

Board Meeting Highlights August 24th, 2020

Board Actions

- Approval of the minutes from June 22nd, 2020.

Strategic Plan Updates

- Strategic Plan updates were given during regular staff reports. Those updates have been compiled into a separate document and will be sent out along with this report.

Please note that the current Board Highlights will look slightly different while working remotely.

Topics of discussion

Community Services Division

Board Updates – August 2020

Investigative Agent/MUI

Bethany Wooddell IA
Kim Ludgate IA

- Please see the attached MUI data 3-year comparison for the months of January – July.
- Please see the attached Health and Welfare alert issued from DODD regarding MUI reporting information.
- Bethany and Kim have communicated the Health and Welfare alert concerns with local providers. It is noted that Greene County MUI data is following the trend across the state and fewer incidents have been reported compared to past years (reflected in the 3-year comparison data report). Reporting guidelines and procedures, along with UIR guidance was distributed to providers as a result of the Health and Welfare alert concerns. Here is the message that was emailed to providers on 7/29:

*“Good afternoon Providers,
DODD released a new Health and Welfare Alert (attached) that discusses the importance of reporting incidents. During recent months surrounding the current pandemic, there has been a significant decrease incident reports and MUI’s across the state. It is understood that with fewer community outings, less day programming attendance, and overall fewer interactions outside of the home, there will be a decrease in opportunities for incidents to occur. However, there have been voiced concerns by stakeholders that there are incidents occurring, but are not being properly reported. Please review the attached alert, if you have not already, to see some of the concerns presented to the state and some preventative measures that can be implemented to ensure proper reporting procedures.*

Greene County would like to support you all in any way we can. Therefore, I have attached the reporting guideline cheat sheet that you have all seen before and a copy of a blank UIR form. If there are any questions about procedures or guidelines here in Greene County, please feel free to reach out to myself, Kim Ludgate, or Sarah Combs. We are more than happy to assist in any way!

Also, please see the link below regarding DODD’s upcoming training on UI investigations. I have also conducted a version of UI investigation training for local providers and I can make that available as well.

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/communication/Memos/memo-foundations-for-success-august-2020>

Thank you all for the dedication and support you provide to the individuals we all serve! Your work does not go unnoticed and you are very much appreciated!”

Provider Supports

Community Health and PPE

- Melissa, QARN, continues to have regular communication with our Greene County Health District to make sure we are guiding our local providers appropriately on the use of PPE, prevention practices, and symptom follow-up. If Melissa is notified of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID with one of our individuals or their DSPs, she will contact the Health District to make sure they have been alerted. She will also connect them with the provider who can answer further questions and establish appropriate practices for quarantine or isolation for that household.
- Melissa continues to work as an intermediary between the Greene County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), the central point of coordination within the county for emergency response and recovery to disasters, and providers, to allocate and distribute requested PPE supplies. Most recently, they gave Melissa 5,000 masks to distribute to providers.

- Melissa continues to coordinate with providers for other needed supplies through our Board stockpile, including masks, gloves, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, face shields, booties, and gowns.

Independent Provider Support

- Three people have received New Provider Orientation training from Susan in the last couple of months, all being family members looking to support their loved ones.
- Susan and Cindy continue their monthly phone calls to each Independent Provider, to touch base on their successes and challenges, and sharing of resources (guidance information, PPE/supplies, etc.).

Provider Meetings

- We continue holding agency provider meetings weekly through GoToMeeting to discuss current developments with providers. Participation has been great, particularly with our Adult Day Support providers, navigating all of the guidance changes together. (see Strategic Plan updates for details of meetings and participation)

Restart of Compliance Activities (Provider Compliance reviews and QARN reviews)

- Both Melissa and Cindy are working toward restarting their reviews virtually beginning in **September**. DODD has announced training for the new virtual provider compliance review process, and Melissa is looking at options for virtual med pass observations for her QA RN reviews.

DSP Appreciation



Susan and Delana, through our DSP Appreciation program, recognized 11 DSPs in June, and 3 in July! We are very grateful to these amazing DSP's for all of the great things they are doing for the individuals they support! This is an example of the pictures and nomination information that is shared on facebook:

"Today GCBDD is honoring the dynamic duo of Jessica Morris and Emma Hardacre! We recognize you both for the excellent job you do with the people you support. These ladies have been essential in helping a young lady come out of her shell, communicate with others, and be more independent in daily tasks. And Jessica has learned more about specific communication tools, that work with this young lady, and assists staff in being able to utilize these communication tools. Emma and Jessica, we greatly appreciate you both and all you do!

Emma & Jessica both are Direct Support Professionals (DSP's) for The HARD Acre Farm."

Training

- In response to provider needs, Melissa resumed in-person Medication Administration classes, for groups of 5 or less, while following all the recommended safety practices. She completed 5 renewal classes in June, and 3 in July. She also offered a 3-day initial certification class in July. In total for June and July, Melissa trained 33 DSPs to be able to begin, or continue, administering medications.
- Jeff continues enrolling DSPs in the American Red Cross' provisional online training. He has also begun completing the in-person skills checks for these DSPs, on an individual/one-on-one basis. He completed training for 6 DSPs in June, and 13 DSPs in July.
- Jeff also continues to offer virtual DSP training opportunities through GoToWebinar as requested. 3 DSPs have utilized this training since starting it back up in June. With the relaxed compliance standards for training in place, we expect these enrollment numbers to stay low for the time being, as our training exceeds the temporary abbreviated requirements (MUI and Rights).

Background Checks

- **June** – Cindy completed 35 background checks for providers (Align, Right At Home, Tennyson, The ARC, Unity Care, Spirit Horse, Excel, and 1 Independent Provider)
- **July** - 24 background checks for providers (Right At Home, Wings of Love, Align, and 1 Independent Provider)

Return to ADS Center-Based Services

- As of 8/10/20, DODD has approved the following 20 ADS providers to resume center-based services, under the group size limits noted:
 - Align – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Boundless – 5 groups of 10 or less
 - Echoing Connections – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Echoing U – 2 group of 10 or less
 - Empowered – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Equal People – 1 group of 10 or less
 - Goodwill Centerville – 1 group of 10 or less
 - Graceworks – 2 groups of 10 or less
 - Greene Inc. – 5 groups of 10 or less
 - HARD Acre – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Production Services Unlimited – 6 groups of 10 or less
 - Orange Lotus – 2 groups of 10 or less
 - Spirit Horse – 1 group of 10 or less
 - Toward Independence – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Tri-More – 2 groups or 10 or less
 - Unity Care Group – 2 group of 10 or less URS – 7 groups of 10 or less
 - Viaquest – 1 group of 10 or less
 - We Care Arts – 3 groups of 10 or less
 - Wings of Love – 1 group of 10 or less (New Location)
- Temporary Center-Based ADS rate adjustments- Continued by DODD
 - As of 6/1 all ADS can be temporarily billed at an acuity C rate.
 - For example, in Greene County CODB 5, the daily rate for an “A” is \$41.00, while the rate for a “C” score is \$123.25
 - Will be reviewed by committee every 30 days with notification of continuance or termination sent monthly to providers.

Behavior Support

Josh Carson, Behavior Support Specialist

- Josh currently is assisting 23 individuals, through SSA and Transition Coordinator referral, with behavior support strategies.
- We currently have no active restrictive measure plans.

