

CCBDD SPOTLIGHT

A Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities Publication

In This Issue

March is DD Awareness Month	Pg. 1
Board Accreditation	Pg. 1
Champlin Joins Board	Pg. 1
Vaccinations Administered	Pg. 2
Aktion Club	Pg. 2



CCBDD Board Members

Stephen Beadnell, President
 Roland Bryer, Vice-President
 Stephanie Champlin, Secretary
 Bill Reiner
 Margaret Leone
 Richard Rainone
 Mike Parkes
 William A. Devon, Superintendent

CCBDD Celebrates DD Awareness Month

March has been recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month since 1987, when President Ronald Reagan issued a public proclamation urging Americans to provide individuals with developmental disabilities “the encouragement and opportunities they need to lead productive lives and to achieve their full potential.” Since then, families, self-advocates, advocacy groups and Ohio’s County Boards have been working to increase opportunities for people with disabilities.

During the month of March, CCBDD encourages you to focus on peoples’ abilities and similarities rather than differences, and encourages everyone to welcome people with developmental disabilities into their communities. Many new opportunities are emerging in this spirit throughout the state, including community-based employment options and residential opportunities that more fully integrate people with disabilities. But there’s still more progress to be made. This March, ask yourself if you are doing all you can to make your community welcoming for people of every ability.

Board Receives 3-Year DODD Accreditation Renewal

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities conducts an accreditation review of each county board of developmental disabilities at least once every three years to determine compliance with applicable statutes and rules. This review includes a comprehensive review by department staff on-site at board facilities and an off-site review of records, documents, or other materials. Each facility owned, leased, and operated by a county board must also be inspected by the local fire marshal or designee to ensure compliance with fire safety practices.

CCBDD was granted a full, three year accreditation renewal with the best review in program history despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stephanie Champlin Appointed to Board

Stephanie joined the board in January 2021, as an appointment of the Columbiana County Commissioners. Stephanie is the parent of an individual served by CCBDD, her son William. Stephanie has supported CCBDD with past efforts to revamp Early Intervention and bring Best Buddies to Ohio, and her son William is involved with Special Olympics. Additionally, for the past 14 years Stephanie has been a passionate advocate for individuals with developmental disabilities exemplified by her participation as a board member for the Down Syndrome Association of the Valley, by chairing the Buddy Walk of the Valley, serving as parent representative for the Statewide Review of Early Intervention services, and serving as a parent representative for the Family and Children First Council in Columbiana County. Her most recent advocacy work, in collaboration with CCBDD, includes a pilot program at Salem Middle School that aims to increase inclusion, acceptance and respect of individuals with disabilities.

Stephanie notes, “I am honored to serve on the Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities and am thankful for the opportunity to be a voice for individuals and families in our community. I attribute my passion and inspiration in life to my son, William. He is my greatest blessing.” CCBDD is proud to have Stephanie join our board of directors, and we thank her for her many years of dedicated support of the individuals we serve.



Columbiana County Board of
Developmental Disabilities
7675 State Route 45
Lisbon, OH 44432



#IN THIS
TOGETHER 
Ohio



Artwork by Eileen Schofield (Art Enables)

Covid-19 Vaccinations Administered

CCBDD Nurse Manager, Melissa Andric and Superintendent, Bill Devon worked together with the Columbiana County Health Department to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic. Vaccines were administered to all program individuals who met the 1B criteria and chose to receive a vaccine, totaling 200 people altogether. Two doses of the Moderna Vaccine were administered to anyone with a qualifying diagnosis over the age of 18 for Moderna. Our staff was also vaccinated at this clinic with a makeup day set for March 24th at the Columbiana County fairgrounds. Melissa Andric is still handling calls and fielding people to the correct locations and clinics available at this time. She can be reached at 330-424-7788.

Throughout the pandemic, CCBDD has also been providing PPE (masks, gloves, gowns, face shields and pulse oximeters) to providers and individuals to support their needs.

CCBDD would like to thank the Columbiana County Health District for providing their support and the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center for providing the space for the clinic.



CCBDD Forming Kiwanis Aktion Club

CCBDD is excited to announce that we are forming an Aktion Club program in our community! Aktion Clubs empower members with developmental disabilities to be themselves, work together with friends and implement plans through action. As an extension of Kiwanis International, Aktion Club shares the mission serving children around the world. Through Aktion Club, members become leaders in their community.



CCBDD staff member Ashley Arter will serve as the local coordinator, and is currently working on plans to roll out this program in our county. With the support of local Kiwanis Clubs, we are currently seeking individuals who would like to be a part of this program.

CCBDD Assistant Superintendent and longtime Kiwanis Club President Josh Martin states, "Aktion Clubs provide ways for individuals to serve and become leaders. People with developmental disabilities are willing and more than capable of making a difference in their community, and I thank Ashley for stepping up and spearheading this effort."

If you are interested in joining or want more information, please call Ashley at (330) 424-0404.