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A look back... inspires a look forward

by Jennifer Rousculp, Superintendent

It is hard to believe that almost a year and a-half ago I started with the Clark County Board as the Assistant Superintendent. Many aspects of moving to this position, as well as moving to Clark County appealed to me, but one I was sure of was the opportunity to be mentored by Deborah Clayton.

Deborah was Superintendent in Athens County when I worked in Chillicothe as the Executive Director of the Southern Ohio Council of Government (COG). In that position, Deborah was one of 12 board members for the COG. Many times Deborah's forward thinking and leadership skills shaped the foundation for services the COG provided to member County Boards.

Deborah has served as Superintendent of the Clark County Board since August 1999 and retired June 30, 2009. She has been very



Deborah

successful in leading this organization to best meet the needs of individuals and their families. Numerous changes have occurred during her leadership, too many to include in one article; however I can't help but mention a few. During her tenure the County Board has successfully been accredited through the Ohio Department of MRDD, the passage of two continuing levies by the voters, an increase in services to individuals through the use of Medicaid waivers, and unmatched collaboration with Clark County agencies resulting in increased quality services to children and families in need. She has put in place a strong foundation of checks and balances, fiscal integrity, and a future vision of service delivery for residents of Clark County. I think her leadership over the past nine years can be summed up by the saying that was outside her office door: "We have to organize based on individual services, not serve based on how we are organized".

This has truly been a year of transition, from residents of the Mueller Center moving into their own homes, to employees retiring due to the early retirement incentive program, to the shift of a new Superintendent. Some may ask, what will the new Superintendent bring to the table? My goal is to build on the solid foundation that has already been set in place. We have a 5-year strategic plan to guide our decisions and continue to build our relationships with the community. I am only one person, so I will rely on many to work in collaboration to continue the success of the Clark County Board of MRDD.



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Retirement Continues Within the *Heart...*

Clark County Board of MR/DD Highlights Employees "straight from the heart of it all"

**Approximately
338 years are
leaving us!**



Seventeen more employees take advantage of retirement this quarter! That is a total of twenty-six this year - and we have made it through only half of 2009. Our next retirement recognition celebration will be held on September 28th, 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Buckeye Room. Please plan to join us and wish the best to the next round of retirees!

Retirements and movements are causing changes everywhere. Staff have been doing a wonderful job of keeping things 'normalized' for those we serve. We sure do have a 'special' group of people working for us! You are definitely appreciated.

Retirements for Second Quarter almost twice as many as First Quarter!



Congratulations to: (second quarter retirees)

* not pictured

* Lori Levan
Jack Buster
Alfred Davis
Elmer Beard
* Linda Grubb

* Thomas Locke
Debra Cherry
* Barbara Chess
* Carol Howard

Nancy Murphy
Melody Oakley
* Zachary Capper
* Rebecca Dennis

Deborah Clayton
* Sondra Wilkerson
Charmaine Howard
* Darren Worthington

Thank You A BIG Thanks to our employees!

Our employees donated 165 pounds of food for United Way's recent collection event.

Food was distributed to local food banks.

Pictured (from left to right) are Deborah Clayton (former Superintendent), Dianne Storer (Lead Captain for MR/DD), Jenny Rousculp (Superintendent), (from United Way are): Carah Birch, Laurie Spors, Erin Neely and Doug Lineberger.



Quest celebrated their First birthday!

And it was a grand one, too!

The party started when you walked in the door on June 12th. The 'B.Y.O.B' (bring your own bag) lunch was just one of the ongoing 'brown bag lunches' that happen at Quest. This brown bag luncheon was used to celebrate the first year of existence for the newly organized Quest. It was the best birthday party in Springfield... laughter was everywhere; old friends were reuniting; consumers were standing proud to show-off their loved ones. It was just fantastic!

There was a raffle with lots of prizes. People came from all over and were everywhere... You had to run into someone you haven't seen in a long while. Smiling faces were in every direction!

The entertainment was impressive. The newly formed Quest Bell Ringers performed and the Quest Choir belted out quite a few (and, then a few more)! For being such a new group, they sure were together. Their smiles lit up the room as much as their voices.



For only being one year old, QUEST has proved to be among the top day programming in Clark County. This luncheon is just one of the exciting happenings there. Stop by sometime and visit!

Brown bag lunches are regularly scheduled events happening quarterly. Family and friends are encouraged to join us. You bring your lunch....and we bring the dessert and drinks! Can't beat that! Watch Quest calendars for future dates.

Housing Connection of Clark County “DOES IT AGAIN!”