Story Chain

- Josh Carson, Behavior Support Specialist, is finishing up his final round of working with Jonathon Platt of Story Chain to learn the ropes of the recording process. Josh is looking forward to independently applying the skills he has developed to continue to use auditory recordings as a meaningful behavior support strategy. Feedback we have received on this support and collaboration with Jonathon/Story Chain has been wonderful! Dee Yoakum, whose two sons have participated in the program, wrote the following in appreciation to Jonathon and Josh:

“What a unique and timeless gift you both and staff have given to our children though “Story Chain”. One which knows no boundaries to the wonder it may give or the places it may take them. Though a touch of button they are listening to the stories read to them on the MP3 player you gifted. Making each smile or sooth a worry away taking each to a safe wonderously read getaway.

Jonathon, thank you for your gift of reading you seek to share so generously. Josh, thank you for helping bring this to life for our children through GCBDD. To one and all who have piloted and contributed to making the recordings happen, we humbly thank you, Cindy and Joe Nava. Mary and one and all I look forward to adding and reading whatever you might need or ask if me. Know It has been my privilege and pleasure to share what you all offer...the sound of books.

*Thank you All for your time and considerate gifts,
Ed & Dee Yoakum”*



This is a picture of Dee's son, Javon, receiving his MP3 player.

- They also shared their story with the Fairborn Herald:
BEAVERCREEK — COVID-19 didn't cancel one mother's reading books to her sons.

The unconventional storytime — orchestrated by local non-profit Story Chain through Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) — now plays on repeat with the push of a button and a set of headphones. Thanks to the program, electronically-inclined Javon Yoakum, of Beavercreek, has access to 90 minutes of stories narrated by 10 familiar voices, including his mother Dee's.

All of the books that Dee Yoakum read and recorded for her 23-year-old son, who is on the autism spectrum, have some meaning.

"I quite enjoy doing this. It brings back memories of reading to both of my boys," Dee said. "I think with Javon, we read pretty much in rhythm as we always had. We kinda picked up more or less where we were years ago."

"Stellaluna" tells the story of a fruit bat who reunites with her mother. Javon's copy from fourth grade was in "literal pieces" they had read it so many times.

"Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns it's OK to Back Away" chronicles a rabbit who learns how to deal with anger, while "The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane" follows the life of a china rabbit searching for his place in the world.

And "Your Very Own Robot" allows the reader — or listener — to pick an ending.

If it hadn't been for a choose-your-own-adventure story — and its narrator Jonathan Platt — Dee might not have enrolled in Story Chain, which began as a program in Greene and Montgomery County jails.

"I've listened to him tell these amazing adventure stories on the Zoom storytimes with Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities," Dee explained. "When I first heard his voice, I was busy down the hall doing laundry. I stuck my head out and said, 'Who's that? What's that? What's going to happen?' I kept getting a little closer to hear the story better."

Hearing Platt — Story Chain's executive director — was the confirmation Dee needed to pursue the program. She had been toying with ideas about how to help her younger son, 21-year-old Karron, who is also on the spectrum. Once enrolled, Dee got to work.

But her experience is different than other GCBDD clients who had participated earlier in the year. They had access to in-person sessions and a recording studio.

"It's weird, everything is in slow motion. We are walking waist-deep in clay," Platt said, describing the new norm.

"It's hard to catch people at the right time and open the book and read ... The interaction is missed ... But when we get the parents on the phone and have them read a story — I put it on speaker phone and listen and give them tips on how to do better — it's fun, it's good."

Once Dee's over-the-phone reading workshops were complete, Platt dropped off a recorder at her house. She had 48 hours to record her stories.

Trying to find a quiet place in her house, without her family talking or the dog barking, was the challenge.

"I was told quite often some of my sound effects were interesting," Dee said, laughing. "You either re-record or just keep going and hope that they can edit it out."

Mary Evans — lead audio editor and program manager at Story Chain — cleaned up the audio, added effects and music, and uploaded the stories to an MP3 player. Evans said although the new process isn't as personal as it was in pre-pandemic times, it's refreshing.

"It brings everyone together more. No one knows what anyone looks like until we deliver the MP3 players," she said. "I wouldn't say it's too impersonal; it's just right. We're making do with what we have, producing great material, exemplifying what Story Chain is all about — elocution, adult literacy, having that moment with the parent and the child."

Evans speaks from experience, because she, too, has had that moment. Through Story Chain, she read stories to her own three children while she was incarcerated. So watching Javon receive his player was especially rewarding.

Platt — masked and gloved — delivered the finished player to the Yoakums' front door July 16.

Javon slipped off his mask for a brief moment, revealing a big smile.

"I don't think he took off the ear buds until we removed it from his head," Dee said later.

"What a gift to give somebody," she added, "to have a book right there at their ears — whether it's in their hands or not — to listen to and enjoy, to put the mind at ease. The world stops for just a little bit and you can go somewhere else to think of something positive or pleasant."

Brother Karron, who had received his own three weeks prior, watched the exchange. He often turns on his player before he goes to bed, listening to his mother's comforting voice, or Beavercreek Officer Mark Brown's, who has become the brothers' mentor and friend.

Evans noticed that Karron had his own earphones around his neck that day of the second delivery.

"You're doing all this work and you wonder if children will even utilize it," Evans said. "That's proof that the work you did is important, that the children are excited."

Benefits Assistance

Cindy Nava, Compliance and Benefits Coordinator

- Since beginning in this additional role of benefits assistance in June, Cindy has jumped right in assisting individuals and families with their questions and concerns. She had a lot of previous knowledge about the benefits eligibility process, and she has grown even more in her expertise in these past couple of months. Here is how she has been helping:

June:

- Assistance with the completion of the Adult Disability Report and SS applications= 4
- Food assistance (SNAP) benefits inquiry =1
- Referral for Medicaid questions by a parent
- Assisted with questions from a family about the SS application process
- Couple of referrals from families with questions per Medicaid and general questions about the process including SS

July:

- Assisted a family with household financial criteria's for both Medicaid and SS
- Worked with our Medicaid department on two different billing concerns with agencies
- Ongoing support with a family who is seeking proper documentation from their family physician for Medicaid benefits
- EI referral from Luanne S to assist a family with questions about SS and Medicaid
- Assisted an individual with understanding resource limits per back SS payments they received. Provided information about protected trusts and STABLE accounts
- Assistance with the completion of the Adult Disability Report and SS applications= 4
- Assisted a couple of families through the change in work status
- Follow up with Medicaid renewal packets
- Assisted a family through their Medicaid Renewal
- Answered questions for a couple of families who are in the process of renewing Medicaid
- SS referral—followed up with family and answered questions
- Assisted a family with Medicaid renewal and SNAP benefits and understanding the reporting criteria Medicaid has for reporting household members
- Assisted a family with understanding changes in reporting when their child turns 18. Parent had questions if the child should move to a group setting—how is this reported to SS? In addition, assisted with understanding Guardianship and how child support works when a child is still enrolled in school full time past their 18 birthday.
- Fulfilled record request from SS - let the SSA know, and follow up with the SS case worker to ensure they have received the plan and assessment
- Faxed supporting documentation including the ADR for a family prior to their over the phone interview, and follow up with their assigned interviewer to ensure they have the information.
- Spoke with Medicaid about a case where the family was in need of Medicaid to assist with the costs of upcoming medical tests. Medicaid spoke with the family, the individual was found eligible, and they

backdated her eligibility. Her testing went smoothly, and the family is able to submit the costs to Medicaid as a secondary insurance for their young adult.

