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Lace 'em up!

REGISTER EARLY FOR THE LICCO 5K

There are plenty of opportunities to register early for the biggest event of the year! LICCO Inc. is set to host the third-annual Spring Fitness 5K Walk/Run to benefit "Citizens for Developmental Disabilities."

The race will start at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, at the Sharon Valley Road shelter house and Rotary Park. Those pushing wheelchairs and strollers will start at 9:10 a.m. The race winds throughout the Newark Campus of The Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College.

The LICCO 5K is open to the public. Runners and walkers of all skill levels and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration through March 1 is \$15 per person. From March 2 through April 21, the fee is \$20. The registration cost on April 22 and race day will be \$25 per person.

There are a few ways to register:

- Visit www.LCountyDD.org and scroll down to the 5K registration link in yellow text. Click on the link to be automatically directed to the Premier Races online registration form.

- Download registration forms from the LCountyDD.org site. Complete the forms and mail them with a check payable to LICCO Inc., 600 Industrial Parkway, Heath, OH 43056.

- You also may request official registration brochures from LICCO by calling (740) 522-8345.

The LICCO 5K is intended to encourage good health in the community while raising money for a very worthy cause. The past two annual races attracted hundreds of runners, walkers and supporters from throughout central Ohio.

Pictured below: Runners, walkers and supporters competing in the second-annual LICCO 5K last year. We hope you plan to participate in this year's event, scheduled for April 23 at the beautiful Newark Campus of The Ohio State University and Central Ohio Technical College.



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Gov. Kasich reappoints Martin to lead DODD

In early January, new Gov. John Kasich reappointed John L. Martin as Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

Martin was first appointed to the post in 2007 by then-Gov. Ted Strickland.

He is well-respected by officials in the developmental disabilities field throughout the state.

“Director Martin has demonstrated solid leadership to our service system over the past four years, and the OACB Board of Trustees and staff are pleased that we will continue to have the opportunity to work with John,” said Dan Ohler, executive director of the Ohio Association of County Boards Serving People with Developmental Disabilities (OACB) in a memo to superintendents.

In reappointing Martin, Gov. Kasich said: “John’s record of accomplishment is highly impressive. He understands many of the challenges faced by Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families. John is a man of great character, and I look forward to him serving in my cabinet.”

Director Martin is from Toledo, and previously was executive director of Sunshine Inc., a private, non-profit service provider in northwest Ohio. He also is the parent of an adult child with developmental disabilities.

Martin’s educational background includes a bachelor’s degree in Special Education from Illinois State University, and a master’s degree in Community Psychology from Temple University.



*Director John L. Martin
of the Ohio Department
of Developmental Disabilities*

**For more information, please go to --
www.dodd.ohio.gov**

STATE OF OHIO



• **NEW TOOLKIT:** After several months of reviewing and organizing information to provide a more comprehensive and easier-to-navigate Health & Safety section at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities’ (DODD) website, a new toolkit has been added at www.dodd.ohio.gov/health/.

The new Health & Safety toolkit includes information grouped specifically for families, providers and county boards, and features helpful forms and fact sheets.

According to Assistant Deputy Director Scott Phillips of the Major Unusual Incidents Investigations Unit (MUI): “What I like about how this toolkit came together is the active participation of so many of our stakeholders, and the fact that now we have a ‘one-stop-shop’ for helpful information pertaining to Health & Safety issues of all kinds. It’s important to have a format that is easy for users to find what they need. We plan to update and augment this toolkit frequently with new materials as they become available to us.”

Examples of items within the toolkit include: MUI reporting information; quick access to Health & Safety Alerts; related rules, MUI Rule handbooks; MUI rules “At a Glance;” training materials; sample logs; sample MUI policies and procedures; sample forms and templates; and MUI analysis guidance.

The Health & Safety Toolkit is a compilation of provider, county board and DODD-developed tools that are available to assist in better-protecting the health and well-being of individuals served in Ohio’s developmental disabilities community.

• **ANOTHER ONLINE TOOL:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released an upgrade of its Physician Directory tool at www.medicare.gov, including new information about physicians and other health-care workers in their communities, and the services they provide. The new “Physician Compare” feature expands and updates the CMS Healthcare Provider Directory, which has helped identify Medicare-participating doctors online for several years. The new tool expands the “doctor-specific” information and will help pave the way for people with developmental disabilities to have similar information about their physicians as they have for nursing homes, home health agencies, and health and drug plans.

