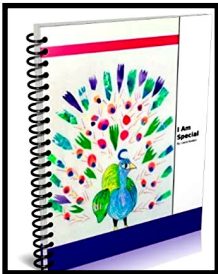
Patrick Keenist

5 Years

Stephanie Mohrman
Dana Watters-James



'I Am Special'



Laura Koebel, mother of three, including a son who is served by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) has published a book titled I Am Special.

Written and illustrated by Laura, the book was written to help children build self image from an early age and to help children who are struggling. Through rhymes and

pictures, children see and read about different animals and why they are 'special.'

Laura has a degree in Early Childhood Education and taught abused preschool children in the inner city of Columbus. She has been published in several local and national periodicals.

The book can be purchased on Amazon and can be borrowed from the FCBDD Early Childhood Education Library. It will be read many times to children enrolled in the Board's preschool programs. Thank you to Laura Koebel!

Special Olympics Banquet: *Drive-Thru Edition*

by Megan Bender

Due to COVID-19, Franklin County Special Olympics hosted their annual banquet drive-thru style!

Over 100 athletes, volunteers and coaches joined the celebration. Athletes stayed in their cars as they drove past 8 different stations run by coaches in masks which included: being welcomed, receiving candy and a staff photo, getting picture taken, picking out three different gifts, dancing (in the car) with our DJ, and receiving a dinner to-go.

Hopefully, the annual in-person banquet held at the Plumbers and Pipefitters Hall - typically held in September, will be able to resume in 2021.



Athlete Nikki poses in vehicle with flyers staff

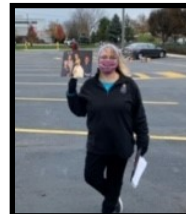


Ryan Phillips, Special Olympics Coordinator is joined by Jack Brownley, Director of Schools and Special Programs.

Volunteer coaches made sure the event was fun!



Volunteer Renee Harmon hands out fun placards of Special Olympics team.



Support Holiday Wish and Black Girl Magic

Every year, Franklin County Children Services, with the assistance of the community, provides gifts to more than 6,500 youth.

For this year only, Holiday Wish and Black Girl Magic will be moving to a cash donation format. To ensure the safety of everyone, we are asking the community to make online donations or send a check to assist our children now through December 24.

Help Holiday Wish meet the diverse needs of youth of color by supporting the Black Girl Magic Drive. Indicate "Black Girl Magic" in the comment fields of your check or online donation.

Send checks made payable to the Franklin County Children's Fund to Holiday Wish at 855 W. Mound St., Columbus, OH 43223 or donate online at:

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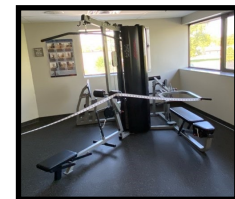
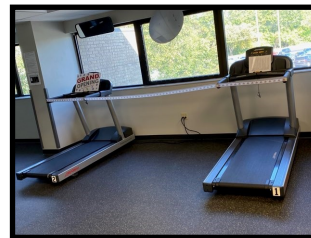
Wellness Center opens

Thanks to donations from United Healthcare, a staff Wellness Center opened in October.

The Center is located above the Transportation Offices at 2879 Johnstown Road and includes new fitness equipment donated by United Healthcare. Physical fitness equipment includes: two treadmills, recumbent bike, elliptical and resistance machine.

Staff can schedule time to use the area before, after work, or at lunch or break time. COVID-19 sanitization protocols are established.

According to Jed Morison, Superintendent/CEO, "We are most appreciative of the United Healthcare donations to help our overall goal to support this and other wellness initiatives for our staff."



Calendar

Editor's Note: The following calendar is tentative due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Call 614-342-5950 before attending any meeting to see if it is still scheduled.