All Hands In

GCBDD Broadcast Station

- Here is the current schedule of zoom virtual activities that is distributed to individuals, families, and providers each week:

Monday:

- 10:00am-10:40am Rise & Shine with Faith, GCBDD's resident fitness fanatic who leads us through an exercise class! Get ready to stretch, strengthen, & sweat!
- 11:00am-11:30am Tea Time Sing Along with Lindsey, who joins us from the United Kingdom to play instruments & sing!
- 1:00pm-1:30pm Story Time with Cassie, who LOVES books and is excited to read stories to us – for ages 6+
- 4:00pm-4:30pm Calming Mindfulness with Carrie, who teaches us how to calm anxiety and create mindfulness.
- 7:00pm-7:30pm Movie Trivia

Tuesday:

- 10:00am-10:30am Yoga / Chair Yoga – we will share a Yoga video from YouTube to follow along to. Our goal is to increase strength & flexibility while reducing pain & stress.
- 12:00pm-12:30pm Fetch with Leo & Cindy – Come if you love animals! Join fellow animal-lovers as we watch Leo play fetch & meet everyone's pets!
- 1:00pm-1:30pm Choose Your Own Adventure with Jonathan Platt, a master storyteller, as he guides us through a Choose Your Own Adventure book – ages 9 to adult. Please note the time change.

Wednesday:

- 10:00am-10:40am Rise & Shine with Faith
- 11:00am-11:30am Virtual Rollercoasters Rides – We'll be riding rollercoasters at different theme parks each week.
- 11:30am-12:00pm Story Time with Beth – Beth will be reading stories to Early Intervention kiddos (ages birth to 5) & families while using puppets and other props!
- 1:00pm-1:30pm Story Time with Cassie (ages 6+)
- 3:00pm-3:30pm J and J Sports Trivia Challenge – Do you consider yourself an expert in sports knowledge? Join Jeff & Josh for Sports Trivia! We will be using the Kahoot! app for this session, so please have it downloaded ahead of time.

Thursday:

- 10:00am-10:30am Yoga / Chair Yoga
- 12:00pm-12:30pm Fetch with Leo & Cindy
- 3:00pm-3:30pm Random Facts with Rachel – Come if you want to learn interesting information about a variety of topics! Each week has a different theme!
- 3:30pm-4:00pm Piano concert with Dorothy

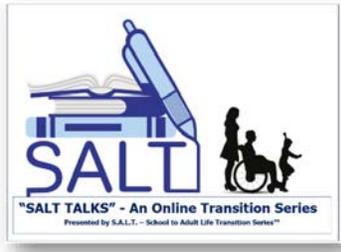
Friday:

- 10:00am-10:40am Rise & Shine with Faith
- 11:30am-12:00pm Story Time with Beth (ages birth to 5 only)
- 2:00pm Karaoke with Kathy (session #1) – Kathy is a professional at karaoke and having fun! Your song requests must be sent ahead of time. **All song requests must be sent to kkleiser@greenedd.org or allhandsin@greenedd.org by 12:00pm on Friday.**

Transition Coordination

Josh Welhener, Kathy Kleiser, Brenda Mueller, Cindy Shivadecker

SALT TALKS – An Online Transition Series 2020 - September to December SCHEDULE - SAVE THE DATES!



The regular face to face SALT meetings has been moved to a virtual platform due to COVID 19 precautions. So as a way to keep everyone informed and updated on transition related topics during these times, we have created SALT TALKS Series - An Online Transition Series.

S.A.L.T. - School to Adult Life Transition Series™ is a monthly series developed to provide a learning opportunity, along with the resources and guidance, to families of children with disabilities navigate the transition from school to adult life.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month and 2nd Wednesdays Each Month
(There will be no 4th Tuesday meetings in Nov & Dec due to Holidays)
See Below for Dates, Time, & Topics
SALT TALKS Pre-registration required. Use link:
<https://bit.ly/SALTtalksSeries>
Refer to SALT Facebook Events for more details or information
Meeting Times: 6:00pm-7:00pm

SALT TEEN TALKS – An Online Student Transition Series

Virtual Meeting Schedule for 2020-2021



Save the Dates:
SALT TEENS TALK Series:
Every 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6pm

SALT TEENS TALK is a new open fun interactive 30 minute online series created during the current COVID 19 crisis to provide opportunities for students or young adults (ages 14 – 22+) to meet virtually, socialize, & have fun while learning about transition related topics.

Questions or to participate & receive the meeting link information: Email prtpattis@gmail.com or email the **County Board Facilitator Contact associated by topic below.**

DATES	SALT TALKS SERIES (Online Virtual Meetings)
Tuesday 9/08/2020	Estate Planning: Understanding the Fundamentals of Guardianship & the Alternatives Speakers: Brittany O'Diam, O'Diam & Estess Law Group, Inc. & Judge Thomas O'Diam, Greene County Probate ***This "kick off" SALT session will be extra 30 mins. 6 - 7:30 pm***
Wednesday 09/09/2020	Estate Planning: Understanding the Fundamentals of Guardianship & the Alternatives Speaker: Christopher Frederick, Attorney at Law, Hamilton; https://www.cafredericklaw.com
Tuesday 09/22/2020	Pre-Planning for Employment: OOD, CBDD, Project Life/Search Speakers: Lois Mescher & Kyna Johnson (OOD); Michelle Garrett (MCBDD); Kristen Brown (Project Life)
Tuesday 10/13/2020	The Special Needs Trust/ Dayton Foundation Speaker: Gregory Darling, Executive Director, Dayton Foundation
Wednesday 10/14/2020	The Stable Account & Special Needs Trust Comparison Review Speakers: Nicholas Hancart, Public Affairs Officer, Ohio Treasurer of State, STABLE and Laura Drake, Attorney at Law, Community Fund Management Foundation
Tuesday 10/27/2020	Creating an Effective IEP Speakers: Michael Albrecht, Supervisor of Transition Programs, Butler Tech & a Parent Mentor Representative
Tuesday 11/10/2020	Special Needs Trust / Community Fund Management Foundation Speaker: Laura Drake, Attorney at Law, Community Fund Management Foundation
Wednesday 11/11/2020	Butler County Project Life / Search Application & Process Speakers: Michael Albrecht, Supervisor of Transition Programs, Butler Tech and Project Life/Search Team
Tuesday 12/8/2020	Understanding the ISP and Creating an Effective Life Plan Speaker: Scott Marks, Director of Operations, Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA)
Wednesday 12/9/2020	Continuing the Self Advocacy Road Meet the Inside Out Studio Artists and the Speak Up Advocates Speakers: Stephen Smith, Inside Out Studios & artists; Speak up Advocacy Team with Connie Mehlman, Butler County Board of DD

DATE & TIME	SALT TEEN TALKS ONLINE TRANSITION SERIES
Tuesday 09/15/2020 6 pm	Topic: How Do I Make a Good Decision? For meeting link, email: aharker@mcbdds.org
Tuesday 10/20/2020 6 pm	Topic: Preparing to Find & Keep a Job For meeting link, email: kkleiser@greennedd.org or jwelhener@greennedd.org
Tuesday 11/17/2020 6 pm	Topic: Discovery About Me & My Interests! For meeting link, email: mweetin@butlerdd.org
Tuesday 12/15/2020 6 pm	Topic: Getting to Know My Support Team For meeting link, email: mweetin@butlerdd.org
Tuesday 01/19/2021 6 pm	Topic: Fun with Budgeting in the Real World For meeting link, email: kkleiser@greennedd.org or jwelhener@greennedd.org
Tuesday 02/16/2021 6 pm	Topic: Socialization, Fun & Recreation For meeting link, email: aharker@mcbdds.org
Tuesday 03/16/2021 6 pm	Topic: How Does Working Affect My Benefits? For meeting link, email: Brittany.conner@warrencountydd.org or jefri.bengal@warrencountydd.org
Tuesday 04/20/2021 6 pm	Topic: Speaking Up & Self Determination and "Living Their Best Lives" For meeting link, email: josephb@darkedd.org & cherlyp@darkedd.org
Tuesday 05/18/2021 6 pm	Topic: Staying Safe in My Community For meeting link, email: Brittany.conner@warrencountydd.org & jefri.bengal@warrencountydd.org