The new site is at www.medicare.gov/find-a-doctor. It contains information about physicians enrolled in the Medicare program, including doctors of medicine, osteopathy, optometry, podiatry, and chiropractic care.

FAQ: Transportation

Here we present the answers to the most-frequently-asked questions regarding the Licking County Transit Board (LCTB). If you are in need of further assistance, please contact Donna Flack at (740) 670-5225.

Q: Who do I call to schedule transportation?

A: The telephone number for the Licking County Transit Board (LCTB) scheduling office is (740) 670-5185, option 1. Typically, Mike Richards answers the phone and will take care of your request.

Q: Who do I call to cancel my ride?

A: Please call the LCTB dispatch -- (740) 670-5185, option 2. Dispatchers Tonya Gordon, Darlene McGuire and Mike Back will handle your cancellation.

Q: Why do I often get a busy signal or get put on hold when I call the LCTB dispatch?

A: The LCTB provides public transportation to the larger Licking County community. They get a large number of calls daily. Please patiently wait on hold or leave a message. Someone will return your call as quickly as possible.

Q: Can I expect a call from the LCTB if my family member is going to be more than 15 minutes late being dropped off or picked up?

A: Yes.

Q: How long past my established pickup time will the LCTB driver wait for me/my family member?

A: Three minutes.

Q: If my family member attends an adult services program other than LICCO and uses LCTB transportation services, will they have transportation available when LICCO is closed for holidays and LCBDD staff inservice days?

A: The LCTB will provide transportation consistent with each adult services provider's calendar. Please make sure you have the calendar for your day program.

Q: Will the LCTB driver assist my family member from the door and onto the vehicle, or from the vehicle back to the door?

A: Yes, but please make sure that these special needs are requested when scheduling transportation services with the LCTB.

Q: When will the LCTB not provide transportation due to inclement weather conditions?

- When the school district you live in is closed.
- When Newark City Schools are closed, no transportation will be provided anywhere in Licking County.

Q: If I work in the community for a private employer, is there a time when LCTB will not provide transportation?

A: If you work in the community, the only time the LCTB will not provide transportation to you is when there is a Level 3 snow emergency.

This FAQ can be found on the Transportation page of our website at www.LCountyDD.org. Updates will be posted whenever necessary.

LICCO 5K

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This year, "tech" running shirts are guaranteed to the first 150 people who register, and cotton T-shirts will be provided for an additional 100 participants. The top three finishers will receive awards, as well as the winners in each of the following age groups: 15 and under; 16 to 19; 20 to 29; 30 to 39; 40 to 49; 50 to 59; and 60-plus. Post-race snacks will be provided.

Already, Park National Bank, Fox Coal, Tectum Inc., Licking Memorial Health Systems, Dr. and Mrs. Pasley, the Licking Eagles #387, have pledged to sponsor the event. If your business or organization would like to join them, please call Debbie Pound or Kyle Miller at (740) 522-8345.

We need your help!

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities has a number of online tools for you. To get the very latest information, please go to www.LCountyDD.org. And while you are there, we would really like to hear from you. On just about every web page, you can access our quarterly Individual & Family Survey. There are just a few questions, and it won't take too much of your time. Feedback is important in helping us to better suit your needs.

We'd also like for you to send us your e-mail address so that we can cut publishing and mailing costs for LCBDD communications.

When we are able to e-mail information directly to you, the LCBDD saves money, and information can be disseminated to families in a quick and efficient manner. Another benefit to you is that it cuts down on paper clutter you receive at home.

Send your e-mail address to: Heather.Odendahl@LCountyDD.org. We will not share your e-mail information with others.