As the Housing Connection of Clark County, Inc. continues serving individuals with developmental disabilities, their creative abilities continue to soar. The most recent construction by the HC is a modular unit that provides affordable and accessible new housing to developmentally disabled tenants.



As part of the transition from the Mueller Residential Center campus to Individual Options Waiver funding, 16 individuals will soon move into their own homes in the community. Enabling this opportunity is the allocation of State Capital Assistance funds to the Clark County Board of MRDD. These funds are allotted for the purchase of housing for the individuals. The Housing Connection, as part of a contract with the County Board, has used this capital funding to purchase two newly-built manufactured homes. The houses are located on Buxton and State Streets in the City of Springfield.

These homes, constructed by Unibilt of Dayton, comprise more than 1500 square feet of living space. In addition to a large open living room and kitchen area, the home provides three or four

bedrooms and two bathrooms, one of which is totally accessible for individuals with physical handicaps. The homes come sprinkled with a residential fire suppression system, and are totally accessible with a one floor layout and ramps.

The Housing Connection of Clark County has initiated construction and acquisition of these new modular homes because of their affordable price, their rapid turnaround time (six months from order to delivery and ready for occupancy), and low maintenance costs. Each of the dwellings will provide housing to three individuals whose living expenses are supported by the Medicaid Individual Options Waiver.

In addition to State Capital Assistance funds, the City of Springfield and the Clark County Board of MRDD contributed to the project. For additional information, contact Robin Short of TAC Enterprises or Mike Halpin at Community Living Services.



Thank you!
Housing Connection



Free Food for Kids!

Ohio Department of Education Summer Food Service Program

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>



Ohio kids can participate in Summer Food Service Programs

All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. Individuals ages 19 through 21 who have been identified as having mental or physical disabilities and are following Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) through their current enrollment in educational programs also are eligible for free summer meals.

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Go to this web site to access the map and locations of Summer Food Service Programs in Ohio
<https://oh.cnpcare.com/summer/SfspFoodServByCnty.asp>



Another Quest Project Moves Forward

(...well, from the backyard to the front yard!)

As 'room'er has it...the Quest horticulture project has expanded from the 'back-yard' to the 'front-yard.' As more 'room' was needed, the project has bloomed to the front of Quest located at 110 W. Leffel Lane. A glance would tell you that hearts, souls and dirty hands are taking good care of the soil. As early spring was a sproutin' time for the Quest greenhouse, the late spring brought smiles of 'real' plants. How Amazing! All from seed. The group overseen by Quest staff have worked hard to accomplish the planting of tomatoes, green peppers, radishes,



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| <i>The giving of life...</i> | |
| From a small seed being planted | <i>Mom and Dad have a grand little baby!</i> |
| The plant was cultivated in the greenhouse until it sprouted and shows independence | <i>As educated by our Early Intervention Program</i> |
| Then, is planted outside where it can feel the sun and enjoy other plants. | <i>As directed by IPs to reach the needs and goals of each individual</i> |
| It is watered and fed until it grows tall and strong and ready to stand on its own. | <i>As our workshop prepares and fosters each individual to reach their own potential</i> |
| It Blooms! | <i>Yes... they Bloom!</i> |

cucumbers and a bunch of other stuff! It is their plan to sell a little and eat a lot. After watering and watching the plants grow, the group also maintains the gardens around the whole building... but, "we don't do bushes" was said.

Stop by for an eye full...and watch for the fall pleasures when the time comes.

Developmental Specialists

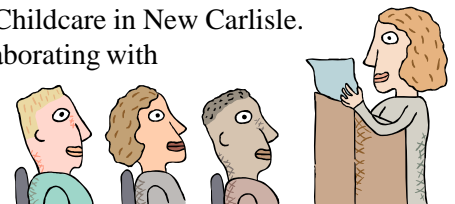


Speak up about Early Intervention

by Diane Eichelberger, Director of Early Intervention

The Early Intervention program employs certificated Developmental Specialists. They are trained in whole child development and from that base have knowledge regarding the effects of the child's developmental delays on the child and the family. The Developmental Specialist provides services in the home setting and/or with other care givers. This includes child care facilities. The focus of the program is to inform and assist families and care givers in developing interventions that can be imbedded into everyday routines that will support and enhance the child's strengths and encourage positive development in areas that evidence delays.

Recently, a child enrolled in Early Intervention was also enrolled at the Wee Care Childcare in New Carlisle. The Developmental Specialist, in addition to working with the family, was also collaborating with the staff at the child care regarding the child's unique needs and how to best meet them. The director of the program, Linda McDonald, requested a presentation to all the center's staff about Early Intervention and the services provided.



