

INDEPENDENT PROVIDERS WANTED!

The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities is looking for persons who are interested in becoming an Independent Provider! We are looking for caring and supportive individuals who would like to provide supports and services to the people we serve. If you have extra time and would like to earn a few extra dollars, this is a great opportunity for you. We are especially looking for people who would like to transport people to their job or to other social events.

Should you be interested or know of someone who may be interested, please check out our website, or contact us at 419-626-0208, extension 4163 or 4198.

“ *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* ”
 — Helen Keller —



Congratulations to Mr. Mark Weikle, the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2015 Direct Support Professional! Mr. Weikle is shown here accepting his award from Board President, Mr. Eric Kibler.



ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

INDEPENDENT PROVIDERS FACT SHEET

AGE: To be a provider, you must be at least 18 years of age.

TYPES of SERVICES or SUPPORTS YOU CAN PROVIDE: As a provider, you can choose the type of service you are willing to provide and the rate you would like to charge as long as it is under the Medicaid rates. Services include but are not limited to:

- Basic Supports: Assisting and/or teaching skills around housekeeping, laundry, cooking, hygiene, shopping, banking, recreational activities, etc. This service occurs on a routine basis.
- Respite: It's just like Basic Supports except it occurs occasionally.
- Transportation: This is picking up/dropping off an individual at locations they want to access. This may be provided along with Basic Supports, or alone like a taxi service.
- Other services such as tutoring, piano lessons, horseback riding lessons, massage therapy, karate lessons, etc.

CONTRACT PROCESS:

- Contact Lesley Swope at 419-502-4163. Discuss your interest in being a provider, services and rates.
- Get a BCI completed. There is a specific code (Code 5123.081) that needs to be used. Make sure the BCI is sent to you and bring it to your contract meeting.
- Meet with Lesley to go over/sign the contract packet. Complete training on Individual Rights, Documentation, Billing, Confidentiality, and Incident Reporting.
- If providing services to a family member, then your name will have to go before the Ethics Committee for approval.
- Once that is all complete, you will be able to start accepting referrals/providing services.

OTHER DETAILS (Hours, Being Chosen):

Individuals will tell their SSA that they are looking for a provider. They may already know who they want, may check the Provider Search Tool on the ECBDD website to see who provides the services, or may send out a request to providers to see who is interested in providing the service. The County Board does not guarantee you will be chosen; individuals are free to choose whoever they want. You may choose the hours you'd like to work, but it can be no more than 40 hours a week. As individuals request your services, you decide if you are willing to provide those services at those hours. If an individual chooses you, the services and hours are written into the Individual Support Plan (ISP).

LOOKING FOR OPEN STUDIO INSTRUCTORS

Our Art & Advocacy event was such a great success that we are in the planning stages for potential Open Studio nights. We are looking for community members that want to share their artistic skills! (Professional and/or amateur artists are welcome!) Ideally, we would like to start each session with a "community artist" sharing their personal skills, and then move into an open ability concept where attendees can work in whatever style they choose, but can also be mentored by the "community artist."

Want to learn more? Know someone willing to share their skills? Please contact us! We have many talented and exploring artists who want to network and share creative space!

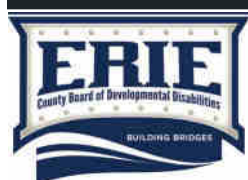
DID YOU KNOW...?

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

From the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities:

HB 358 (House Bill) Savings Accounts would allow for an income tax deduction for contributions to ABLE savings accounts. The bill received its second hearing in the House Ways & Means Committee on April 19.

Learn more about HB 358 as well as the progress of DODD's Mid-Biennium Budget review by visiting dodd.ohio.gov.



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Spring has arrived (at least on the calendar) here in Northwest Ohio! I wanted to share with you some highlights of the Board activities from the first quarter of 2016.

- We hosted monthly Family Information Network meetings with speakers on topics of Community Engagement, Transportation and STS.
- We participated in the Erie County Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO.
- We partnered with the Sandusky Artisans and hosted the first ever Annual "Art and Advocacy" art show and other events.
- We partnered with Jimmy Johns, the Sandusky Mall and our local school districts (grades 1-3) hosting our first countywide coloring competition. All participants received a free sub from Jimmy Johns, and coloring pictures were displayed at the Sandusky Mall.
- In March the Erie County Self Advocates attended Ohio's DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Statehouse in Columbus and met with Representative Steve Arndt and Senator Randy Gardner to share ideas, concerns and issues.
- Approximately 9,930 people have viewed our Facebook page and posts for the first quarter of 2016!
- The Volunteer Center of Erie County was nominated by the Board for the Ohio Public Images Employer of the Year Award, and won for their efforts in successfully employing a person with a disability!
- Mr. Harry Miller was nominated by the Board for Ohio Public Images Self Advocate of the Year and he won! He was recognized for his hard work and activities around Project STIR and SELF advocacy.
- The Board hosted our Annual Night to Shine event at the Chapel with families of our youngest children where we enjoyed a night celebrating each child's strengths and gifts. Over 200 people attended this event!

We are off to a successful start and continue to work hard to support those we serve. For more information on current happenings, please check us out on Facebook: Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities or Help Me Grow of Erie County or Employment First of Erie County.



Superintendent Carrie Baier

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEPARTMENT NEW STAFF



Heidi Staltaro



Jaclene Pisano

One of our agency goals is to become a respected, valuable and visible member of the Erie County community. We strive to achieve this through promoting the following Community Engagement initiatives to the individuals we serve, their family and friends, and our local community:

- Community Connections
- FANS Network
- Me & My Community

Contact Heidi or Jaclene for more information about our Community Engagement activities and initiatives. Call 419-626-0208.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2nd TUESDAY of the MONTH, JUNE/JULY/AUGUST 2016
Family Information Network meets at 6:00pm at Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Galloway Road.

JULY 4
Sandusky Community Stars & Stripes Celebration
Downtown Sandusky, 10am-4pm

AUGUST 2
Touch a Truck
Downtown Sandusky, 4-8pm

AUGUST 9-14
Erie County Fair
Columbus Avenue, Sandusky, Ohio

OUR MISSION

The Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities empowers people and their families while living, learning, working, and being a part of the community.

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