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Administration News

1. Transitions DD Waiver; OHT Update

Transitions Developmental Disabilities Waiver

Earlier this month, DODD Director John Martin provided updated information to stakeholders on the status of the Transitions Developmental Disabilities (TDD) waiver, including an overview of proposed changes to the administration process. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) was given the authority, in July 2011, to transfer the administration of the TDD waiver to DODD, and both departments have worked closely together to assure a smooth transition and continuity of care for individuals enrolled on the waiver. As a result of this concerted effort, a decision was made to move forward and transfer operation of the waiver to DODD on January 1, 2013. Some changes will be made to the waiver to reflect the administrative processes used by DODD, and assure that the transition is efficient and cost-effective. Many aspects of the waiver will remain the same, and an overview of proposed changes is provided online at [this location](#).*

OHT Update

The Office of Health Transformation (OHT) announced early this week that Ohio Medicaid has made a final tentative selection of Integrated Care Delivery System (ICDS) health plans, and the ICDS participants have selected the geographic regions in which they will operate, based on previously-released scoring results and established protocols.

The goal of the ICDS demonstration project is to create a fully integrated care system that comprehensively manages the spectrum of Medicare and Medicaid benefits for dually-eligible (Medicare, Medicaid) enrollees.

People who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid are among the most vulnerable populations, often with multiple chronic conditions and complex health care needs, including Long Term Services and Supports, OHT representatives have said. The three-year pilot demonstration project is meant to help identify and incentivize innovative techniques for improving care for people who currently face the challenge of navigating two separate program funding sources – Medicare and Medicaid -- often resulting in uncoordinated and costly care. More information and a timeline on this subject is online at the [OHT Website](#).



Employment

2. Wood County Leads the Way in Employment Efforts

"How you've done such a nice job of integrating folks with disabilities into all segments of community life is really something to be admired. It allows the community to benefit from the wonderful gifts and abilities that folks with disabilities have."

Always looking for ways to share good information and ideas, DODD Director John Martin asked Wood County leaders last week for their thoughts on successful community employment for individuals with developmental disabilities that could be shared and implemented elsewhere. Director Martin noted that an analysis of recent employment data has shown that Wood County is the most successful of Ohio's 88 counties in terms of people with disabilities working in the community. He added that he would take the shared information and ideas to other counties that have not yet gotten on-board with strong employment programs and help to develop some consistent best practices.

At a community employment roundtable discussion, local leaders stated that Wood County has a long-standing commitment to employing people with developmental disabilities, dating back to 1985. The county is Number One in the state in that employment category, with 40% of enrolled adults employed in the community.

There are approximately 100 businesses that are a part of the local employment network.

Also participating in the local leadership roundtable discussion, Ben Hollinger, DODD Assistant Deputy Director, Division of Policy and Strategic Direction, commented that statewide, County Boards of DD report an average of 15% of enrolled adults are employed in the community, as compared to Wood County's 40%. While 130 individuals work at the County Board's Wood Lane Industries, 225 work in the community for minimum wage or more. Roundtable participant and County Commissioner Tim Brown, explained,

"It's just become second nature to see these folks in the work force. The word is out that this is a viable component of the work force."

During the discussion, Wood Lane Director of Adult Services Jay Salvage observed that success in employing adults with DD may be attributed to the community and its leaders recognizing the far-reaching economic and social value in increasing community employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. He added that they are committed to expanding educational and other opportunities that can enhance individuals' self-determination, noting, "Any county that wants to move forward with the *Employment First* initiative really has to embrace these values first."

See more online at: [Ohio's new Employment First initiative](#)

Speaking of Wood Lane, on August 25 the organization celebrated 50 years ...



David Schult, deemed the longest-serving, and probably most personable Wood Lane employee. David (left) and WCBDD Adult Services Director Jay Salvage, exchange good humor at the Wood Lane 50-year anniversary awards event. Salvage noted,

"We live in an interesting, exciting time regarding employment for people with disabilities. As we move forward, though, we sure don't want to forget the people and the work that brought us to this point and make this future possible."

