

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

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(Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities)

"Serving citizens with developmental disabilities in Wyandot County since 1958."

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Celebrating March as MR/DD Awareness Month

Everyone
Belongs

"Everyone Belongs...I may have a developmental disability but I can vote,
I can volunteer, I can be a neighbor, I can work, and I can be a friend."

... is the theme for Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 2006.

Angeline School & Industries, as well as other organizations serving citizens with developmental disabilities, celebrates MR/DD Awareness Month in March each year. I invite you to consider the true meaning of this year's theme, "Everyone Belongs."

Across the nation, the state, and right here in Wyandot County, organizations devoted to serving individuals with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities (MR/DD) are planning special events in March to raise public awareness of the many abilities people have, regardless of disability. "Everyone Belongs" encourages people to bring diversity to their communities by welcoming (not just accepting) people with disabilities into local neighborhoods, workplaces, houses of worship, and schools.

"This is a time when our organization focuses on encouraging the public to better understand the individuals we serve," says Marsha Rump, Early Intervention Specialist and volunteer coordinator for this year's awareness activities. "During awareness month we ask local citizens to learn more about the over 170 people throughout Wyandot County who have developmental disabilities. For example, when you see a child who uses a wheelchair . . . try your best to see the child, not the disability. And when you see a man with mental retardation working at a local restaurant, try to see him as a person first and foremost . . . not just his disability."

Here are some of the MR/DD Awareness Events you can look forward to in March:

March 3 - Businesses/Employers Appreciation Breakfast, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Angeline School & Industries' Cafeteria

March 14 - Community Basketball Game vs. Angeline Indians, 6:30 p.m., Angeline's Gym

March 20 - Wyandot County ARC Potluck, 6:00 p.m., Angeline School Cafeteria

March 25 - Annual Angeline Consignment Auction, 10:00 a.m., Angeline School & Industries' Gym

March 31 - American Red Cross Blood Drive in partnership with Kalmbach Feeds and Wyandot County Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Angeline School & Industries' Gym

I think we can all agree that as communicators, sometimes the words we use can be hurtful, either intentionally or unintentionally. It's also why people who work hard to be responsible communicators are now choosing language which reflects the dignity of people with disabilities. When we think "People First" and then choose to use language that reflects this way of thinking, "a retarded woman" becomes "a woman who has mental retardation." A person who is "confined to a wheelchair" becomes "a person who uses a wheelchair." And a person without disabilities becomes "typical" rather than "normal."

Why do we worry so much about the way we speak? It's simple really. Angeline School & Industries truly believes that within our community "Everyone Belongs". It is my hope that you believe this too. As always, thank you for your continued support of the programs and services we provide to Wyandot County's citizens with developmental disabilities.

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Generosity Goes International - Cindi Wagner donated 54 of her video tapes to the English Resource Center at a school in Mukachevo, Ukraine, to be used by all city English teachers. The tapes were delivered in August by Lana Sakash and the SARA (Sharing America's Resources Abroad) mission group. Also pictured is a group of the students receiving these tapes.



Board Votes to Put Replacement Levy on May Ballot

At its January 19 meeting the Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities voted unanimously to request that the Wyandot County Commissioners place Angeline's 2.95 mill replacement levy on the May 2, 2006 ballot. After a thorough and careful review of the program's 5-year financial forecast, it was determined that replacing Angeline's existing levy would be necessary to continue current programs and services for the next 5 years to come. This levy will replace the 2.95 mill operating levy that was originally passed in 1996, and last passed in 2001. The issue returns to voters every 5 years.

In other business, the board elected Mr. John Vogel as its 2006 President. Mr. Vogel is the parent of an adult who receives services from the program and has previously held offices as the secretary, vice-president, and president during his 9 years of volunteer service to the board.

Mr. Gene Kirby was elected Vice-President while Mr. Greg Bishop will serve the board as its Secretary.

Further, the board recognized Carey resident and retired Carey school teacher Carl Dilts for his 12 years of service to the board. Mr. Dilts, who has a daughter in the program, served three full terms as a board member. His dedication and faithful service to the program has been very much appreciated.

The Year of the Healthy Child

(This is part of a series of articles from the US Surgeon General's office in celebration of The Year of the Healthy Child. This information sharing is provided as a service of the Wyandot County Early Intervention program, Marsha Rump, Early Intervention Specialist.)

