



Board Talk

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A Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities Newsletter

What's New

Superintendent's Corner

Just a few months ago, I received a request to purchase two file cabinets. When I inquired about the need, I was informed that the cabinet would be used to store permanent records. Just think, for all of eternity, these two cabinets would occupy space, and I am certain they would be accompanied by many more file cabinets as time passed.

This was one request I was happy to deny. The solution to our storage problem is document scanning. By transferring paper documents to digital images, we can archive, organize, search, share, and reproduce any needed information quickly and easily. Furthermore, document scanning service can create employment opportunities.

When you consider our mission is to support people with developmental disabilities to work in the community, what better way to provide employment opportunities and scan documents then to start a new business venture in Pickaway County? To accomplish this objective, we have partnered with Person Centered Services, Inc. to start a business and will act as their first customer as we progress to achieve a goal of becoming paperless. PCBDD has now become the catalyst for a new business venture.

I became aware of the potential employment opportunity for document scanning about five years ago when visiting a non-profit agency. I realized this service can be duplicated anywhere and would provide employment opportunities for people we serve. Potential markets for this service are both public and private sectors. Discussing the need for document scanning with other Pickaway County departments, I learned that other departments also face the burden of storage.

If you know of a business that confronts problems with document storage or the inefficiencies working with paper documents, please share this story and have them contact

Person Centered Services, Inc. at
614-856-1698, or contact us at
740-477-3353.

Sincerely,

Mike Pelcic



-The Early Intervention Team with PCBDD is now offering playgroups in Williamsport. The playgroup is structured to run for one hour, which is broken into four 15-minute sessions. The four sessions offer the opportunity for play time, circle time, table time, and snack. The Early Intervention team describes the playgroups as a day of preschool rolled into an hour.



Williamsport Early Intervention Playgroup

-The Green Room at Brooks-Yates School is finishing out the year with a new teacher, Patrick Kilbane. Patrick has launched a new project in which his students make and distribute sandwiches and other lunch items to local businesses, charities, and within the PCBDD department. Customers are able to place orders in the morning and pick up their items around the noon period. Patrick hopes this project will help students develop new skills that will make them more marketable and capable in the workforce.

-PCBDD is partnering with Scioto-Point Valley Mental Health of Circleville to participate in a pilot Telepsychiatry program. The program is funded through the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, and is targeting individuals who have both developmental disabilities and mental health diagnoses. The project is designed to assist individuals living in rural communities with finding doctors who specialize in treating individuals who are dual diagnosed.

-Brooks-Yates School teachers and Early Intervention staff recently completed Picture Exchange Communication System, or PECS, training. Staff felt the training offered in-depth information that will assist them with teaching communication techniques to the individuals and families they serve. EI staff hopes to model PECS for interested families during playgroups.

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Upcoming Events

Pickaway and Ross County Down Syndrome Family and Parent Support Group

Tyler Memorial Methodist Church in Chillicothe
August 7th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Early Intervention Slate Run Farm and Park Field Trip

June 14th 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Aqua Daze with Early Intervention

Circleville YMCA
June 7th, 21st, and 28th
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Splash Pad with Early Intervention

Mary Virginia Crites Hannan Park
June 19th 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities Board Meetings

High Street Offices
June 28th 6:00 PM
Brooks-Yates School
July 26th 6:00 PM
August 23rd 6:00 PM

For more information on upcoming events, including Early Intervention playgroups, visit the PCBDD website.

SUCCESS! Josh Harlan says that he was a little surprised when he was awarded the Sheltered Workshop Employee of the Year Award for Goodwill Industries of South Central Ohio. Josh has been employed with Goodwill Industries for just over a year, which made him feel even more honored to receive the award after such a short period of time.

Josh was nominated for the award by his supervisor, Christy Steele. Christy said that she chose to submit Josh's name for this award because of his strong work ethic, excellent attendance, and his positive attitude. She also added that Josh is a talented artist, and had donated one of his paintings for a Goodwill fundraiser earlier in the year.

When asked about his employment with Goodwill, Josh states that he is happy at work, and feels really good about being recognized. Prior to moving to Pickaway County, Josh lived in Mt. Vernon and stayed home during the day with nothing to do. Through his involvement with the Pickaway County Board, Josh was able to start attending an adult services program on a daily basis, and loves the opportunity to be productive. He is also given the opportunity to develop skills that will enable him to secure community employment in the future.

Josh has very definite plans for the future. He hopes to attend college, and would like to get a degree



in a field related to art or game design. He says that his life has not always been easy. He had multiple surgeries at a young age, and due to his disability, people have sometimes stared and been rude. Since he was little, he says, people have put him down and told him that he would never do anything with his life. He wants to succeed at work and at school to prove that he is intelligent enough and skilled enough to do whatever he chooses. His advice for himself and others is, "If anyone ever puts you down...just prove them wrong!"

Congratulations, Josh, on your success!!!

Left: Josh shows off his award

J.T. is going into third grade at Brooks-Yates School, and his teacher is Tina Snyder. He lives in Circleville and has been attending Brooks-Yates School for two years. J.T. enjoys playing with his sister, Tabitha, and is especially close with his cousin. He also enjoys being with friends from his classroom, and is especially good buddies with two of the other students. While J.T. enjoys being in school, he is looking forward to a summer of playing ball and swimming in his grandmother's swimming pool. His parents say that J.T. is full of energy and loves to laugh. We hope J.T. enjoys his summer!

Checkin' In With...



J. T. Pond

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