Questions? Contact Patti Shrom, Parent Resource Coordinator: Email: prtpattis@gmail.com or contact your local County Board SALT Team Leader:

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- Greene Co: Kathy Kleiser kkleiser@greennedd.org
- Montgomery Co: Andrea Harker aharker@mcbdds.org

- Warren Co: Brittany Conner brittany.conner@warrencountydd.org
- Online References
- SALT Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SALTSouthwestOH>
- SALT Livebinder: <https://bit.ly/SALTSWOL>



Questions or to be added to the communication list for the SALT "TEENS" sessions? Contact Patti Shrom, Parent Resource Coordinator Email: prtpattis@gmail.com or the County Board SALT TEENS Facilitator as listed above by topic

Find more event details & information posted on SALT Facebook & Live Binder sites

Online References

- SALT Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SALTSouthwestOH>
- SALT Livebinder: <https://bit.ly/SALTSWOL>



These trainings are brought to you in collaborations through, Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Montgomery/Greene/Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Darke/Auglaize County Board of Developmental Disabilities and SALT Resource Solutions LLC

SALT (Student to Adult Life):

- The SALT team has met several times over the past couple of months to adapt to the new way of holding community outreach meetings. All meetings this next school year will be held via zoom and this will allow us, based on survey results, the opportunity to offer more meetings monthly. Attached is the schedule for the fall sessions. We have broken the schedule up into 3 sessions: fall, winter and spring.
- 5 Counties will now be collaborating on the upcoming school year's virtual transition SALT activities – Greene, Montgomery, Warren, Butler, and Darke.
- There will be 3 SALT and 3 Salt-teens meetings monthly throughout this next school year, all done virtually. The schedule will be sent out soon.

Project Life

- Cindy S and Brenda continue to make preparations for the launch of Project Life. There have been delays out of their control that have impacted their ability to complete trainings and get their classroom space set up. Primarily the delays are related to Wright State's COVID related procedures, which are still evolving for the new school term. As of this week, WSU is planning to go back at only 30% capacity of students in August, and then to go completely virtual after Thanksgiving break. They believe they will be giving the Project Life group a bigger space to utilize which will better support social distancing.
- Cindy and Brenda both completed background checks with Heather today, and have van training scheduled next week.
- Scheduled start date for program is August 24, 2020.

- Montgomery County Health District is strongly recommending that schooling is done virtually for this coming school year to start, however Greene County Health District, who has seen fewer COVID cases than their larger counterpart has not made those recommendations for our county's schools. As of today, Yellow Springs is the only school community in our county that has announced it will be operating completely online to start for the coming year. Fairborn is looking at starting the school year virtually as well, however, we are not sure yet about the students with special needs.

Transition Boot Camp – Josh Welhener, Kathy Kleiser, Cindy Shivadecker, Brenda Mueller

- Career Exploration Virtual via ZOOM (See fliers)

Greene County Transition Services Wide World of Career Exploration

You Can Be
Here Too!

Tue. & Thurs. 10:30 – 11:15
Session 2: July 14, 16, 21, 23

A Virtual Career Exploration Experience

Meet Your Transition Team News Crew

News Anchor–Cindy Shivadecker

Career Exp Reporter- Kathy Kleiser,

Independent Living Reporter- Brenda Mueller

FUN Fact Checker: Josh Welhener

- ❖ Cindy is your anchor and leads you in a self-advocacy activity
- ❖ Kathy takes you out into the world of work as you explore a **JOB of the DAY!!!**
- ❖ Brenda leads you in an activity to get you **Independent**
- ❖ Josh recaps the day with a **Reality Check Game**

*Each session will introduce a new activity in Self Advocacy, Career Exploration, and Independent Living,
*ZOOM and Kahoot will be used (for Kahoot another device like a phone is recommended)

There is still time to sign up!!!!



Contact Kathy Kleiser to sign up
kkleiser@greenedd.org
937-562-6529



Greene County Transition Services 2020 Summer Youth BOOT CAMP

Virtual/Online CAREER EXPLORATION

You Can Be
Here Too!

A Virtual Career Exploration Experience

Session 1 -- June 16, 18, 23, and 25
Session 2 --- July 14, 16, 21 and 23
Each Session will run from 10:30am- 11:15am

Topics we will cover

- Tuesday- June 16- Getting to Know You (will include an Interest Inventory)
- Thursday- June 18- Virtual Business Tours- Participants will view actual work sites and/or listen to employers talk about their business. Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions
- Tuesday- June 23- Let's Practice Interviewing
- Thursday- June 25- Independent Living Activity

Kathy Kleiser 937-361-6444 or email
kkleiser@greenedd.org



- Session 1 June 16, 18, 23 & 25 (14 participants)
- Session 2 July 14, 16, 21 & 23 (14 participants)
- Sessions ran 45-60 minutes with a segment on Self Advocacy, Career of the Day, Independent Living, and Fact Checker using Kahoot summarizing the daily session.
- Participants included not only transition age youth 14-22, but we also had some adults older than 22 that wanted to experience Career Exploration. They learned about the sessions through our All Hands In Zoom sessions and our Facebook Posts.
- Work Experience**
 - o 2 weeks July 20-July 31
 - o Paid Work Experience for 10 individuals
 - o 2 worksites: Xenia Food Pantry 9:00am-12:00 pm, 4 Paws 1:00pm-4:00pm
 - o 5 individuals at each work site with 2 GCBDD staff (Kathy Kleiser & Josh Welhener)
 - o All individuals followed social distancing and mask guidelines put into place by GCBDD and also additional daily temperature checks were required at 4 Paws
 - o Parents/guardians transported the individuals to their designated work site
 - o Work evaluation were completed and shared with OOD counselors and teachers

- Xenia Food Pantry work included: making raised beds with cinderblocks; cleaning out attached warehouse that houses a new walk-in freezer; helped prepare food baskets to be passed out to individuals; painted the outside fence; cleaned the outer field surrounding the food pantry.
- Xenia Food Pantry provided a thank you lunch for the Work Experience participants and gave them all gift bags.
- 4 Paws work included: Field Friends (walking dogs); puppy and Papillon play time: Puppy House; Housekeeping. All the individuals went through required volunteer training and are now official volunteers and they may continue to sign up to volunteer there on their own. Our Work Experience Crew was the “Pilot Group” to put small group volunteers back into the volunteer circuit with COVID precautions.

School Updates

- Josh and Kathy have been invited and attended some IEP meetings (virtual)
- Josh and Kathy are starting to meet with teachers around the county to discuss how best to stay connected with the transition age youth for this upcoming school year.

Provider Connections

Megan Goettemoeller

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- A total of 67 service requests have been sent in 2020.
 - We have recently added several new providers to the agency and independent provider e-mail lists in Greene County. These lists are used for mass communication with providers, as well as service requests.
 - We have also had some provider contact changes, mainly within day programs.
 - All planned recreation events have been postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19.
 - The All Hands In Zoom sessions continue to see a steady number of participants in the sessions.

