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OSDA FIRST CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE!

Emily Burton was very excited to attend the Ohio Self-Determination Association (OSDA) Conference. "We stayed at the University Plaza Hotel in Columbus! We learned a lot!" she exclaimed.

Emily, along with her friends Clara Manitu and James Yoho, attended two days of speakers and activities that motivated and inspired all in attendance. Cheryl Strohm, Workshop Spec II and Terri Long, Habilitation Manager, went along to give assistance with this brand new experience.

One of the highlights of the conference was listening to former Notre Dame head football coach, Gerry Faust. Pacing back and forth, as coaches seem to do, Coach Faust told

one story after another about young men who faced enormous odds but through hard work and determination, succeeded in making the football team on a high school, college and professional level. It was truly inspiring! If you see James, be sure to ask him about his autograph from Coach Faust!!

Jennifer Owensby shared her endearing PBS film, "The Teachings of Jon." Jon is her brother who has Down Syndrome. Instead of centering on Jon's disability, the film shares what she and her family have learned from Jon and the journey of making the film.

The conference was Wyandot County Board of MRDD's (WyCBMRDD's) "first step" in getting more involved with OSDA. As new members, our plan is to continue to promote self-determination in Wyandot County in a more meaningful way for those we serve. The concept of OSDA reinforces that individuals with disabilities should have the freedom to plan their own lives and to pursue the things that are important to them with the support of independent planning and coordination. Along with this comes responsibility for their decisions and actions.

Emily, James and Clara are anxious to learn more about self-determination. Emily felt that she got a good start by attending the conference. "We learned that it is important to address a problem and not just let go. We learned that we should set goals and put forth our best effort into everything we do."



Pictured are Clara Manitu, James Yoho and Emily Burton



SHELDON RETIRES AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE

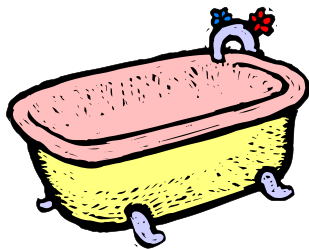
During Brenda Sheldon's tenure as Business Manager for the Wyandot County Board of MRDD (WyCBMRDD) she saw the county board through many ups and downs. When asked what her most memorable time was, she said she honestly couldn't pin-point any one occasion. She enjoyed the staff, the clients and the students. Every aspect of her job was a challenge and each new change was met head on. On August 31, Brenda was "roasted" by staff, both current and former members; Wyandot County commissioners and other county employees; friends and family. Everyone at WyCBMRDD wish Brenda and her husband Rob the best as they move on to the next chapter in their lives, a new home in North Carolina!

Health, Safety and Wellness Alert

BATHROOM DROWNINGS

Did You Know?

- ❖ Drowning is one of the leading causes of death in 1-4 year olds.
- ❖ For every child that drowns, another 4 are hospitalized and 16 receive emergency care for near-drowning.
- ❖ A majority of bathtub drowning victims drown during a brief (less than 5 minutes) lapse in adult supervision.
- ❖ Children and even adults, who may be compromised, may drown in an inch or two of water.
- ❖ Non-fatal drowning can cause brain damage which results in long-term disabilities.
- ❖ For persons with seizure disorders, drowning is the most common cause of unintentional injury death.
- ❖ Bathtub drowning occurs because of lack of adult supervision. Adult supervision means direct visual contact without other distracting activities.
- ❖ A person will lose consciousness 2 minutes after submersion with irreversible brain damage occurring in 4-6 minutes.



Prevention Equals Adult Supervision

- ❖ Never leave the child or adults at risk in a bathtub for any reason. Bring all needed supplies and clothing items into the bathroom prior to starting the bath and prior to the child or adult entering the tub.
- ❖ Don't run to answer the phone.
- ❖ Don't check to see who is at the door.
- ❖ Don't leave siblings or unfamiliar caretakers to watch them.
- ❖ Don't rely on bathtub seats or rings. They create a false sense of security for the parent or caregiver.

OHIO ADOPTS MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM

On June 30, 2007, Governor Strickland signed into law a bill which requires the state to establish a Medicaid Buy-In (MBI) option for people with disabilities.

The establishment of an MBI program removes a major barrier to employment by allowing people with disabilities to earn more income and still qualify for Medicaid health coverage. For many people with disabilities, private health insurance that covers their unique health care needs is either very expensive or unavailable. In the past, people who needed Medicaid coverage faced having to choose between working and having health care.