NEWS

LICCO Inc. and its more than 200 employees wish to thank the following companies for the business opportunities provided to them in 2010. These partnerships establish a pathway to greater independence:

Holophane
 THK Manufacturing of America
 Sunfield
 WS Packaging
 Denison University
 Hendrickson Axle
 Magnus Company
 Big "O" Refuse
 Tech International
 Bayer MaterialScience
 The GolfWorks
 Owens Corning
 Atlantic Inertial Systems
 Tectum Inc.
 Tremco Barrier Solutions
 PCA
 ARC Industries
 Trading Corp.
 Ecolab
 Office Mart
 Course & Club Golf Outfitters (Fairway)
 Abbott Laboratories
 MPW
 TC Marketing Group
 International Paper
 YMCA Western Branch
 ADB Airfield Solutions
 Pat Guanciale
 OSU (Newark Campus)
 Hopewell Federal Credit Union
 Allied Tube & Conduit
 Kaiser Aluminum
 Shaklee Groveport
 Greater Licking County Convention &
 Visitors' Bureau
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Team Members of the Month

December

ALBERT HAWKINS

Albert Hawkins is deserving of the December 2010 LICCO Team Member of the Month honors for many reasons, his supervisors say.

"Albert is a great worker," explains Workshop Specialist Lynn Ridenbaugh. "He completes jobs with exceptional quality. Always helpful and friendly to his coworkers, Albert is a terrific employee. He is great at keeping the work area safe and clean."

Albert is a Heath resident who started working part-time at LICCO in November 2007. He has since increased his hours to full time at the workshop.

"Albert likes to keep busy and making money is very important to him," adds Adult Services Facilitator Daryl Waterman.

Congratulations, Albert, and keep up the great work!



January

GARY REINBOLD

Gary Reinbold was chosen as the LICCO Team Member of the Month for January.

His positive attitude and work ethic earned him the honor, according to his supervisor.

"Gary works hard to improve the skills he needs to seek employment in the community," explains Workshop Specialist Chris Lee. "He has put an emphasis on improving his computer skills, productivity, and the quality of his work."

Gary is a Heath resident who has worked at LICCO for two years.

Congratulations, Gary, and thank you for your hard work!



Your company can support the efforts of adults like Albert and Gary by offering valuable work experiences -- either in the LICCO workshop or at your place of business. To discuss these opportunities, please contact Brett McClintock at LICCO -- (740) 522-8345, or Gary Wimer in Community Employment Services -- (740) 788-3754. Check out the list of companies (left) already working with LICCO and CES.

Bland appointed to Board, Gutmann retires

Denise Bland recently was appointed to the LICCO Inc. Board of Directors.

She is an administrative services supervisor for State Farm Insurance in Newark. She has worked for the company for 14 years.

“Denise has volunteered numerous times at LICCO for the State Farm ‘Good Neighbor’ event, and is very supportive of LICCO and the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities,” said Kyle Miller, director of adult services for the LCBDD. “Because Denise has demonstrated interest and support over the last couple of years, she was the natural choice to fill a vacancy on the LICCO Board.”

Bland lives in Heath with her husband, Chris, and their two daughters. She attends Jersey Baptist Church in Pataskala.

Bland fills the LICCO Inc. Board seat recently vacated by John Gutmann, also a Heath resident and State Farm employee.

Gutmann retired from the LICCO Inc. Board as its immediate past president. He had served two three-year terms, the maximum number of terms allowed.

Gutmann proved to be an outstanding leader and Board member, and is credited with involving his State Farm coworkers in a number of volunteer projects at the workshop.

“John made a significant impact,” Miller said. “He recruited volunteers, encouraged donations and secured valuable resources, including equipment and grant awards, which has greatly benefitted LICCO. He truly will be missed on our board, but we know he will continue to be a great friend and supporter.”



Denise Bland



John Gutmann

Pictured below: Including Denise Bland, those serving on the 2011 LICCO Inc. Board are: (standing, from left to right) Zoe Latimer, Sheri White, Linda Linham; and (seated, from left to right) Doug Wills, Brian Elder, Jim Johnson. Not pictured: Pamela Ondrick.



LICCO wishes to thank all of the current and past Board members for their guidance and expertise.