The Voices of Greene County

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- VOG (Voices of Greene County) zoom every Thursday at 4pm with Voices Matter of Montgomery County since late April.
 - Resumed Greenemont optimist zoom meetings.
 - VOG provided self-advocacy zoom presentations to transition students at boot camp in June and July.
 - Discussion with Beavercreek Police Department re: protests and Minneapolis situation.
 - Joint project with Voices Matter to do a statewide video thank you for SSA, s
 - Reviewed community safety i.e. masks re Covid-19.
 - Created and presented thank you posters to first responders Beavercreek Police Department.
 - VOG and Voices Matter are zooming with Olivia Caldeira to give input to the new state wide advocacy centers being developed in Ohio for people with disabilities who have been victims.
 - VOG provided input to Sheri Cooper of the Advocacy Center regarding important things to know about speaking up for her development of an advocacy wheel she is developing for the Advocacy Center.
 - Members continue to have guest speakers:
 - Josh Welhener- All Hands In
 - Kathy Klieser- Special Olympics
 - Kris- Echoing U.
 - Sgt. Wesseler
 - Olivia -Advocacy center
 - Process of inviting federal Judge Rice to zoom
 - University of Cincinnati Medical Center Intern Rinki Goswami to provide Disability awareness information to a new nonprofit Bridging the Medical Gaps.
 - VOGC member Annie C. developed and presented a Disney presentation to the group along with a trivia game.
 - VOGC member Jenny is inviting We Care Arts representative to be a guest speaker.
 - Jenny led a group of advocates to nominate a team member and the Greene and Kettering Optimist club for the Hall of Fame. They sponsor Greenemont Optimist Club.
 - Janice Rice spoke at a zoom self-advocacy meeting to give updates on the Hall of Fame and ask the group for updates for a newsletter article.
 - Celebrate Birthday by singing to members every month.
 - Provided information on Optimist by Laws to Erie County BD of DD

- Will continue to work with Andrea H. to do more self-advocacy zoom presentation for transition students and Salt-teens.
- Exploring doing more disability awareness training with Wright State Medical students through zoom sessions.
- Sgt. Phil Wesseler has offered to provide the group with any new COVID updates re: community rules.
- In discussions with a provider to help Bill. K be able to zoom vs having to call.
- Each member shares different zoom sessions they attend to expand other members opportunities.



Reporting During COVID-19

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) remains dedicated to health and welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has had a significant effect on Major Unusual Incident (MUI) reporting and trends. Based on the data collected, it is apparent that efforts to reduce the spread of the virus have been effective.

It is critical to continue reporting incidents outlined in [OAC 5123:17-02](#) at all times to protect vulnerable populations.

Over the last quarter, DODD has seen reductions in MUI reports, including Abuse, Neglect, Peer-to Peer Acts, Unapproved Behavioral Supports, and Hospitalizations. Advocates fear that abuse and neglect still occur but may be underreported. People are not attending school, work, or other activities where incidents are typically identified and reported. As a result, they are spending more time with their primary caregivers who may not be mandated to report incidents and less time with additional people who may identify and report concerns.

While there was not a noticeable upward trend of suicide attempts and psychiatric hospitalizations from March to May 31, 2020, the effect on Ohioans with developmental disabilities has been very real. Isolation and other stress-related factors have impacted the mental health of many people. For some, this has led to increases in Unapproved Behavioral Supports, reports of Missing Persons, and psychiatric hospitalizations. It is critical that mental health needs are considered at all times.



MUI Data Trends

March 1 - May 31, 2020

- There have been 305 Unanticipated Hospitalizations in which the person was tested for COVID-19 and 20 deaths
- While alleged Neglect incidents have been consistently declining, there was a 46% decrease in allegations during May compared to last year.
- There was a 23% decrease in Physical Abuse allegations in May, compared to May 2019.
- There was a 31% decrease in Unapproved Behavioral Support allegations in May compared to last year.
- Significant Injuries were down 38% from May 2019-2020.
- There was a 14% decrease in total Unanticipated Hospitalizations from May compared to last year.
- There was also a decrease in pneumonia and influenza hospitalizations.
- The COVID-19 infection curve as reported to DODD is flattening.

Possible Causes and Contributing Factors for Reduction in MUIs

- There are fewer times of transition which are common times for incidents to occur.
- There are fewer power struggles (Unapproved Behavioral Support, Rights Code Violations, or Verbal Abuse) because people do not have to maintain a schedule, go to appointments, or engage in other activities that may be stressful.
- Due to the increased need for staffing and direct support professional (DSP) shortages, a provider agency may be concerned that reporting an allegation may result in the need to place a DSP on leave, resulting in further staff shortages.
- Medical and other professional appointments have been canceled or postponed resulting in other mandated reporters having fewer interactions with vulnerable people. As such, these professionals are not able to identify potential Abuse and/or Neglect.
- Residential staff and county boards of developmental disabilities are finding creative uses for technology to engage people in activities through online video chatting and exercise.
- DSPs are focused on implementing precautions and keeping people healthy and safe. While they are addressing issues as they arise, they may not be reporting these issues.
- At-risk children are not attending in school. Often school personnel report concerns about a child's health and welfare.
- Incidents occurring during transport are almost non-existent since the stay-at-home order was put in place.
- DSPs are handling peer-to-peer incidents, but are not reporting.
- People may be spending more time sleeping and in their bedrooms.
- People are interacting with fewer peers, so there may be fewer opportunities for incidents and allegations.

What Can You Do to Make Sure People are Safe?

- Ensure you are taking immediate action to protect people when there is an incident.
- Encourage people to talk about their concerns.
- Ensure each DSP knows who to report to within your agency and how to report.
- County board employees can review reporting procedures within their counties.
- Make sure people receiving services understand who to contact and how to contact them if they have a problem.
- Test your on-call system.
- Check-in with DSPs to make sure they do not have any questions about reporting.
- Review how to complete an incident report at your next staff meeting.



[Watch Cassandra Benning-Lewis](#) discuss the importance of reporting MUIs

DODD Abuse and Neglect Hotline

1-866-313-6733

<https://ocf.prodapps.dodd.ohio.gov/>

Crisis Text Line: Text "4HOPE" to 741741
OhioMHAS Help Line: 1-877-275-6364

August 2020 EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Board Report covering June 13 through August 14, 2020

June Early Intervention Data

New Referrals	Evaluations and Assessments Completed	Infants and Toddlers on Active IFSP's	Infants and Toddlers served
32	21	238	259

July Early Intervention Data

New Referrals	Evaluations and Assessments Completed	Infants and Toddlers on Active IFSP's	Infants and Toddlers served
22	23	242	265

Three Autism Projects:

ADEP Team – Raleita Furlow, ADEP TEAM Coordinator:

ADEP Team is still on hold for conducting any ADOS evaluations since we cannot meet in-person per State guidance.

PLAY Project Team- Jennifer Montague, PLAY Project Coordinator:

PLAY Data captured as of July 16, 2020

Total Children Served	Under age 3	Over age 3
15	2	13

Teaching PLAY – Jennifer Montague:

Currently we do not plan to complete Teaching PLAY sessions with our local schools this year due to the current state of mixed virtual and in-person classroom service delivery around the county. We plan to reach out to school districts that have already completed our program to provide ongoing support as needed.

Early Intervention Program Information and Guidance

New leadership team includes Jennifer Frey, ECP Director and Andrea Geiger, ECP Manager as of August 1st. Jenn has enjoyed and learned so much from working alongside Mary Ann for the past few years. Andrea was previously a Developmental Specialist in the Beaver Creek Region. Her other areas of interest and training include PLAY Project and Infant Massage. She has jumped right in and has done a great job learning her new role. Fun Fact: We both have 2 year old daughters at home and share a lot in common in our personal and professional lives. She is a joy to work with and we look forward to providing guidance and leadership to our wonderful Early Intervention Team.