A person with a disability is eligible for MBI if his/her income is below 250% of the federal poverty level (FPL), after excluding the first \$20,000 of their income. A person may also have up to \$10,000 in assets. People will be responsible for paying a premium on a sliding scale when their family income exceeds 150% of the FPL. Other exclusions may be established in the MBI rule.

The Benefits of MBI

Ohio joins 34 other states offering the option to "buy-in" to Medicaid, and an opportunity for people with disabilities to become more self-sufficient, gain more independence and participate fully in all aspects of community life, including employment.

State Senator Stivers and State Representative Peterson, who introduced the MBI legislation, have said that MBI will pay for itself from the income, sales and other taxes that working people with disabilities will be adding to the state's economy.

Next Steps

The law allows the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 180 days to submit the state plan amendment for MBI to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and allows changes, if necessary, to gain CMS approval. Between now and January 2008, the Department, in collaboration with the MBI Advisory Council (which consists of private and public groups, including ODDC and Ohio Legal Rights Service), will write rules to implement the program. Additionally, regional meetings will be held to spread the word about this new program.

"People with disabilities, their families and others who support them have advocated diligently for more than six years to make MBI a reality," said Bev Johnson, Executive Director of Cerebral Palsy Association of Ohio.

Congratulations to those who worked hard for many years to make MBI a reality for Ohio's workers with disabilities.

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SHOOT-A-WAY GIVE AWAY MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH DIRECT MAILING



Twice a year, Angeline Industries' clients prepare 38,837 brochures to be mailed out to coaches all over the country as part of Shoot-A-Way's Marketing Direct Mail. According to John Joseph, owner and President of Shoot-A-Way, over the past 20 years they have been blessed with thousands of loyal customers. As a thank you for this loyalty, each coach will have the opportunity to win a free piece of equipment. A special sticker with a number has been placed on the front of each brochure and each coach can then check this number on the company's website www.shootaway.com to find out if they are a winner!

"We would like to thank everyone at Angeline Industries for the great work you have been doing for us. It is a joy doing business with you!" states John Joseph, President of Shoot-A-Way.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE VEHICLES PASS ANNUAL OSHP INSPECTION

WyCBMRDD Transportation Services passed an annual inspection of its 5 school buses, white van and other county vehicles by the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) in August certifying that the vehicles are compliant with federal and state regulations and ensure the safety of all passengers. Thank you to Doug Rall and the employees of Rall's Automotive for being an important part of this successful inspection.



STAFF RECOGNITION

On August 20 the WyCBMRDD held its 3rd annual Staff Recognition Luncheon at Woody's Restaurant. Pictured are: Deb Berg, 15 years; Dan Cutchall, 5 years; Todd Dilley, 5 years; and Chris Richman, 5 years. Danielle Phoenix, not pictured, was recognized for her 15 years of service.

ANGELINE ANGELS . . . HEAVENLY!

The Adult Services Employee Council members presented Skip Glover, chairman of the Upper Sandusky Fantasy of Lights, a donation of \$630. This money



was raised through donations by employees, parents, guardians and staff and matched with funds from the workshop. Pictured are Donna Smalley, Elaine Snyder, Skip Glover, Brent Hemmerly, James Stone and Cindi Wagner.

BUSTER BUS

Buster the Safety Bus once again visited Angeline preschool and school-age students on September 25 & 26 to talk about bus safety. Buster is an interactive bus owned by the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and loaned out to school districts to teach students about bus safety. Buster is pictured with preschoolers Ella Orians and Abigail Allison.



WHO'S NEW!

Joe Gallegos was hired in July, 2007 as a Vehicle II Operator.

Amy Traxler was hired in August, 2007 as the Fiscal/Personnel Manager.

WELCOME JOE AND AMY!!



**DON'T FORGET
TO VOTE ON
NOVEMBER 6!!**



TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK!

Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 3. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 4.

