



Picture the Possibilities

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Board of DD sponsors book drive

NEWARK – The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is conducting a book drive to benefit infants and toddlers who are eligible for Early Intervention services.

The Early Intervention staff urges residents to consider donating new or gently-used board books at the Donald D. Hill Licking County Administration Building, 20 S. Second St., Newark. Donation boxes are located near the elevators on each of the building’s four floors. The “Leave A Book Behind” drive is going on now through Jan. 20, 2012. Donated books should be appropriate for children up to age 3.

“The purpose of ‘Leave A Book Behind’ is to get books into the hands, homes and hearts of every infant and toddler who is served by the Licking County Board of DD’s Early Intervention department,” said Judy Buehler, director of Early Intervention services. “When our staff makes their regular home visits to families, they leave a book behind and encourage families to spend time looking at books and reading together. Reading has a positive impact on a child’s development and encourages families to read together daily, ultimately aiding in their development.”

For more information about “Leave A Book Behind,” call Barb Wheeler, Early Intervention secretary, at (740) 344-6921.

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides comprehensive services to more than 1,400 children and adults, and their families. In addition to Early Intervention services for infants and toddlers, the agency also provides Adult Services through LICCO Inc., in Heath, and other organizations including Consumer Support Services, SPARK, Midwest Innovations, The Gathering Place, and the Center for Disability Services’ Colvin-Hoover House. The local Board of DD also provides residential supports; adaptive equipment and home modifications; respite care for families; contracted transportation services through the Licking County Transit Board; and Service Coordination/Case Management.

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for offering high quality support services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

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