December

- 1-3 Second Sessions of Virtual OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards) Annual Convention
- 7 Self-Advocate Advisory Council, via Zoom at 10 a.m.
- 8-10 Final Sessions of Virtual OACB (Ohio Association of County Boards) Annual Convention
- 21 Winter begins.
- 23 Winter recess begins for ECE and West Central School
- 25 Merry Christmas



January

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 4 Classes resume

Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Community Survey and Needs Assessment

Periodically, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities assesses community needs and services provided by the agency. Individuals who are served, families, staff, service providers, volunteers, advocates, collaborative agencies, and the public are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete and respond to this survey. Your response will assist the Board in its efforts to improve services and better meet needs. ***Please complete the survey and return to Superintendent's Office FCBDD, 2879 Johnstown Road, Columbus, Ohio 43219, by January 1st.***

1. Please check as appropriate. (You may check more than one.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian/Family Member of Individual Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of FCBDD <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Collaborative Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of Child Enrolled in Local School District | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> News Media Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Community Member Not Receiving FCBDD Services <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Member of Service Provider/Contract Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Staff of Franklin County School District <input type="checkbox"/> Elected Official <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Business Community <input type="checkbox"/> State Official <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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2. Please check which services (if any) of the following you or your family member are receiving .

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood Education Services <input type="checkbox"/> School Services <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Services <input type="checkbox"/> Therapies <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Family Resources / Respite <input type="checkbox"/> Residential / Supported Living Services <input type="checkbox"/> Service Coordination Services <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List: _____) |
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3. Please provide your satisfaction rating for the following categories by circling your choice.

FCBDD Services	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Early Childhood/Home Based	1	2	3	N/A
Schools	1	2	3	N/A
Transportation	1	2	3	N/A
Special Olympics / Recreation	1	2	3	N/A
Service Coordination	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
ARC Industries Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
ARC Industries Employment Services	1	2	3	N/A
Family Resources	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dental	1	2	3	N/A
Nisonger Dual Diagnosis	1	2	3	N/A
Nationwide Children's Hospital	1	2	3	N/A
Childhood League Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Easter Seals Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A

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Services Provided by Contract w/FCBDD	Very Satisfied	Satisfied	Not Satisfied	Not Applicable
Dahlberg Early Childhood	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / SAGE Senior Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Young Adult Services	1	2	3	N/A
Goodwill / Work and Community Services	1	2	3	N/A
Epilepsy Foundation	1	2	3	N/A
Creative Housing	1	2	3	N/A
Supported Living Services	1	2	3	N/A
Other (Please List: _____)	1	2	3	N/A

4. Please provide your opinion of the following statements by circling your choice:

	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	N/A	
Overall, FCBDD is providing quality services to the community.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD tax dollars are being spent wisely.	1	2	3	N/A	
Parents/Family Members of FCBDD participants are involved and supported.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD collaborates well with other community organizations.	1	2	3	N/A	
Generally, FCBDD meets the needs of individuals in our community who have developmental disabilities.	1	2	3	N/A	
Participants have adequate choice in services offered.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD staff treat participants, family members and public at large with courtesy and with respect:	Participants	1	2	3	N/A
	Family	1	2	3	N/A
	Public	1	2	3	N/A
FCBDD communicates well. ('NewsBits,' 'Dateline,' Annual Report, etc.)	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD prevention services, including early intervention, and public awareness are provided adequately.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports efforts of individuals to advocate for themselves.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD supports 'employment first' efforts.	1	2	3	N/A	
FCBDD has done a good job supporting individuals during the COVID-19 Pandemic.	1	2	3	N/A	

5. Please respond to the following questions, if applicable:

- a. What are the strengths of FCBDD? _____

- b. How can FCBDD improve? _____

- c. If you or a family are not currently receiving FCBDD services, but anticipate need in the future, please indicate the service you will need and anticipated date: _____

6. If you would like more information regarding FCBDD or follow-up to questions, please indicate what you would like, and include your name, address and phone number: _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____

- If you do not currently receive 'Dateline' or 'NewsBits', the FCBDD newsletter, but would like to receive it, please check the box and include email address to receive electronically:

~ Thank you for taking time to offer your opinion ~