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## Upcoming Events

### **Upcoming PCBDD Board Meetings**

July 25, 2013 6:30 PM  
August 22, 2013 6:30 PM  
September 26, 2013 6:30 PM  
Brooks-Yates School

**First Day of School**  
Brooks-Yates School  
August 20, 2013

**Early Intervention Columbus Commons For Kids Outing**  
July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
10:00 AM -2:00 PM

**Early Intervention Slate Run Outing**  
Shady Grove Picnic Area  
"Campfire Cupcakes"  
July 28, 2013 2:00 PM

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

## PCBDD as Local Leaders

During the summer of 2013, Pickaway and Fayette Counties were selected to participate as a Local Leaders team by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. This opportunity allowed the counties to engage in an intensive strategic planning process to identify Employment First needs on a local level. The team used the results of this process to formulate goals for addressing deficient components of the local Employment First process, and in the end created a catalogue of ten objectives to tackle over the next two years. These goals centered on a theme of increasing professional development for all people involved in or touched by the Employment First process. For more details on the actions and objectives of the Local Leaders group, please visit the County Board's website to read the team's Interagency Agreement.

## Checking In With...

### MaKenzie Love

MaKenzie Love is six years old, and is a very busy young lady. She participates in dance classes and recently received a superior rating at her piano recital. She is taking swimming lessons this summer, and is practicing diving and swimming unaided in the deep end of the pool. She is an excellent reader, and is reading above grade level using brail. She recently got into a competition with her SSA to correctly name state capitals, and won! She just recently ended her reign as the 2012 Miss Fourth of July, and is pictured in her sash and tiara. Congrats, MaKenzie!



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# Board Talk

Summer  
2014

A Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities Newsletter

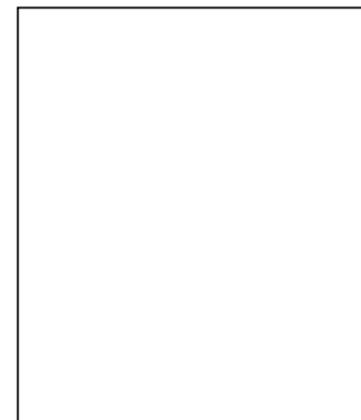
## What's New

### Superintendent's Corner

**-On June 7th Pickaway County Special Olympics held an All-Sports Banquet** to recognize all participants in the 2013-2014 athletic year. All athletes who participated in Unified Softball, Individual Skills Softball, Basketball, Youth Team Basketball, Individual Skills Basketball, and Track were honored at this event and presented with an award for their outstanding effort. It was a time of celebration and camaraderie among the different teams involved in this program.



**-The Family Advisory Council is now connecting families in a new way.** FAC has operated a listserv for families of people with developmental disabilities, giving people a chance to find support and ask questions in a comfortable and casual environment. Family Chat is now expanding to Facebook with the hope that families can connect more frequently and easily. Family Advisory Council is support group for families of children with developmental disabilities.



# Bridges to Transition

## Summer Youth Program

# BIG LOTS!

Four students with PCBDD were given the opportunity to work with Big Lots, completing tasks such as item recovery, cleaning, tagging and stocking. Pictured below are Jason Pherigo and Cameron Murphy, working in the back of the store. Cameron says he loves his summer job, and has turned in an application for an ongoing position with the business.



### What is Bridges to Transition?

*Bridges to Transition is a grant funded by County Boards of Developmental Disabilities and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency. The goal of the Bridges program is to expand career exploration and employment options for transition youth with developmental disabilities. The Pickaway County Board of Developmental Disabilities has seventeen students enrolled in the Bridges to Transition Summer Youth Program, which allows students to receive paid internships at local businesses for a period of six weeks, at no cost to the business. PCBDD students are currently placed at seven different locations within Pickaway County, and are learning a variety of skills and gaining excellent workplace training to prepare them for employment in the future.*



# Save a lot

Save-a-Lot is currently hosting two students working in the morning at their Circleville location. Michael Edwards and Ryan Dodd have learned to work well together at the grocery store, completing a variety of jobs. Michael says he enjoys sweeping in the back of the store, and Ryan says he is most happy to be making money.

Bill Day and Tyler Mayle were interested in machine and parts-related work for their summer youth experience, and both were able to find this opportunity at Rural King. Pictured to the right, Bill Day deftly assembles a mini-wheelbarrow. Bill says he enjoys putting items together, and feels more confident and quick with each piece.



### Especially For You

Student Kaytlyn MaGill works with downtown business Especially For You, and greatly enjoys her experience. Kaytlyn is learning to greet customers, find merchandise, and keep the store looking its best. She has also had the opportunity to put her artistic talents to use by creating for-sale signs around the store.



### Treasure Isle



Will Harrison is a huge Ohio State fan, so working at Treasure Isle in downtown Circleville has been the perfect job for him! Treasure Isle has an extensive selection of Buckeye merchandise, and Will works hard to hang, shelf, and tag these items. The owners of Treasure Isle report that Will is doing a great job, and Will says he is spending all of his hard-earned money to buy his favorite Ohio State gear!

### Pickaway County Public Library

The Pickaway County Library was one of the first and most enthusiastic agencies to commit to the Summer Youth Program. As the Summer Youth Program was beginning, the library was expanding into the Columbus Metropolitan Library consortium. This meant that workload and volume of materials increased significantly for both Pickaway County library locations. IT supervisor Shane Hoffman describes the summer youth opportunity as perfectly timed, allowing library employees to manage the transition to the new consortium in a more manageable manner. The library is hosting four students this summer; two at the Circleville branch, and two at the Younkin branch in Ashville. Shane says that the students are able to tackle projects that are extremely time-consuming for the other employees. Director Jim Guenther also describes the library's relationship to the summer youth program as very beneficial for the library, and feels that the students are well-matched for the work that needs completed. For their part, the students are happy at their internship locations. Christian Coats, pictured above, says that he loves his job. He is responsible for scanning documents, which is a highly marketable skill that he mastered quickly once starting work. His supervisor, Trent Ross, describes Christian as a scanning expert, and says he is thrilled at how quickly Christian can work, and how happy he is to be working on a project that is considered tedious by others. Placement for students at the Ashville location is equally successful.



Supervisor of the Younkin branch, Joy Jewett, reports that Kiera Brooks and Kirsten Beck make a great team, and are now able to complete a variety of jobs such as pulling hold lists, preparing documents for scanning, shelving, and assisting with general grounds clean-up. Kiera and Kirsten both report that they love working in the library, and have had fun working together. They are learning to function well cooperatively, and are enthusiastic when describing their work. Both stated that they most enjoy pulling the hold items at the beginning of their shifts, and Joy reports that they are able to independently find any item requested in the library.