

Division of Community Services August Update

- Hosted an Overview of the Supreme Court Amendments to the responsibilities of guardians on Monday evening August 10. Frank Hickman an attorney with “decades” of experience in DD law presented this topic to an audience of almost 80 parent/guardians.
- Frank Hickman spent the day in Greene County on August 11th assisting the parents/guardians and individuals who had been victimized by the Hope Homes staff person who misappropriated approximately \$75,000.00 from these gentlemen over a several year period. Restitution has been made and parents have been given necessary information and resources to either spend done funds or place in pooled or special needs trusts to protect their Medicaid and SS benefits.
- The Board has contracted with Choices for Community Living to fulfill the position of Self-Advocacy Specialist. The individual who will be filling this role is David Gleason. Dave has spent his entire career in the field of DD beginning as a direct support professional with the Choices agency. From there he worked for many years at the Montgomery County Board of DD from which he retired in 2014. Dave’s energy and passion for individuals with DD make him the perfect fit for this position. He is already setting up contacts with local universities to discuss the Best Buddies program. He has set up an integrated program at the Kettering Rec Center while working with The Montgomery County board and Choices and is hoping to expand that resource to Greene County individuals. He is re-convening our self-advocacy group the Voices of Greene County and they will have their first meeting on August 20th.
- After the abrupt resignation of the Recreation Specialist we were able to continue the Tornado League Bowling program, which had begun one week

agreement with Toward Independence. We are exploring how to best meet the recreation wishes of individuals in the future.