Admin Staff have worked hard to complete **document and brochure changes in accordance to new leadership.** The Early Childhood page on the GCBDD website was updated as well.

Jenn and Andrea are working to finish the **EI Procedure Manual** and are collaborating with Stephanie Martin, Executive Secretary, to provide a **Parent Newsletter** to families by the end of the month.

Four Oaks direct staff are **continuing to provide virtual visits to all of our EI families until further notice.** A few families requested to place services on hold until in person visits could resume. Therefore, our staff, as well as the EI Service Coordinators, have worked to touch base with those families and have almost completed reaching all of them. DODD has provided Early Intervention with some guidance for providing in-person services, but services in our county will remain virtual at this time.

Special Events, Activities, Meetings, and Trainings:

We are continuing to hold our 3 virtual **PSP Regional Team Meetings weekly facilitated by Stephanie Martin, Executive Secretary.** They continue to run

extremely well as we are adding more Community Partners. Greene County Public Health is hosting these using GoToMeeting Meetings include:

- Greene County EI Service Coordinator's and their Manager
- Greene County Public Health Nurse working with the Children with Medical Handicaps Program
- Deaf Community Resource Center
- Ohio State School for the Blind
- Child Focus, Inc. ECMH Consultant's

"Story Time with Beth" targeting Early Childhood family's birth to age five is continuing with a steady following. Beth Brennaman, one of our DS's and also a PLAY Project Consultant, is continuing to offer these sessions weekly on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 for 30 minutes with ALL HANDS IN sponsoring this special session for families in Early Childhood. We are looking to find ways to expand the invitation list to encourage more involvement from our 3-5 age group.

Mary Ann and Jenn Frey continued to coordinate two **Staff Sharing Sessions** weekly through August. We share professional as well as personal stories, challenges, and successes. Staff continue to share any tips they have learned along with strategies to help their peers with any obstacles they may be experiencing. After a short break from these sessions during leadership transition, we have coordinated sessions to continue weekly starting Wednesday, August 19th.

Mary Ann's Retirement Parade was held on Wednesday, July 29th. We had a wonderful turnout and her close family members were able to join her outside as staff and other professional cohorts and friends drove by and wished her the best in her retirement. We appreciate her years of service and the passion she had for our staff and the families of Greene County. She will be missed!

Please see attached flyer and pictures

Staff Training on Wednesday, August 12th: Medical Child Abuse (Aka Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy). We were very grateful for this training presented by Dr. Kelly Liker, MD, Division Chief. This was a virtual training via

Zoom platform. We reviewed history, terminology, familiarized with how maltreatment presents and how diagnosis is made, learned important features of a thorough investigation, discussed characteristics of perpetrators and victims, discussed outcomes, and case examples. Four Oaks hosted this joint staff training and included our own staff, Greene County Public Health's EI Service Coordinators, EI Program Manager, Children with Medical Handicaps Nurses, HMG Home Visitors, and ESC Mental Health Consultants.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH MARY ANN'S SURPRISE RETIREMENT PARADE!

Please join us for a car parade past Four Oaks

Greene County Sherriff's Department will lead our parade. Please meet us at Kil-kare entrance (1166 Dayton-Xenia Rd.) to stage the parade at 10:45am. At 11am, he will lead us past Four Oaks entrance to wish Mary Ann a wonderful retirement!

You are welcome to give her cards, and gifts are voluntary individually or in groups. Please email Eileen Hitzeman at Ehitzeman@greenedd.org with any well wishes, pictures, and memories to add to the memory book she is creating. Please get them to her by Friday, July 17th. ❤️

Shhhh... It's a Surprise!

**July 29th @
10:45am**

**Mary Ann would
love to see
everyone in person
before her last day!**

This is a Surprise!!!

**It would be fun if
anyone would like
to decorate their
car or make a sign
to stick in their
window.
Passenger side
would be showing
to her as you pass
by.**





FOUR OAKS
ENTRANCE

celebrate

Happy
Relevant!

Service and Support Administration Division

Board Report—August 2020 Board meeting

Intake/County Board Eligibility: During the months of June and July our Eligibility Department completed:

- Three eligibility determinations for individuals between the ages of 3-5
- Three eligibility determinations for individuals between the ages of 6-15 (COEDI)
- Nine eligibility determination for individuals over the age of 16 (OEDI)

The 3 to 5 age group eligible individuals all requested family support services and summer camp funds; the Eligibility Coordinator also linked the families with our GCBDD network for Story Time with Beth via zoom. One individual in this group also requested to continue with PLAY project services. Two individuals in the 6-15 year old age group requested family support services; one individual requested respite options. Six individuals in the over age 16 group requested vocational/employment options; three also requested information on preparing for independent living.

Our Eligibility Coordinator for the school age transition group completed a virtual presentation for ABA services program Key Behavior. Carrie presented information on the eligibility process, services we offer, questions about the Waiting List assessments as well as waivers. She spoke with about 12 people with Key Behavior and answered questions about developmental disabilities services in Greene County.

Vanessa handles the majority of our information and referral calls. Requests range from information about Board services to requests for assistance to resolve educational issues, assistance with financial/housing problems, help with accessing mental health services, resources for behavior supports, etc... We also receive many request to assist individuals with moving to Greene County from out of county or state. All of our eligibility coordinators research options and offer resources/suggestions to address the caller's concern.

Employment Navigation News: Employment Navigators continue to collaborate with vocational providers, OOD and individual's teams to coordinate employment services to help individuals explore their vocational interests and find new employment. One major area of focus involved the Greene Inc. phase out of laundry and document destruction services. The phase out, which occurred on July 1, 2020, impacted thirty-two individuals. Currently, four people that transitioned out of Greene, Inc. laundry and document services located jobs within the community. Employment sites and jobs include: Lowe's, Goodwill, Home Goods, and janitorial work as an employee of Greene Inc.

Employment Navigators along with the rest of the SSA team are working to coordinate services for individuals interested in Greene, Inc.'s new pre-vocational training programming (BEST). This is one option designed to provide employment skills development for individuals impacted by the phase out.

Two other individuals (not associated with the Greene Inc. phase out) also located jobs in retail and food service during the months of June and July. We are continuing to support individuals, their providers and teams of those individuals who have remained employed during the pandemic. We are

also continuing to follow up with those laid off to see if they want to explore other employment options and service at this time.

There were seven new referrals to OOD during the month of June and one during July .

SSA News: Within the SSA division, we implemented a monthly summary to provide a snapshot of the situations and service needs that SSA spent significant time addressing. Understandably the same service needs appear multiple times as several SSAs may be assisting individuals with a similar need.