Play Tips

Play is more than just fun for babies. It's how they learn! Babies need plenty of opportunity to play and explore.

Babies don't need fancy toys, just safe, interesting objects to explore. Look at the things around your home from your playful baby's point of view. Here are a few ideas:

- Plastic measuring cups that fit inside each other
- Plastic food containers
- An old telephone (first, cut off the cord)
- Boxes
- Empty plastic bottles
- Old shoes, purses or hats

Songs

"If You're Happy and You Know It"

If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands (clap, clap)
If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it,
Clap your hands! (clap, clap)

Other versus:

If you're mad. . .stamp your feet. (Stamp, stamp)
If you're sleepy. . .close your eyes. (Blink, blink)
If you're scared. . .get a hug. (Hug your baby)

Nursery Rhymes

"Hey Diddle, Diddle"

Hey diddle, diddle
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon;
The little dog laughed,
To see such fun,
And the dish ran away,
With the spoon.

Resources:

97 Ways to Make a Baby Laugh by Jack Moore, and photographs by Peggy Gentieu. Workman Publishing, 1997.

Baby Games: The Joyful Guide to Child's Play from Birth to Three Years by Elaine Martin. Running Press, 1988.

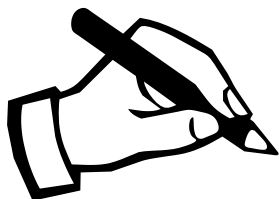
For more information on "The Year of the Healthy Child" visit www.surgeongeneral.gov

(Early Intervention is a comprehensive system of services and supports provided to infants and toddlers ages birth to two years to enhance the family's ability to meet the developmental needs of their child. If you suspect the presence of a disability, developmental delay or other risk factor affecting an infant/toddler that you care about, don't hesitate to contact Marsha Rump at 419-294-4901 or Help Me Grow of Wyandot County at 419-294-6408.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 16 WyCBMRDD Board Meeting, Angeline 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20 Presidents Day - *Angeline School & Industries Closed*
- Feb. 21 Parent Educational Meeting - "A Spotlight on the Family." Reservations required, FREE meal served at 5:45 with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Learning Center, 797 E Twp Rd 201, Tiffin. FREE childcare will be available. Contact Paula Frey at (419) 294-3445 for more information.
- Feb. 24 Staff In-Service Day - *Angeline School & Industries Closed*
- Mar. 3 Businesses/Industries Appreciation Breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. Angeline School Cafeteria
- Mar. 14 Angeline Indians vs. "Community All Stars" Basketball Game, 6:30 p.m. Angeline Gym
- Mar. 16 WyCBMRDD Board Mtg., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 20 Angeline Industries Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- Mar. 20 Wyandot County ARC Potluck, 6:00 p.m. Angeline School Cafeteria
- Mar. 21 Parent Education Meeting - "All About Reading." Reservations required, FREE meal served at 5:45 with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Learning Center, 797 Twp Rd 201, Tiffin. FREE childcare will be available. Contact Paula Frey at (419) 294-3445 for more information.
- Mar. 31 American Red Cross Blood Drive - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Angeline School Gym
- April 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences - *Angeline School Closed*
- April 14-17 Spring Break - *Angeline School & Industries Closed*
- April 20 WyCBMRDD Board Mtg., 7:30 p.m.
- April 21 Parent Education Meeting - "Taking the Sting Out of Behavior." Reservations required, FREE meal served at 5:45 with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Learning Center, 797 Twp Rd 201, Tiffin. FREE childcare will be available. Contact Paula Frey at (419) 294-3445 for more information.
- May 2 ELECTION DAY



Register to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in the May 2 Primary Election is Monday, April 3, 2006.

Notices of Delays and Closings

In the event of delays or closings, Angeline School & Industries will make every effort to have the announcement made by 6:30 a.m. on the following stations: WYNT 95.9 FM, WBCO 92.7 FM, WFIN 1330 AM, WKXA 100.5 FM, WXML 90.1 FM, WMRN 106.7 FM and WTOL Channel 11 Toledo. For a direct link to the WTOL News 11 delays and closings web page, visit www.angeline.com and click on the WTOL icon.

