

Logan County Board Developmental Disabilities  
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Celebrating DD Awareness Month, “Together, the future is brighter”

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities met in regular session March 17, 2011.

The board discussed DD awareness month which is an annual statewide public education campaign that focuses on people with developmental disabilities. Activities planned include an appreciation breakfast honoring the business clients of RTC, Industries and the local businesses that employ persons with developmental disabilities.

In personnel matters, the board reviewed and adopted policy changes in the areas of general hiring and employment, evaluation of applicant/background investigation, training and break time for nursing mothers in order to address changes in administrative rule. The policy changes take effect March 31, 2011. The board also has posted an opening for a vacant custodial position.

In financial concerns the board discussed the ramifications State budget cuts on Logan County DD programs offered. The board is developing contingency plans for potential revenue losses but emphasized the lack of concrete details at this time. The state budget will be finalized by June 30, 2011.

The board discussed the annual geranium sale. The sales begin Monday, March 18 through April 18<sup>th</sup>. Orders are being taken by telephone at 592-2009 (Discovery Center), by faxing an order form which will appear in the, the *Messenger* newsletter the first part of April, or by going to our website and obtaining the order form. The fax number is 937-592-3098 or mail form to: LCBDD Geranium Sale, c/o Connie Hall, PO Box 710, Bellefontaine, O. 43311. The geraniums are \$15, the same as the last few years, for a basket of 6 geraniums, and they come in the same colors, pink, red, salmon, fuchsia or white.

Board member, Angelia Parsons advised the board of the date for the 2011 Logan County Student Art Auction and Awards Dinner, which is April 15 at 6:00 PM. The event will be held at the Bellefontaine First Church of God on Brown Street. The cost for dinner is \$10; tickets may be purchased by calling the Discovery Center at 592-2009. Proceeds from the auction benefit Families Touched by Autism and proceeds from the dinner benefit the Summer Academy. This year there will be boxed greeting cards for sale with the artwork from the pieces auctioned off that evening. Summer Academy will benefit from the sale of those cards. The Summer Academy services students 5 through 14 living in the Logan County area and is housed in the Western Intermediate School in Bellefontaine. It is funded by private monies and all students attend without cost to their families thanks to the generous support of the community. The Summer Academy provides structure and routine in the summer months, making going back to school in the fall much less challenging for the students.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 21, 2011 at 5:30 in the board office conference room.

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