Salvage continued, "Ohio has joined other states in the country, through the *Employment First* initiative, in renewing its commitment to creating employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The basic goal of *Employment First* is to provide a meaningful job in the community for anyone who wants one. *Anyone*. There is a lot of excitement and buzz around this initiative. It generates hope. There is a real possibility that we will increase the number of real jobs in the community for people who have developmental disabilities. If that doesn't excite us, what does?"*



Photo Courtesy, THE BLADE/JETTA FRASER

On-the-Job in Wood County

DODD's Ben Hollinger (left) and John Martin (foreground), shown with Tiffany Shaner of Heritage Corner Health Care, while touring the facility's campus last week.

Challenges Yet to be Met

While Wood County outranks other counties in employing adults with developmental disabilities, there still are challenges such as incentives for businesses, more job development via business networking, and more transportation options for the many individuals that do not drive. Always looking for ways to solve problems and improve the state's environment for community employment, Director Martin expressed his thanks to all Wood County roundtable participants and will continue to consider ways to meet these challenges.

**From opening remarks at the celebration of the 50 year anniversary of the "Wood County Sheltered Workshop Association" that became a non-profit organization on August 31, 1962.*

*Acknowledgements: County top in jobs for those with disabilities, Bowling Green Sentinel Tribune, 8/17/2012 and www.toledoblade.com/local/2012/08/24/Wood-County-s-jobs-record-for-disabled-touted.html
More about WCBDD at <http://www.woodlane.us/>*



Governor Kasich to Address RSC DisAbility Jobs Summit September 17-18

From the RSC Weekly Focus, Aug. 24, 2012

“There is no better gauge of a leader's priorities than an examination of how they spend their time. So the news that Governor John Kasich will bring his exciting job creation agenda to the Ohio *DisAbility Jobs Summit* is more evidence that the mission to ensure that individuals with disabilities can achieve quality employment, independence, and disability determination outcomes is shared by the top level of Ohio government.”

The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) *DisAbility Jobs Summit: Connecting & Building Partnerships*, is set for September 17-18, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St. in Columbus. The *Summit* is designed to benefit employers, professionals in the developmental disabilities field, vocational rehabilitation counselors, mental health professionals, educators, and individuals with disabilities and their families. The event is focused on actionable information that can help Ohioans with disabilities find or keep employment. Contact Chris Glover at Chris.Glover@rsc.ohio.gov; call (614) 438-1430.

Register online using the following link:

http://www.garrisonevents.com/disability_jobs_summit.php



Not A Single Drop

3. September to Spotlight FASD Awareness and Prevention

Recognizing the lifelong, detrimental effects caused by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and the high costs associated with the effects of FASD, Governor John Kasich has declared September 2012 *FASD Prevention and Awareness Month* in Ohio. FASD is an ‘umbrella term’ describing the range of physical, behavioral, and mental effects that can result from prenatal exposure to alcohol. It is estimated that spending related to the care of persons with FASD can cost the state more than \$300 million every year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly advises that no amount of alcohol consumption by a pregnant woman is safe ... and urges that women who are pregnant, think they

may be pregnant, or who are planning to become pregnant, should abstain from drinking alcohol in any amount.



Why is alcohol consumption during pregnancy so risky? According to Susan M. Smith, Ph.D., in an article titled, “*Alcohol-Induced Cell Death in the Embryo*” the face, heart and urogenital tract (the connected organs that work together) appear to be particularly sensitive to alcohol-induced malformations. The development occurs during those early weeks before most women know they are pregnant. Smith writes, “For example, alcohol is most likely to cause heart defects during the time when cellular signals are directing the heart's division into its various chambers and great vessels, starting at four weeks after fertilization.”

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder is a life-long disorder that causes physical and/or behavior and learning issues. FASD is the only form of mental retardation that can be prevented 100% simply by not consuming any alcohol during pregnancy.