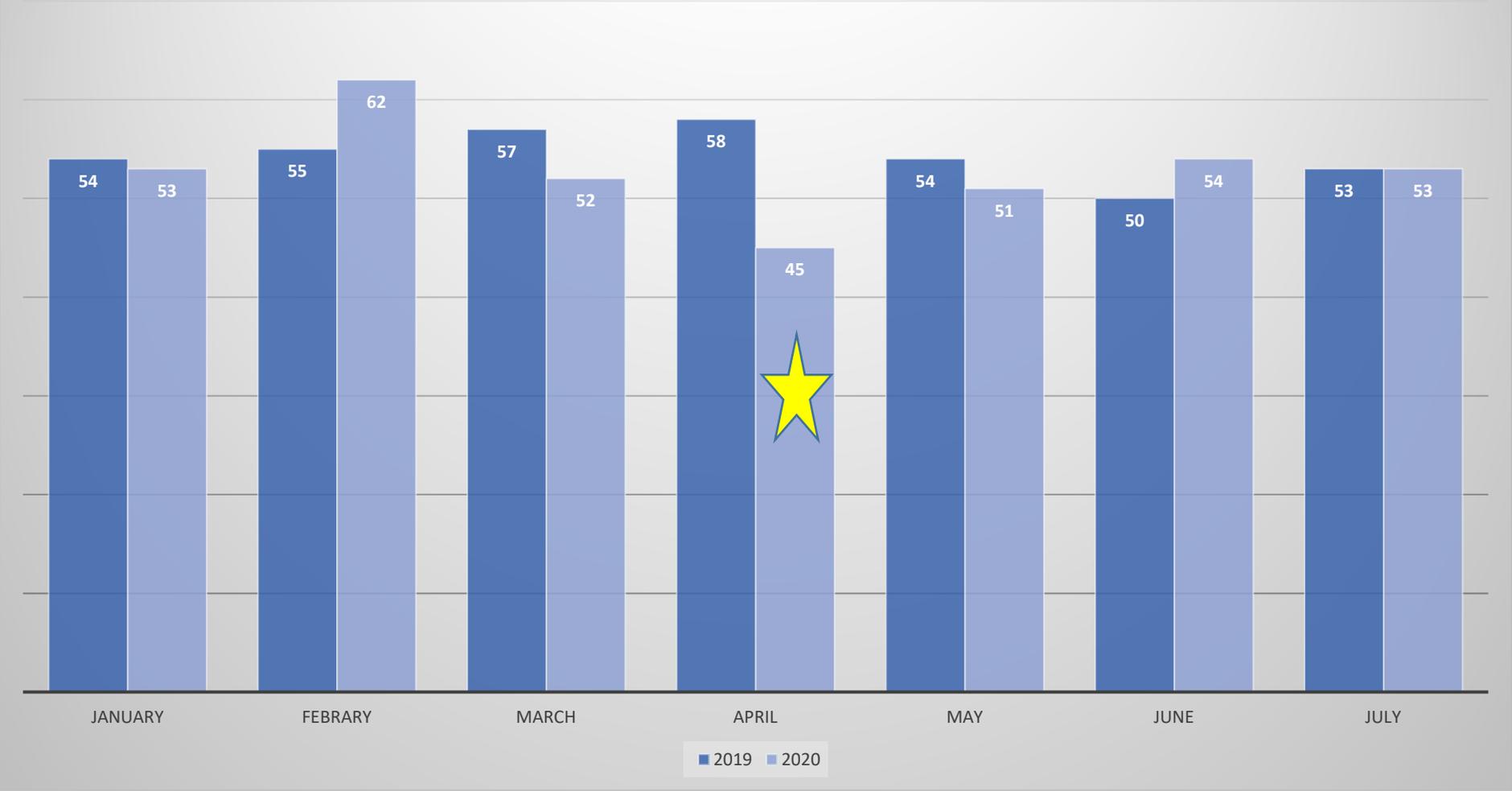
Here are some of the highlights of June and July:

- Provider search to replace a provider that gave notice on a 24 hour site
- Assisting an individual with getting remote monitoring services in place
- Service planning for individuals returning to adult day services—including risk/benefits discussion and development of new outcomes/action steps
- Working with families on participant directed goods and services requests
- Coordinating services for individuals upon discharge from hospitalizations
- Service planning for an individual being released from jail
- Assisting with obtaining an intermediate care facility placement for an individual
- Processing referrals to OOD; assisting individuals with employment concerns
- Coordinating supports for individuals who have received exit waivers (state funded waivers to leave an intermediate care facility and live in a community setting)
- Assisting individuals/families with adaptive equipment needs and/or vehicle modifications
- Monitoring supports for individuals returning to adult day services
- Problem solving issues/communication between family and new provider
- Coordinating services between and among multiple community agencies working with an individual/family
- Follow-up monitoring with provider re: unusual incidents and/or major unusual incidents
- Provider interviews for individuals in need of increased services

Our June productivity was 54 %. Productivity for July was 53%. Please see the included January through July graph of productivity as well as a graph comparing January through July 2019 to January through July 2020. Overall, the Service and Support administrators have been consistent with productivity.

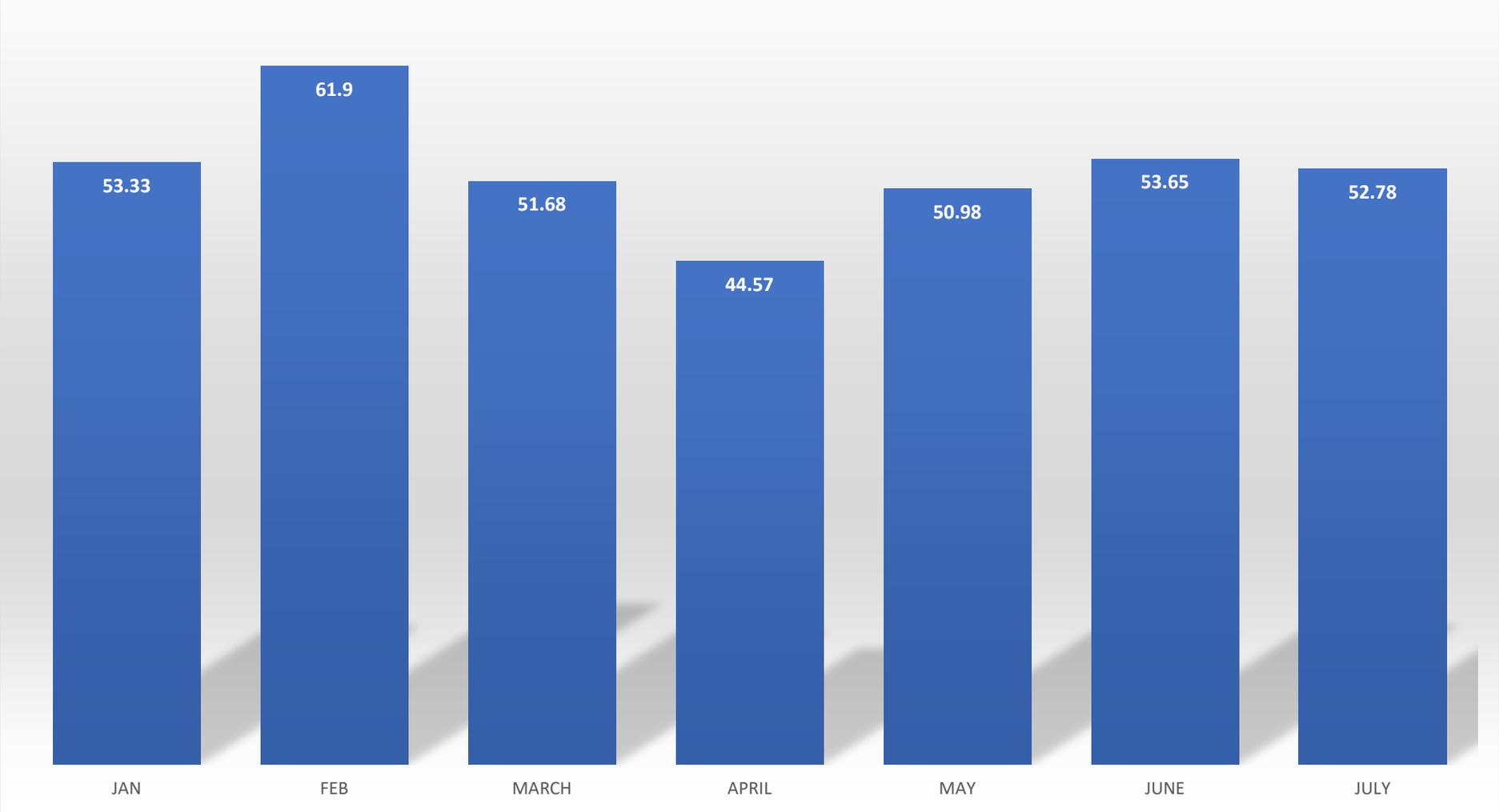
We have 16 SSAs providing service and support administration services for 492 individuals. Average caseload size is 32 (exclusive of the EN caseloads of 19 and 22 respectively). We assigned four new SSA cases during the months of June and July 2020.