In April, Amy Allender and MaryAlice LaCerais (both Developmental Specialists), spoke to approximately 25 child care workers. Their presentation discussed "red flags" in child development that would indicate a referral to Early Intervention. They gave a small quiz on typical development to illustrate their point. The evaluation process, enrollment and services provided through the EI program were also detailed. There was time set aside for discussion.

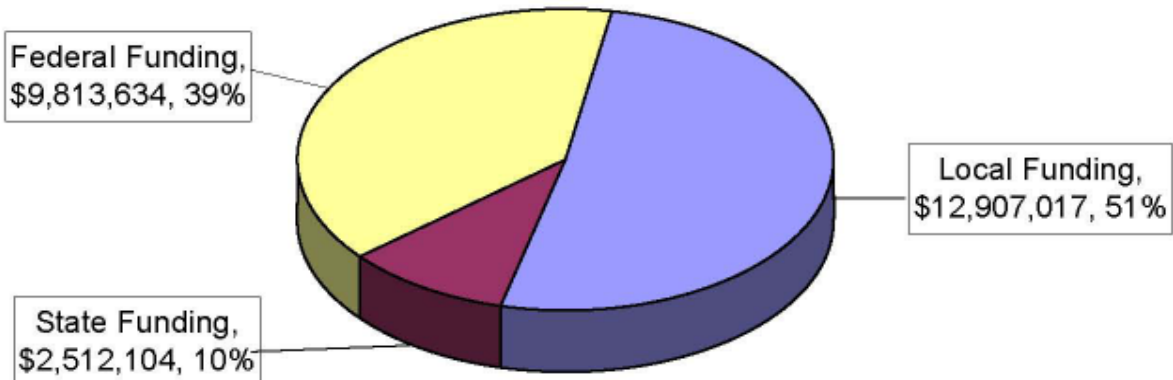
Mrs. McDonald stated that the staff appreciated the information regarding Early Intervention services. The information was useful for their work setting and the knowledge of such a resource that was of no cost to the family was invaluable.

If other child care facilities or groups interested in services to children are interested in having a presentation, please contact Diane Eichelberger, 328-2680.

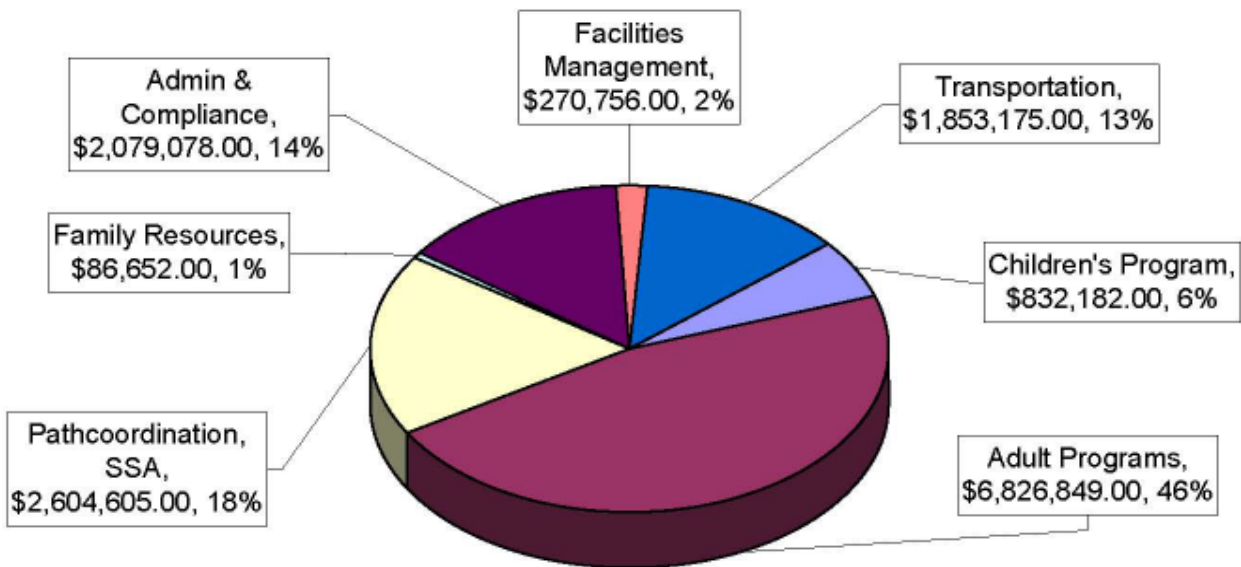
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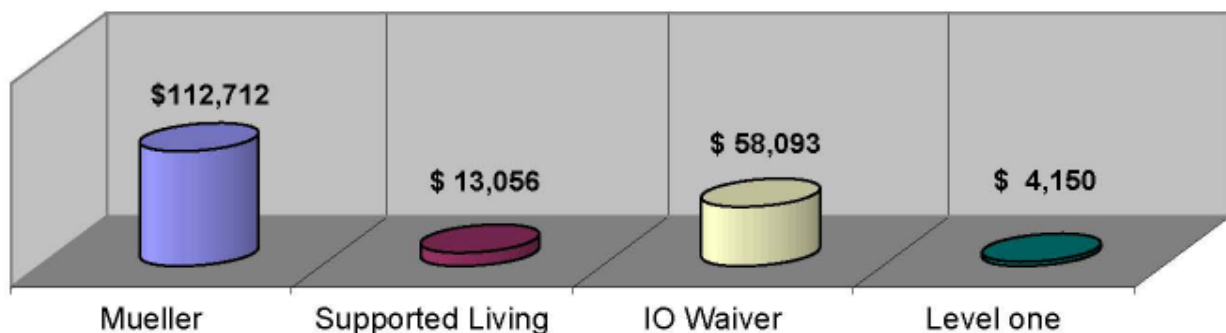
Operating Revenue