On days we experience inclement weather, typically fog or snow, families are asked to listen to the radio or watch TV for information rather than calling Angeline directly. Angeline staff are **EXTRA** busy on those days making phone calls, checking road and weather conditions, and/or clearing snow. Certainly in an emergency, please do not hesitate to call our Transportation Services office at (419) 294-4488.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation with delays and closings.

Is Your Gift Caring For Others Who Need It?

If so, consider becoming a provider of Family Support Services and make a difference in the lives of local families. For information about how to become a paid provider of family support contact Terri Long at (419) 294-4901 or long@angeline.com.

The Angeline Endowment Fund

Interested in making a gift that will continue to give to your community well into the future? Consider a gift to the Angeline Endowment Fund.

While gifts of cash or check are certainly the most common, the Angeline Endowment Fund can accept donations in nearly any form that one might consider such as stock, insurance, real estate and certain tangible personal property. And don't forget our Land & Sea vehicle donation/auction program.

The Angeline Endowment Fund is an operating endowment fund of the Wyandot County Community Foundation, which is an affiliated fund of the Toledo Community Foundation. For more information call the Angeline office at (419) 294-4901 or email info@angeline.com.

Take a hike . . . with us!

Angeline School & Industries

invites you to walk with our exercise classes in our gym

Monday through Friday

11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

during the month of March



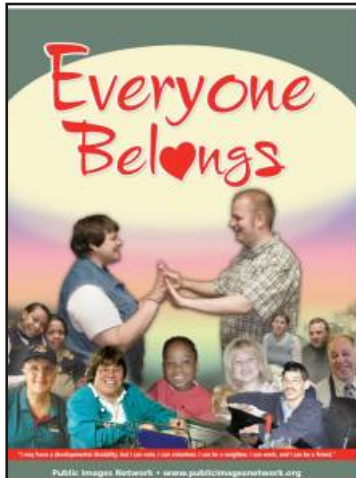
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The Wyandot Co. Parent Mentor Program, in conjunction with the Upper Sandusky High School Key Club and the Association for Retarded Citizens, sponsored a Valentine's Dance on February 6 for adults at Angeline Industries and students from the high school special education program. Music was donated by Tom Cromer. This has become a highly anticipated, annual event with great music, dancing, good snacks, and door prizes.



Gladys Von Stein, pictured with Buffy Risner, volunteered her time and artistic talent in helping some adults paint their own pictures. These pictures have been framed and will be displayed throughout the building.



Robbie Lee of the Wyandot County Recycling Center hands out pencils made from recycled blue jeans to Adult Clients during a presentation on properly disposing of recyclable items.

disABILITY PRAYER

Let us pray for the vision impaired...who can only see differences in people, not who that person is inside...

Let us pray for the speech impaired...who can only speak with harsh and hurtful words, instead of kindness and understanding...

Let us pray for the emotionally disturbed...who cannot seem to care for anyone that is any different from themselves, instead of at least trying to love everyone, "different" or not...

Let us pray for the hearing impaired...who can only hear the unspoken words, instead of listening for what someone is trying to tell them...

Please God...help these truly DISabled people so that this world can become a better place for ALL of your children...

AMEN!

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Tina Yows, July 1997

2005 Partners in Employment

In celebration of March as Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Angeline Industries would like to thank the following businesses, industries, individuals and organizations for being our 2005 "Partners in Employment." Together we employ over 80 individuals with developmental disabilities:

City of Upper Sandusky	Bureau of Vocational Rehab
Commercial Savings Bank	Crow Motor Sales
Dana Corporation	Ohio Department of Transportation
Edward Jones	Elks BPOE #83
Guardian Industries	Upper Sandusky Area Chamber of Commerce
Upper Sandusky Masonic Temple	M-Tek Inc
Ohio Industrial for the Handicapped	Work Connections
Porcelain Products	Shoot-A-Way
The Print Shop of Forest LLC	Tiffin License Bureau
TowerAutomotive	University of Findlay
US Auto Care	Amerihost
Wyandot County Skilled Nursing & Rehab Center	Senior Village
Mueller Industries	Wyandot County Home Health
Wyandot County Recycling Center	Baker Financial Services
Mugsy's	Wendy's International
Comfort Inn	E D Systems Inc
Taco Bell	Colonial Laundry
Kalmbach Feeds	Gary Ward CPA
Marty's IGA	Steer Barn
Carey Chiropractic Center	Mid Ohio Chiropractic
Wyandot County Visitors Bureau	Upper Sandusky Knights of Columbus

We would like to extend a special thank you to the following businesses and individuals:

Carey VFW
Carey Eagles
Walton Auction Co.
Jim Racheter
Upper Sandusky Eagles
Wyandot Co. Agricultural Society



Cindi Wagner, James Stone, Brent Hemmerly and Elaine Snyder of the Adult Services Client Employee Council present a gift basket to Jim Shrum of M-Tek in appreciation of the contract work that M-Tek provided to Angeline Industries throughout the past year.