Within the spectrum of FASD, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) itself is a medical diagnosis for a specific pattern of characteristics resulting from the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure. These characteristics include: growth retardation (being small for age); microcephaly (smaller than average head); short palpebral fissures (small eye slits); smooth philtrum (vertical groove between the upper lip and nose); a thin upper lip; central nervous system (brain and spinal cord) damage causing behavioral and cognitive (thinking and learning) problems.

The Los Angeles Times reported earlier this year that, “...Scientists have drawn up a chronology of when the damage occurs. In a recent [study](#), researchers collected confidential data on drinking patterns -- the timing, frequency and quantity -- from 992 California women during their pregnancies. Later, their babies were examined for signs of alcohol exposure. For every one-drink increase in the ‘average number of drinks consumed daily’ there were increases ranging from 12% to 25% in the risk of physical abnormalities related to FAS.*

In Ohio, the [FASD Steering Committee](#) has been actively involved in information and advocacy efforts, including this upcoming event:

Ohio Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Steering Committee Event

September 7, “Not a Single Drop” Day

The Ohio Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Steering Committee invites families, professionals, and interested members of the community to attend the *Not a Single Drop Day*:

September 7, 2012

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) Gymnasium

470 Glenmont Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43214

Learn about the reality of FASD from the families it affects; Receive valuable information about advocacy and prevention; Learn about respite services from professionals who work with individuals affected by FASD. For more information, contact Statewide FASD Coordinator, Melinda Norman, at melinda.norman@ada.ohio.gov; phone (614) 644-8318.

*Acknowledgments: *Los Angeles Times*, [article](#); *Salem News*, 8/19/2012, [If pregnant, do not drink alcohol](#)

Learn more about FASDs at [CDC information](#); www.ocali.org; and at [Not a Single Drop](#)



[Spotlight on Direct Support Professionals](#)

4. Direct Support Professionals Empower Others Every Day

The week of September 9, 2012, is National Direct Support Professionals Week Sponsored by the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), and recognizing the important contributions that Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) make in every community, every day, *National Direct Support Professionals Week* begins on Sunday, September 9 -- Remember, DSP's work 24/7! The designation provides an opportunity to spotlight the role Direct Support Professionals play in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities of all ages -- as well as the challenges faced in recruiting and retaining a quality, competitively paid workforce.

ANCOR notes that this is an annual, unified opportunity for organizations and communities around the nation to honor the direct support workforce, and make plans to host local DSP Recognition Week celebrations. Ohio is definitely on-task!

It's an organized way for people who depend upon and appreciate the work of DSPs to share with their communities the importance of the 'lifeline of services' provided by Direct Support Professionals.



In Ohio, Direct Support Professionals Prepare to Blaze Trails on September 12

Governor John Kasich will recognize the month with a Proclamation spotlighting the vital role of Direct Support Professionals in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages. And, around the state there will be many events illustrating the positive impact of DSPs within Ohio's developmental disabilities community.

One such event, the third annual Ohio Direct Support Professionals recognition day, is coordinated by the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) and slated for September 12, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Xenos complex, 1340 Community Park Dr., in Columbus. The theme has a 'western' flavor this year, "*Blazing Trails, Leading the Way, Enhancing Lives Every Day.*" Keynote speaker is New Yorker, John Raffaele, who emphasizes the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) *Code of Ethics* in his presentations.

The event is free for DSPs and will reinforce that today's most successful Direct Support Professionals will foster *partnerships with individuals who have developmental disabilities to help them reach their goals.*

DODD Director John Martin; Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) President Mark Davis; and Ohio DD Council Policy Analyst Fatica Ayers will be featured presenters, and Direct Support Professionals will share skits focusing on ethics and competencies. Returning master of ceremonies Scott Osterfeld will welcome an estimated 500 attendees to the Xenos Complex, according to Lisa Barnes, OADSP Board Member and Chairperson. She notes that funding for the event consists entirely of donations by agencies and County Boards, and that donations are welcomed. Contact her at LisaB4DSPs@yahoo.com or (866) 862-2322, ext. 102.