Expenditures - General Fund



Residential Services - Annual Average Cost





“ShredMill” Completes First Job!

QUEST Adult Services recently received a \$6,000 grant from the Springfield Foundation to begin a document destruction service for the community. It is hoped that this service will provide employment for up to 30 individuals at QUEST in the coming months. TAC INDUSTRIES INC. is also a partner in this venture. TAC is providing seed money to help with the purchase of equipment which QUEST will repay over time.



Pictured left to right: Dee Shaw (Quest), Brian Koehler (Quest), Charles B. (Quest), Debra Shaw (CC Waste Management District), Gail Welsh (Springfield Foundation), Plato Pavlatos (Springfield Foundation), Fred Maine (Maine's Towing and Recovery), & Deborah Clayton (MRDD)

The official name for the shredding operation is the "QUEST ShredMill". QUEST ShredMill just completed it's very first job for Maine's Towing & Recovering Service. Mr. Maine was made aware of QUEST new endeavors when a division of his company Wagner Crane unloaded and set up the shredding equipment. Fred Maine was excited to learn that a company in Clark County had the capabilities to provide secure document destruction. Maine's previously had to rely on companies out of Clark County for this service. Additionally, Quest is recycling the shredded materials for use in other consumer products.

QUEST Adult Services will be receiving a grant through the Clark County Waste Management District and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to purchase additional equipment for the shredding operation.

**Did you know there is a
questshredmill.com web site?**

Currently, QUEST ShredMill is shredding documents for the Clark County Board of MRDD. In the future shredding services will be available to the public for drop off of secured documents at 110 W. Leffel Lane. If you are interested in shredding services call Eldon Storer at 328-5200, 5263.


Our deep gratitude goes out to our community partners, Springfield Foundation, Clark County Waste Management District, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and TAC Enterprises.



**Wednesday, August 5
6:15 in Admin Conf Room
Mueller Campus**

This informal setting was created to discuss our program, on your terms! It is a regularly scheduled event and will be held quarterly at different locations. This is your opportunity to present suggestions, express your concerns, ask your questions or to kick back and just have a cup of coffee.

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| Quest Bldg. & Community Inclusion Activities & Special Olympics | | | | | | |
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | 1 NO MIXER | 2 | 3 Holiday | 4 |
|  <i>Last Day for Softball Sign-Ups July 1</i> | | | Special Olympic Sports Banquet-Union Clubs Picnic Grounds | | | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 MIXER - Open Gym 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | 9 Quest Parent Meeting at 10:00 a.m. | 10 | 11 |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 MIXER Bingo - Buckeye Rm. 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 MIXER ON THE GO Meet in Yellow Springs - Bike Path 8:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. \$5.00 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 NO MIXER | 30 | 31 | |

CALENDARS

July



- 3 Independence Day (celebrated) (All offices closed)
- 21 5:15p Board Meeting (Admin Conf Rm)

August

- 7 Consumer Combined Shifts (All offices open)
- 12 6:15p Coffee with the Superintendent (Admin Conf Rm)
- 18 5:15p Board Meeting (Admin Conf Rm)
- 31 Inservice Day (Offices Open/Closed to Public)

September

- 7 Labor Day (All offices Closed)
- 15 5:15p Board Meeting (Admin Conf Rm)



GROWING TO MEET NEEDS
 Clark County MRDD

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Mission Statement

"We assist people with developmental disabilities and their families in living, working, and participating in our community"