RESOURCE CORNER . . .

National Nutrition Month

Did you know that the average American consumes nearly 5000 milligrams of sodium a day? That's more than three times the recommended daily amount of 1,500 milligrams a day! A pinch here and a shake there really add up, especially in foods that already contain a lot of sodium. If you have high blood pressure or another medical condition that restricts sodium intake, you are probably already aware of the problems that are associated with "too much salt." In an effort to decrease the amount of sodium in your diet, put away the salt shaker and start spicing things up!

Stimulate your taste buds by adding lemon or lime juice to seafood, poultry, salads or vegetable dishes. Garlic in meat, fish, poultry, soups, vegetables and pasta dishes flavors it up as well as aids in digestion! Everybody loves cinnamon! Add it to pork, chili, breads, sweet potatoes, squash or oatmeal! Go ahead, raid the spice cabinet and do a little experimenting!

The American Dietetic Association created National Nutrition Month in 1973 to promote optimal nutrition to enhance overall wellness. National Nutrition Month is celebrated each year in March. In observance of this, Wyandot County WIC, the USDA funded nutrition education and supplemental food program will be conducting nutrition education activities throughout the county.

Food Stamps Get New Look, Improved Function

(Reprinted from February 2006 issue of "Aging Connection")

Ohioans who benefit from the Federal Food Stamp program will receive new **Ohio Direction Cards** beginning March 2. New blue and silver cards replace the green Direction Cards that have been in use since 1998. The new cards may be used at participating grocers starting March 27.

The new cards look and function like regular bank debit or credit cards. Every month, benefits for each participant will be placed into an account. The participant then swipes the card at the point of purchase using the same card reader as for credit card and debit card transactions and enters the 4-digit personal identification number to have the funds deducted from his balance to pay.

Cardholders will no longer have to use a special type of card reader or "reload" their card at a county Department of Job and Family Services office or grocery store. Their monthly benefit will be automatically deposited into their account and immediately available for use on a set day each month (including weekends and holidays).

For more information about food stamps in Ohio, or for questions about eligibility, call toll free, **1-866-244-0071**.

Our Mission:

*Working in partnership with
Wyandot County citizens with
developmental disabilities, their
loved ones, and our community to
provide the services and support
necessary to achieve a life that is
meaningful, safe, and healthy.*

IMPORTANT ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Reporting Suspected Abuse, Neglect or Other Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

One very important duty of the Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (WyCBMRDD) is to do everything possible to protect the health and safety of Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities. We do this by ensuring that all alleged, suspected or actual occurrences of abuse, neglect or other major unusual incidents are reported and thoroughly investigated.

You are encouraged to help us assure the health and safety of individuals with developmental disabilities by reporting the following types of incidents when you become aware of them:

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| *physical abuse | *neglect | *loss of residence due to fire or other crisis |
| *verbal abuse | *death | *law enforcement involvement |
| *sexual abuse | *attempted suicide | *medical emergency/hospitalization/serious injury |

To report abuse, neglect, or other major unusual incident, you may call (419) 294-4901 and ask to speak to a Service & Support Manager. Reports may also be made directly to the Ohio Department of MR/DD by calling the MR/DD Abuse Hotline at 1-866-313-6733.

