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**LOCAL PEOPLE FIRST CHAPTER TO HOST GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER**

**NEWARK** – The Licking County Chapter of People First will host a Garage Sale fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, July 29, and Saturday, July 30.

People First members are adults with developmental disabilities who promote self-advocacy and empowerment among their peers, and encourage understanding and acceptance within the community. Locally, People First was founded in September 2010 as the 60<sup>th</sup> chapter in Ohio. The group is sponsored by the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The money raised by People First members during the Garage Sale will be used to offset costs associated with attending a statewide educational conference in October.

The sale will be held rain or shine at the County Board's former transportation building, 675 W. Church St., Newark. A variety of merchandise will be available for purchase, as well as baked goods and refreshments. The public is encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call Diana Shannon, the County Board's Advocacy Coordinator and People First Advisor -- (740) 349-6588.

The County Board provides comprehensive services to more than 1,400 Licking County infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. Administration offices are located in the Eleanor S. Weiant Center (the former Starlight School), 116 N. 22nd St., Newark. The agency provides home-based Early Intervention Services to babies and toddlers; Adult Services at LICCO Inc., Heath; Service Coordination; residential supports; transportation services through the Licking County Transit Board; and family support services such as respite care. The County Board is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for providing high-quality supports and services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

To learn more about the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities, please visit [www.LCountyDD.org](http://www.LCountyDD.org), or search for the agency on Facebook.

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