NOTICES OF DELAYS & 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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Oct. 16 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. - Transition Fair will be held at Sentinal Career Center in conjunction with Sentinel's fall open house. The purpose of the fair is to provide high school special needs students, their parents, teachers and administrators information about the services and functions of various community agencies and colleges that will be on hand to talk to anyone interested.
6:30-8:00 p.m. "What Does My Child Need to Know For Kindergarten?" to be held at the Family Learning Center of Sentinal.
Both of these events are sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Sentinal Vocational School, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Oct. 18 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. at Angeline School
- Nov. 3 Wyandot County ARC Chicken BBQ 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Angeline School & Industries. Call 419-294-4901 to reserve your \$6 ticket. Meal includes ½ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, roll and dessert.
- Nov. 12 *Veterans Day* - Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Nov. 13 Holiday Make-It/Take-It ADULTS ONLY!!! Spend a relaxing evening making holiday crafts, all supplies are furnished. FREE. Sponsored by Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further info.
- Nov. 15 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m. at Angeline School
- Nov. 19 Angeline Industries Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Parent Teacher Conferences to be held from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm
- Nov. 21 Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Angeline School Closed-No Students
- Nov.22-23 *Thanksgiving Vacation* - Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Dec.22-Jan. 6, 2008 - *Christmas/New Year's Break* - Angeline School Closed. Students return on January 7, 2008
- Dec. 21 Angeline Industries Christmas Party
- Dec.22-Jan. 1, 2008 - *Christmas/New Year's Break* Angeline Industries Closed. Clients return on January 2, 2008
- Jan. 15 "ADD/ADHD What we know and what we can do" Sponsored by Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- Jan. 21 *Martin Luther King Day* - Angeline School & Industries Closed

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

TOLL FREE HOTLINE FOR REPORTING ABUSE, NEGLECT AND OTHER POSSIBLE MAJOR UNUSUAL INCIDENTS (MUIs)

The Ohio Department of MRDD's toll free hotline number for reporting abuse/neglect and other MUIs is 1-866-313-6733. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the Wyandot County Board of MRDD, 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 that the hotline number exists and is to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

GOVERNOR STRICKLAND SUPPORTS FASD AWARENESS

Did you know that Sept. 9, 2007 was "National Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day?" The resolution was intended to promote awareness of the dangers of women consuming alcohol during the entire nine months of pregnancy. Highlighting the importance of this resolution, Governor Ted Strickland recently signed a Proclamation and officially designated September 9, 2007 as Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Awareness Day for Ohio.

FASD is an umbrella term describing the range of effects that can occur in an individual whose mother drinks alcohol during pregnancy. These effects may include physical, mental,

behavioral and/or learning disabilities with possible lifelong implications.

FASD is 100% preventable!

Early diagnosis and treatment for FASD can help children reach their fullest potential, lessen secondary disabilities and problems, and help families better understand and cope. Visit the F A S D website at www.notasingledrop.org.

ROAD TO FREEDOM BUS TOUR

The Road to Freedom is a yearlong, national bus tour and photographic exhibit of the grassroots "people's movement" leading to passage of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The bus is traveling throughout the US to tell the story of the struggle for disability rights and the need for expanded educational and economic opportunity for children and adults with physical, mental, cognitive, sensory and developmental disabilities. Additional information is available on their website www.roadtofreedom.org.

The Road to Freedom bus tour will be in Ohio at the following locations:

- Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Commons Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. For more information contact Deborah Nebel at 216-696-2716.
- Two locations in Columbus on Monday, October 22. From 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at City Hall, 90 W. Broad Street and again from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at OSU Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, 352 W. 10th Ave. For more information call 614-575-8055 or email shetrick@abilitycenter.org.

PLEASE . . . THANK YOU . . . YOU'RE WELCOME . . .
Our Teachers Always Say, "Don't Forget Your Please and Thank You's."

PLEASE . . .

We are always interested in finding ways to improve our programs and services. Please do not hesitate to contact Todd Dilley, Superintendent, with your ideas and suggestions at (419) 294-4901 or dilley@angeline.com.

WISH LIST

- Volunteers to assist with adult activities, just one hour at a time. (Volunteers would always be working side-by-side and in the presence of our trained staff members.)
- To donate or to volunteer your time contact Todd Dilley at (419) 294-4901 or dilley@angeline.com

THANK YOU . . .

We are extremely grateful to the many community members and organizations that so generously make donations in support of the programs and services we provide.

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| Endowment Fund: | \$225.00 |
| Angeline Gifts & Donations: | \$1,126.84 |

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

As a member of this community YOU ARE WELCOME to stop by Angeline School & Industries to check out our program and facilities. We are located at 11028 Co. Hwy. 44, Upper Sandusky. To schedule a tour just call (419) 294-4901 or email dilley@angeline.com.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION . . .

The Angeline School age classroom is still collecting Campbell Soup labels. We have been informed by the Labels For Education program that they are no longer accepting the front panels for redemption but will need the UPC – Bar Codes from participating brands as proof of purchase. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project. The students are benefiting from the educational products that we have been able to purchase through this program.

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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