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- Armor Source
- Ometek
- Century 21
- Weddington, Loughman, Gaumer & Co.
- State Industrial Products
- Claypool Electric
- Cardware
- Souper Sammies
- Licking Memorial Hospital
- Raccoon International Golf Course
- Steel Ceilings
- Fabulous Framing
- City of Pataskala
- Hopewell Dental Care
- Newark Rehab Associates
- Terry Mooney
- Morrison & Bindley
- The Licking County Board of DD
- Dr. Jack Neely
- Steve Barns

We also greatly appreciate these businesses and organizations that are selling LICCO’s exclusive Spirit Line jewelry products:

- Arlington Care Center - Newark
- Christy’s Pizza - Newark
- Executive Hair Designs - Newark
- Neely & Hanbaum Optical - Newark
- Dr. Thomas Beattie, DDS - Newark
- Flying Colors Public Preschool, Newark
- PCS Computer Service & Repair - Heath
- California Concepts 2 - Newark
- Electric Hair - Newark
- Licking County Treasurer’s Office
- Sol’s Exchange in The Place - Berlin, OH
- Svoboda’s Syling Center - Newark
- Gifts by Us - Johnstown
- Bob Evans - Heath
- Newark City Schools Admin. Center
- Granville High School
- Licking County Auditor’s Office
- Licking Valley High School - Hanover
- Heath High School
- Hair Dimensions - Columbus
- Small & Smart - Newark
- The Village Spa - Alexandria
- Utica High School
- Tuscarawas Co. Board of DD - New Phil.

PEOPLE FIRST UPDATE:

Snowy weather and treacherous roadways forced cancellations of a couple of meetings of the Licking County Chapter of People First during the last several months. But that hasn't slowed them down. The self-advocacy group is hard at work on a number of projects that are important to them. Here is some information about what the group has been up to in recent months --

Spring Fling coming in April

We can hardly wait until spring! Not only are we excited for warmer temperatures, but we are even more thrilled that planning is underway for People First to host a Spring Fling dance. It will take place from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, April 8, in the gymnasium of the E.S. Weiant Center (former Starlight School), 116 N. 22nd St. in Newark. Tickets are \$5 per person, and can be purchased in advance or at the door. Jay Good's brother and his band have donated their time to provide musical entertainment. Thanks so much!

People First members already are working within committees to plan the Spring Fling, however, they are asking the community for a little help. To make the dance successful, they are searching for a sponsor and requesting donations of decorations and door prizes. They also would like donations of food items including hotdogs, buns, paper products, drinks and chips. If you can help or need tickets, please call Diana Shannon at the LCBDD's Service Coordination Office -- (740) 349-1420

New officer elected

Tonya Dillon recently was elected as Treasurer of the Licking County Chapter of People First. She will fill the remainder of Tim Gorsuch's term. Tim recently resigned due to other obligations, and we thank him for his service. Congratulations to Tonya -- she will make a great Treasurer!

Members attend STIR conference

By Diana Shannon, LCBDD Self-Advocacy Coordinator

People First members Shawna Winterbotham and Sarah Burkett recently attended the Project STIR Training at Mohican State Park Lodge. More than 25 individuals from counties throughout Ohio received certificates of completion, and a formal graduation ceremony was conducted on the last day of the training. Shawna and Sarah have collected training materials and will begin the process of training other individuals in Licking County about Project STIR, which stands for "Steps Towards Independence and Responsibility."

Both ladies made several new friends and networked with individuals from other county boards. They have been invited to the Ohio Self Determination Association regional meetings on Feb. 9, and the Seneca County Board of DD in the spring to learn more.

Both Shawna and Sarah were active participants in the Project STIR training and enjoyed the opportunity to participate in discussions and "role playing." They plan to talk about their experience at the February meeting of the LCBDD Board. Look for more information about this in the next Accent!

Statewide conference slated for March

Eight members of the Licking County Chapter of People First plan to attend the upcoming People First of Ohio conference -- "Cruising into Employment" -- at the Robertson Convention Centre in Wilmington.

To be held March 17-19, the event's mission is to serve as a key resource for people with disabilities, their families, job coaches and staff for sharing ideas and, hopefully, finding long-term employment.

All eight members of the local chapter are attending the conference on scholarships from People First of Ohio. We really appreciate that they were given this wonderful opportunity.

The conference includes makeovers for self-advocates who want to land jobs by looking their best. Training sessions center on resume and cover-letter writing; job interview tips; advice from employers and successful job seekers; and so much more.

There are plenty of social opportunities, as well. Evening activities include a talent show and "Red Carpet Gala" dance.



Shawna Winterbotham (above, left) and Sarah Burkett

Down syndrome group forms

The LCBDD's Early Intervention/ Help Me Grow department recently helped form a new group specifically for families of babies and toddlers who have Down syndrome.