Click here to register for the event.
HURRY! August 31 is the last day to register!
Photos from last year's event at: [2011 photos](#)
Even more information at www.ohiopath.org

Ohio Providers Honor DSPs

Tom Rickels, CEO of [Midwest Innovations](#), a service provider with locations in Stark, Wayne, Knox, and Licking counties, has shared an amazing photo from a recent outing that illustrates a moment when a simple trip planned by direct support staff made life more interesting for everyone involved!



Photo courtesy, Michele Lane, Midwest Innovations

At the Butterfly House at Beech Creek Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve in Alliance, Ohio, their mission is, "To educate and inspire people about horticulture and the environment; to conserve and preserve land and plants; and to develop and maintain a botanical garden and nature preserve for public use." Midwest Innovations' staff member Michele Lane took this great photo of Lou, getting a surprise visit from a lovely Monarch butterfly. The photo begs to be titled, "Enjoy life's surprises!"

Serving a total of approximately 200 individuals in the four-county area, Midwest has at least one participant who not only gets the occasional 'butterflies in the stomach,' but on his forehead, too! Thanks to DSP's at Midwest and around the state for planning trips like this that educate and delight.

And, at [REM Ohio](#) many outstanding employees are honored during National Direct Support Professionals Week. Serving more than 1000 individuals at locations across the state, REM staff recognize that for many people with developmental disabilities, the ability to live fulfilling lives is dependent upon the support they receive from DSPs in their home and work environments.

Carla Parker, REM Ohio Executive Director, describes it this way, "DSPs enable our most fragile citizens and their families to live healthy and productive lives as valuable and respected members of their communities. National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is but one way we all can demonstrate gratitude for what they unselfishly do for so many,"

More about DSP Week in Ohio in the next issue of [Pipeline](#), September 12.

Additional information at <http://www.ancor.org/>



Health & Safety

5. Risks and Precautions for Flu and ‘Swine Flu’

According to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), individuals with disabilities are an important high-risk group to reach regarding specific information about risks and precautionary measures to guard against the influenza virus (flu) and the current variant of flu, H3N2v, (‘swine flu’). Risks for individuals with developmental and other disabilities stem largely from various communication and/or mobility limitations.



While not all people with disabilities are at high risk for the flu, individuals with limited mobility, or who may come in contact with a sick caregiver, or who are unable to communicate symptoms, need to be more vigilant -- as do their caregivers.

- If you have a disability or care for someone who does, get the [flu vaccine](#) as soon as it is available in your area. It is your best protection against the flu.
- If you have [flu-like symptoms](#), contact your health care provider.

On the DODD website, a [Health & Safety Alert - Flu Prevention](#) encourages all individuals with DD and their caregivers to be vaccinated for the flu, noting, “The single best way to protect against the Flu is to get vaccinated each fall.”

ODH officials add that the H3N2 vaccine does not address the specific variant strain, H3N2v, that has cropped up this summer in Ohio, so updating immunizations is important.

As of August 24, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has reported a total of 98 confirmed cases of Influenza H3N2v. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention points out that the virus does not spread easily from person-to-person but limited human-to-human infection has occurred.

Additional information at: <http://www.flu.gov/at-risk/disabilities/index.html>



6. Just Around the Corner: National Emergency Preparedness Month

Information and events surrounding National Emergency Preparedness Month 2012 remind and encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies.

www.ready.gov

Last year was the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the nation’s east coast, and therefore 2011 carried with it an even stronger theme for preparedness in a total sense, beyond ‘natural’ disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and others. The [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#), in partnership with many state and local agencies, reminds and encourages *all Americans* to help prepare their families, businesses, and communities for emergencies of all kinds.

Of Special Interest to People with Disabilities

Click the link "Prepare For Emergencies Now: Information For People With Disabilities" for information including a brochure specific to people who have disabilities and other access/functional needs that could affect overall emergency preparedness. While *National Emergency Preparedness Month* is observed each September, FEMA's *Ready Campaign* promotes individual emergency preparedness throughout the year.