Semi-Annual Productivity Comparison 2019-2020



 First full month of working from home

PRODUCTIVITY 2020



**For the past 7 months, productivity is averaging 53%

**April was the first full month of working from home due to the pandemic

August 1, 2020

To: John LaRock

From: Joe Nava

GCBDD General Fund –Financial Statements as of July 31, 2020

Attached are the financial statements for the GCBDD for July 31, 2020. The statements are from the Greene County Auditor's office VIP accounting system and reflect the annual appropriation, actual receipts, expenses and cash balances shown on a cash basis of accounting.

As of July 31, 2020 the financial statements show:

The GCBDD began 2020 with a cash balance in the Developmental Disabilities Fund of \$19,607,780 and ended the month with an unexpended cash balance of \$20,050,977. In addition, there is a balance of \$2,000,000 in the Budget Stabilization Fund and \$372,463 in the Medicaid Reserve Fund.

Year to date as of July 31, 2020 revenue collected of \$8,235,550 was 56% of the Board's anticipated revenue for the year. The Board received federal dollars in the amount of \$130,228 in July. The Board should receive the second installment of local tax dollars in August.

YTD expense as of July 31, 2020 of \$7,792,354 was 46% of anticipated expense for the year. In July the largest expense was payroll and quarterly waiver match.

In 2020 money was encumbered at the beginning of the year for utilities, rental of facilities, and outside services for provider support and waiver match. Although this money has not been spent it has been put aside for future expenses.

PERSONNEL REVIEW

Updates on staffing levels, personnel issues, and changes in state and federal labor laws and court rulings which may affect Greene County DD

Current Full Time Equivalent Staffing as of July 31, 2020

Division	Full Time	PT Regular (.5 Equiv)	Full & PT Temps	Total FTEs	Note
Central Office	1			1	John LaRock, Superintendent
Finance & Admin	14	1		14.5	1 employee at 20 hrs per wk.
Community Services	15			15	
Early Childhood Programs	22	1		22.5	1 employee at 25 hrs or less. 5 employees at 32 hrs (qualify for benefits).
Service & Support Admin	22			22	
Community Relations	1			1	
Totals	75	1	0	76	

CS= Community Services • ECP=Early Childhood Programs • FA=Finance & Admin • SSA=Service & Support Admin

New Hire (0.0 FTE)

Transfers

Terminations/Resignations/Retirement (1.0 FTE)

- Mary Ann Campbell, ECP, Director - Retired

Change of Status (0.0 FTE)

Open Positions (3.5 FTE)

- Service & Support Administrator (future)
- Speech Language Pathologist-32 hours (on hold)
- Physical Therapist-29 hrs (on hold)

**NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED ON WAIVERS AND
LOCALLY FUNDED SERVICES**

2020

FUNDING	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE
I.O. Waiver	251	252	253	253	251	251
Level One Waiver	87	86	87	88	88	88
SELF	45	45	45	45	45	45
Locally Funded	48	47	49	49	48	42
TOTAL	431	430	434	435	432	426

FUNDING	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
I.O. Waiver	250					
Level One Waiver	87					
SELF	45					
Locally Funded	71					
TOTAL	453	0	0	0	0	0

2020 Monthly Medicaid Revenue Summary

	TCM	MAC	TITLE XX
January	\$ 75,482.19		
February	\$ 51,439.06	\$ 166,368.33	\$ 10,243.00
March	\$ 48,721.95		
April	\$ 52,683.97	\$ 143,471.57	
May	\$ 40,347.25		\$ 29,431.00
June			
July	\$ 130,227.87		
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
TOTALS	\$ 398,902.29	\$ 309,839.90	\$ 39,674.00

*TCM-Monthly Billing

*MAC-Quarterly Billing

*Title XX- Quarterly Billing

Superintendent's Report -----August 24, 2020

- **COVID Updates**
 - A. Remote work. I have extended our remote work model through December 31, 2020.
 - B. Early childhood in person visits. The State issued guidance for in person visits, although they continue to recommend that EI services be provided virtually when this is possible since it remains the safest way to provide EI Services. We will continue to utilize virtual visits through December 31.
 - C. Statewide numbers. It is my understanding that 25 Boards have reported 325 positive cases and 23 deaths due to the virus. (consumers not staff)
- **OACB** is cancelling the winter conference and is moving forward on plans to hold some virtual training / tracks in November / December.
- **DSP wage increase;** The 2nd DSP wage increase is still on track to go into effect 1/1/21. County Boards will be picking up the cost with some of the eFMAP monies received. This will raise the rate of DSP reimbursement from \$12.82 to \$13.23. Boards have agreed to fund this as the State does not have funds available due to budget cuts related to COVID-19.
- **One-time payment to providers of Shared Living, Home Maker Personal Care and On Call On Site services for COVID expenses.** The Department of DD requested County Boards to participate financially in a plan to make a one-time distribution to providers for COVID relief of \$74 million dollars. This would be generated in the following manner: \$22,325,800.00 from Ohio needed which Federal Government matches at 69.83% to reach the \$74 million. State contributes \$18 million and County Boards contribute \$4,325,800 to make Ohio's \$22 million contribution. Local county share of the \$4.3 million determined by the percent of billing by county. Greene Counties cost is projected at \$29,452. (state wide summary follows report)
A concern in doing this is eventually the Federal Government will eliminate the 6.2% enhanced eFMAP payment.

Waiting List Update

Based on the feedback of people with developmental disabilities, their families and stakeholders an updated version of the Waiting List Rule was adopted and put in effect as of September 1, 2018. This new rule requires County Boards of DD to complete an Assessment on all individuals within their county who had previously requested their names be added on the local County's Waiver Waiting List. A person's current need or immediate need will be determined based on the results of the Assessment Tool.

- Number of individuals on the wait list: On 9/1/2018, Greene County had 699 names on the waiting list when the transition began. We currently have 53 individuals remaining on that transitional waiting list. Many of these individuals no longer reside in Greene county, were not determined to have a qualifying disability, or we do not have current contact information to get in touch with them. We are in the process of working through the DODD required notification attempts.
- Their service needs: Service needs can be determined in two ways. An Immediate need means a person is in a situation that creates a risk of substantial harm to themselves, their caregiver, or another person if action is not taken within 30 calendar days to mitigate the risk. A current need means a person has a qualified unmet need within twelve months.
- Projected cost: For the purposes of Budgeting for Waivers, an average cost per Waiver type is used. I.O-\$68,078 Level One-\$18,733 SELF-\$19,046
- Number of individuals to be provided HCBS: Currently GCBDD has 382 individuals supported by Waiver Services (250-I.O, 87-Level One, 45-SELF). GCBDD projects 10 new Waiver enrollments for both calendar year 2020 and 2021.

The next regular GCBDD Board meeting is scheduled for September 28th, at noon, most likely as an inperson - virtual zoom in meeting – updates will be forthcoming.

Note: All reports above, are merely a summary of the board meeting and reports submitted.