Ohio Bill of Rights for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

The rights of persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities include, but are not limited to:

1. The right to be treated at all times with courtesy and respect and with full recognition of their dignity and individuality;
2. The right to an appropriate, safe, and sanitary living environment that complies with local, state and federal standards and recognizes the persons' need for privacy and independence;
3. The right to food adequate to meet accepted standards of nutrition;
4. The right to practice the religion of their choice or to abstain from the practice of religion;
5. The right of timely access to appropriate medical or dental treatment;
6. The right of access to necessary ancillary services including, but not limited to occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy and behavior modification and other psychological services;
7. The right to receive appropriate care and treatment in the least intrusive manner;
8. The right to privacy, including both periods of privacy and places of privacy;
9. The right to communicate freely with persons of their choice in any reasonable manner they choose;
10. The right to ownership and use of personal possessions so as to maintain individuality and personal dignity;
11. The right to social interaction with members of either sex;
12. The right of access to opportunities that enable individuals to develop their full human potential;
13. The right to pursue vocational opportunities that will promote and enhance economic independence;
14. The right to be treated equally as citizens under the law;
15. The right to be free from emotional, psychological, and physical abuse;
16. The right to participate in appropriate programs of education, training, social development and habilitation and in programs of reasonable recreation;
17. The right to participate in decisions that affect their lives;
18. The right to select a parent or advocate to act on their behalf;
19. The right to manager their personal financial affairs, based on individual ability to do so;
20. The right to voice grievances and recommend changes in policies and services without restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal;
21. The right to be free from unnecessary chemical or physical restraints;
22. The right to participate in the political process;
23. The right to refuse to participate in medical, psychological or other research or experiments.

Confidentiality and Privacy Practices

Confidentiality and privacy are at the core of trusting, therapeutic relationships. It is the policy and practice of the Wyandot County Board of MR/DD that an individual/family's personal information shall be safeguarded from unauthorized access, release, and disclosure. Copies of our Confidentiality Policy and a Notice of Privacy Practices are available upon request at (419) 294-4901 or on our website at www.angeline.com.

Board Approves 2006 Annual Action Plan

At its November 17 meeting, the Wyandot County Board of MRDD (Angeline's Board of Directors) approved the annual action plan for calendar year 2006. It will serve as the strategic plan for Angeline School & Industries for the coming year. Copies of the annual action plan are available upon request to individuals, families, staff members, providers and other interested members of the public by contacting the Angeline office at (419) 294-4901.

Resolution of Complaints (Appeals) Procedures

There may come a time when an individual or family disagrees with a decision about program eligibility, services or supports. While we encourage these folks to try to work with us to resolve their concerns informally, should an issue remain unresolved there are formal complaint resolution/appeals procedures available. This formal procedure is called the "Administrative Resolution of Complaints Policy." The process can include appeals to the program Supervisor, Superintendent, the Board, and ultimately the Ohio Department of MR/DD. In addition, program-specific appeals processes may also be available including, but not limited to: Ohio Department of Job & Family Services Medicaid state hearings, the Ohio Board of Nursing, Ohio Help Me Grow procedural safeguards, and the Ohio Department of Education due process.

For further details or for copies of these specific complaint resolution processes, contact our Service & Support Management staff at (419) 294-4901.

PLEASE . . . THANK YOU . . . YOU'RE WELCOME . . .

Our Teachers Always Say, "Don't Forget Your Please and Thank You."

PLEASE . . .

We are always interested in finding ways to stretch the funds that local taxpayers generously entrust to us. If you have any items and you would like to donate, please do not hesitate to contact me, Todd Dilley, at (419) 294-4901 or email dilley@angeline.com Thank You!

Local businesses...Are you in the process of upgrading your current office/reception furniture? Please keep us in mind. We may be able to use what you replace.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . .

The Angeline School-age classroom is collecting Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education. Tina Hunt, school-age teacher, explains, "If you would like to collect these for us, please send them in with Angeline students and adults, or feel free to drop them off in the front office." Funds collected will be used for educational items. Thank you!

THANK YOU . . .

Angeline School & Industries wishes to express our sincere thanks to those community members and organizations that so generously make donations and support our programs and services with their gifts!

Donations

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$515.00

Gifts & Donations: \$759.70

YOU'RE WELCOME . . .

Angeline School & Industries is a local program supported by this community, for this community's citizens. Therefore, this community is always welcome here. If you are interested in a tour of our program and facilities, please call or stop by.

PAST ANGELINE NEWSLINE ISSUES . . .

You can view past issues of the Angeline Newsletter on our website, www.angeline.com, by clicking on the newsletter link.

As always, "Thank you" to our dedicated
Volunteer Board Members:

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Angeline Board	Philip Case
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