"Rising Up to Downs" met once in January and once in February. The previous meetings have been held on Saturdays in the play area at Indian Mound Mall, Heath. The group was originated by parents who wanted to meet other families who have little ones with Down syndrome.

"It's a very informal group," says Betsy Nixon, an LCBDD Developmental Specialist who is helping to coordinate the meetings. "These are people who are interested in sharing experiences with other parents while allowing their children to interact and have fun."

For more information, please call either Betsy Nixon or Family Support Specialist Ronni Bowyer at the E.S. Weiant Center -- (740) 344-6921.

Join the Cub Scouts

Licking/Knox Goodwill Industries and the Licking District Boy Scouts of America are partnering to offer Cub Scouting for boys in grades 1-5 (or those meeting these developmental levels). This group will be exclusive to boys with developmental disabilities, allowing for a more tailored program. Cub Scouting develops character and social skills. It also teaches 12 core values that enhance the service projects, ceremonies, games, skits, songs, crafts, and all the other activities enjoyed at den and pack meetings.

The group will be looking for volunteers to lead the program. They must be 21 years of age, and a background check will be conducted. A 45-minute online training course also will be required. For more information, contact Melissa Ford at the Simon Kenton Council of Boy Scouts of America -- (740) 963-9442, or (800) 433-4051, ext. 227.

CES helps school-age youth with the

Bridges to Transition

Graduating from high school is an exciting time filled with many hopes and dreams. But it's also a time of uncertainty and challenges.

Life transitions require a lot of planning and preparation to ensure that graduates have meaningful adult lives.

Community Employment Services (CES) of the LCBDD is opening up new opportunities to help make leaving high school a positive experience.

CES recently became part of a cooperative effort called "Bridges to Transition." This program provides training and other resources to ensure a successful transition from school to work for people with developmental disabilities who are between the ages of 14 and 22.

Some of the highlights are:

- The CES staff will educate individuals, families and Licking County school districts about training and employment options.

- CES will work with families and individuals to develop a plan for employment.

- CES staff will teach them the skills necessary to be successful in the workplace. This includes topics such as grooming, dress and attendance.

- A summer program offers students a variety of experiences to promote work habits and community involvement.

To determine eligibility and learn more about this important "Bridges to Transition" program, families are urged to contact LCBDD Transition Specialists Linda Hogue or Denise Rose at CES -- (740) 522-8345.

For high school juniors and seniors interested in self-advocacy

The Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities (GCPD) will host the 12th-annual Ohio Youth Leadership Forum July 18-21 at the Embassy Suites Airport hotel in Columbus.

All interested high school juniors and seniors who have disabilities are encouraged to apply to attend this empowering forum. A student application must be completed and submitted no later than March 25. For a copy of the application and to find out more, go to their web site at www.gcpd.ohio.gov (follow the link for "Youth Leadership Forum"), or contact Ability Advocate Donna Foster at (614) 438-1394.

The GCPD's mission is to advise the Ohio Governor and General Assembly on disability issues. The council also educates and advocates for partnerships at the local, state and national levels. The group promotes equality, access and independence; development of employment opportunities; and serves as a catalyst to promote awareness of disability-related issues.



LICCO's Spirit Line

JEWELRY-MAKERS ANNOUNCE 2011 CRAFT SHOW DATES



You can buy products online at www.LICCOINC.com, or any of these LCBDD locations:

- LICCO/Adult Services, 600 Industrial Parkway, Heath.
- Service Coordination, 565 Industrial Parkway, Heath.
- The E.S. Weiant Center/Administration Offices, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark.

You can also look for them at the business locations listed on page 5, or at any of the craft shows and festivals coming up later in the year:

- Star-Spangled Celebration, Gellar Park, Heath -- July 1
- Pataskala Street Fair, Pataskala -- August dates to be announced
- Licking Valley Craft Show, Hanover -- Sept. 10
- Kids' First Fest, Heath -- Sept. 11
- Backwoods Fest, Thornville -- Sept. 16-18
- Thornville Craft Show -- Oct. 16
- Granville High School Craft Show, Granville -- Nov. 5



Other show dates and locations will be added throughout the year. For more information, please call Heidie Edmonds at LICCO Inc. -- (740) 522-8345.

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