In September, *Pipeline* will take a look at preparedness efforts and other safety-related events and activities around the state.

The Ready Campaign websites at www.ready.gov and www.listo.gov and toll-free numbers at 1-800-BEREADY and 1-888-SE-LISTO provide free emergency preparedness information



School is Back in Session!

Please Drive Carefully in School Zones, and watch out for little ones like this young lady ...

Thanks to DODD Family Advocate Peggy Martin, for sharing this poster!



PostScripts

Pipeline PostScripts are organized by month, unless the item is a general announcement that is not dependent upon a date.

Statewide Early Voting Hours Prior to the November 6 General Election

Secretary of State Jon Husted issued a directive earlier this month to County Boards of Election, directing them to adhere to one standard schedule for early in-person voting, across the state. Under the directive, County Boards of Election will remain open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the first three weeks of the early voting period, and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. during the final two weeks. No counties will offer weekend hours. In making the announcement, Mr. Husted noted, "All Ohio voters will have the same amount of time – 23 days or 225 hours – to vote in person prior to Election Day." Early voting begins October 2 and ends November 2. For more information, including specific times and dates, see: [Directive regarding standard statewide early voting hours](#).

Annual Mental Illness and Disabilities Conference, September 18-19

The annual conference, "*Mental Health Aspects, Treatment, & Support*," will be September 18– 19 at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus. The 10th anniversary of a training partnership between DODD and the Department of Mental Health, the conference is jointly sponsored by the two departments, the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD, an association for persons with developmental disabilities

and mental health needs), and Northeast Ohio Medical University -- in association with the Ohio Coordinating Center of Excellence in MI/DD, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, and The Ohio State University Nisonger Center. The annual conference is dedicated to providing quality training to assist people with co-occurring developmental disabilities and mental illnesses live better lives, and this year's program will include a reflection on the past decade and insights to the future. Click below for registration information:

Ohio State 10th Annual MI/DD Conference

[Click above for registration information](#)

🌀 Benefits Planning for Families of Adults with Disabilities, Seminar

Families & Friends Network of Goodwill Columbus is sponsoring a seminar for family members of individuals with developmental disabilities, titled, "Benefits Planning for Families of Adults with Disabilities," Tuesday, September 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Goodwill Columbus, 1331 Edgehill Road, in Columbus. Sessions will include:

- *Medicaid Mandate – What it Means to You:* David Zwyer, JD will discuss new requirements, in addition to waivers, Social Security and the compliance process including special needs trusts.
- *Maintaining Health Benefits Into Adulthood:* Margaret Tabit will discuss federal, county and private health coverage options including current and anticipated changes beginning in 2014.

The seminar is free. Registration is encouraged. Margaret Tabit; 614-583-0567; mtabit@columbus.rr.com

🌀 2012 National Forum on Disability Issues, September 28

The National Forum on Disability Issues is an historic nonpartisan event. The 2012 event, is both an in-person and streaming-online event on September 28, 2012, is building on the success of the first-ever forum organized by the national disability community in 2008. This year's forum will focus on the disability positions of the 2012 Presidential candidates. Candidates for the U.S. Senate seat from Ohio also will be invited to participate. Candidates will be given an opportunity to provide their positions directly to the disability community on a wide variety of disability issues. The Forum is FREE, but registration is required. For more information contact Sue Hetrick, (866) 575-8055; shetrick@abilitycenter.org

The Forum is both an in-person opportunity and an online opportunity. Go to www.nfdi.org to:

- Register to attend the event in Columbus
- View the live webcast

🌀 MARK YOUR CALENDAR! RSC DisAbility Jobs Summit, September 17-18

The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) is hosting a *DisAbility Jobs Summit: Connecting & Building Partnerships*, September 17-18, at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 N. High St., Columbus. The Summit is designed to benefit employers, developmental disabilities professionals, vocational rehabilitation counselors, mental health professionals, educators, and individuals with disabilities and their families. Contact Chris Glover at Chris.Glover@rsc.ohio.gov; call (614) 438-1430.

The Ohio *DisAbility Jobs Summit* is highly focused on actionable information that can help Ohioans with disabilities find or keep employment at a time when the quest for work is the global issue of our times.

Register online using the following link:

http://www.garrisonevents.com/disability_jobs_summit.php

🌀 Ohio Legal Rights Service to Become 'Disability Rights Ohio'

Governor John Kasich has issued a public notice to re-designate the Ohio Protection and Advocacy System and the Client Assistance Program for people with disabilities. *This change will happen on October 1, 2012.* The agency's new name will be *Disability Rights Ohio* and will continue to provide client-directed advocacy to people with disabilities.

[Click here to read the Notice of Intent to Re-designate](#)

Send questions or comments about this subject to Ohio Legal Rights Service, 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1400, Columbus, OH 43215, by *August 31, 2012*. You also may offer comments at a Public Hearing:

Wednesday, September 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

Rhodes State Office Tower, First Floor Hearing Room

30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215

Click here to read the Notice of Public Hearing; <http://dodd.ohio.gov/newsroom/>

For additional information about the transition, visit their website at <http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/>

NEW INFO!! PAR & OSDA 'SYNERGY' Conference, October 3-5

The annual PAR & OSDA (Professionals, Advocates, Resources & Ohio Self Determination Association) Conference is scheduled for October 3-5 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 5100 Upper Metro Place, in Dublin. The conference theme will be 'Synergy.' For more information go to www.par-ohio.org, or www.ohiosda.org.

Seeking Award Nominations

PAR is seeking nominations for several award categories. Nominations are open to anyone, and they are *due by the close of the day September 7, 2012*. Awards will be presented at the PAR/OSDA conference. Nomination forms are at: www.par-ohio.org then go to the 'forms' tab, and look for *PAR Award Nominations* or *PAR Ohio Scholarship* applications.

Direct Service Workforce Applied Research Conference, October 4

The Government Resource Center and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, announce a conference, "*Developing Ohio's Long Term Care Direct Service Workforce*," October 4, at the OSU Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus. The conference may interest individuals involved in: Behavioral Health; Nursing Homes; Home Health; Developmental Disabilities Providers; Direct Service Workers; Researchers, and anyone interested in long term care and the future of Ohio's direct service workforce. Contact Courtney Downing, Wexner Medical Center, Courtney.Downing@osumc.edu.

Annual Ohio Adult Sibling ('SIBS') Conference Set for October 26-27

Featured speakers at the Twelfth Annual Ohio Adult Sibling (SIBS) conference, October 26-27, at the Columbus Airport Marriott will include Dr. Ann Kaiser, Scott Osterfeld, and Rob Snow. More information about the conference is now online at www.ohiosibs.com. Questions regarding the conference or Ohio SIBS may be directed to Linda Martens, at lmartens@ohiosibs.com.

See 'Sibling Stories'- Essays about siblings by people with disabilities, at <http://siblingstories.blogspot.com/>

SAVE THE DATE! Annual OCALI Conference, November 14-16

'OCALICON 2012' is scheduled for November 14-16, 2012 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. OCALICON is a national forum on autism, assistive technology, and low-incidence disabilities including visual impairments, hearing impairments, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Current research, trends, ideas, and solutions to improve the lives of individuals with autism and other disabilities will be shared. The event includes more than 150 sessions, a pre-conference workshop, a National Autism Leadership Summit and a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) Summit. More at: <http://conference.ocali.org>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! December 5-7, OACB Winter Conference

The Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) Serving Individuals with DD announces the dates for its Annual Winter Conference: December 5-7, 2012. The event will be held at the Hilton Hotel at Easton Town Center in Columbus. More information as the event draws closer. Contact: Kim Linkinhoker, OACB Associate Director, (614) 431-0616; klinkinhoker@oacbdd.org.

DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free: **1-866-313-6733**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

Pipeline Feedback ... from You to the State

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