

Angeline Newsline

Angeline School & Industries

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(Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities)
"Serving Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities since 1958."

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50 YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATION



"In 1958 a few parents gathered together and organized the Wyandot County ARC. Angeline Eyestone was chosen president. Their motto: Happiness First, All Else Follows. In May 1968 a one story brick school building was erected. Angeline Eyestone's dream had come true, and the school was properly named The Angeline School of Opportunity."

- Florence E Beausay

On Saturday, May 17, Wyandot ARC and Angeline School celebrated with a 50-year Celebration Festival. During the opening ceremony, Cletabelle Barnes, Angeline Eyestone's daughter, accepted a plaque commemorating the 50 years ARC has been active in Wyandot County. Three additional individuals were presented plaques: Jon Reel for being the first to enroll in Angeline's Adult Workshop program, Steve Walter who was one of the first students enrolled, and Brandy Lynch for being the first student to enroll in Angeline's preschool program. There were pony rides, air rides, a train ride and games of skill for all ages, including Bakery Bingo. Plenty of food, including homemade ice cream, cotton candy, popcorn and sandwiches was enjoyed by everyone attending.



RESEARCH-BASED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT INFORMATION FROM MARSHA RUMP, EARLY INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

The human brain begins forming very early in prenatal life (just three weeks after conception), but in many ways, brain development is a lifelong project. The major difference between brain development in a child versus learning adult is a matter of degree: the brain is far more impressionable (neuroscientists use the term plastic) in early life than in maturity. This plasticity has both a positive and a negative side. On the positive side, it means that young brains are more open to learning and enriching influences. On the negative side it also means that young children's brains are more vulnerable to developmental problems should their environment prove especially impoverished or un-nurturing.

General Brain Development

Genes and environment interact at every step of brain development but they play very different roles. Generally speaking, genes are responsible for the basic wiring plan for forming all of the cells (neurons) and general connections between different brain regions...experience is responsible for fine tuning those connections, helping each child adapt to the particular environment (geographical, cultural, family, school, peer-group) to which he belongs.

Brain development is "activity dependent", meaning that the electrical activity in every child-sensory, motor, emotional, cognitive shapes the way that circuit gets put together. Every experience, whether it is seeing one's first rainbow, riding a bicycle, reading a book, sharing a joke, excites certain neural circuits and leaves others inactive. Those that are consistently turned on over time will be strengthened, while those that are rarely excited may be dropped away.

Our brains are continually re-shaping themselves to meet the demands of everyday life, even throughout adulthood. However, there are certain aspects of brain structure and function that do level off during development.

Brain development is most sensitive to a baby's nutrition between mid gestation and two years of age. Children who are malnourished, truly deprived of adequate calories and protein in their diet, do not adequately grow either physically or mentally. A baby's birth weight and brain size do depend on the quality of his or her mother's nutrition during pregnancy.

*Information Source: "Zero to Three" website
<http://www.zerotothree.org>*

PUTTING TRUST (& MONEY) INTO TRUST ACCOUNTS, A SOLID INVESTMENT

John has a disability and receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. He received a large settlement from a car accident he was in last year. John wants to use some of the money for a vacation next year, but knows holding on to the money will cause him to lose his benefits.

Anna and George have three children. Son, James, has cerebral palsy. As part of their will, Anna and George want to leave a portion of their estate for James' benefit, but worry that doing so could affect James' future eligibility for government benefits.

For individuals with disabilities, having too much money can impact their eligibility for means-tested government benefits (like Supplemental Security Income or Medicaid). Fortunately, trust accounts such as those offered by Community Fund Management Foundation (CFMF) can help.

CFMF is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(C)(3) organization created to establish and administer trust programs for Ohio residents with disabilities. The trust accounts offered are designed to set money aside for the supplemental needs of an individual with a disability that improve his or her quality of life, while safeguarding eligibility for means-tested benefits.

To date, CFMF has established over 1,300 trust accounts for Ohioans with disabilities, and the current account assets exceed \$30 million.

Once established, money in a trust account is invested by the Trustee, U.S. Bank, NA. The money in the trust account is for the sole benefit of the individual with a disability (known as the Beneficiary). Money can be requested from the trust account by the Beneficiary's representative (known as the Designated Advocate) for the Beneficiary's supplemental needs. Requests for funds from the trust account are reviewed by the Trust Advisor, CFMF, to help safeguard the Beneficiary's eligibility for means-tested benefits.

Supplemental needs are items or services not paid for by insurance or a government benefits program, but that improve the quality of life for an individual with a disability. Some examples include: Cable TV; computers; Internet service; vacations, including the cost incurred by a companion; experimental or elective surgery; advocacy, including attorney fees; and items such as special therapies or adaptive equipment not available through insurance or a government benefits program.

Documents necessary for establishing a trust account were created by and are available from CFMF. Because the documents are controlling legal documents, they must be signed by a licensed attorney. Consult an attorney about how a trust account will apply considering your individual situation and circumstances.

Special thanks to Karen S. Ausprunk, and Mary Cusick, Community Fund Management Foundation, who contributed a great deal of information for this article. They may be reached at (216) 736-4540, email cfmf@opk.net CFMF Trusts Improve Quality of Life and Safeguard Benefits

For more information about CFMF, or to download documents including the trust documents, visit www.CFMF.org or call CFMF at 216-736-4540.

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RESOURCE CORNER . . .

Medicaid Buy-In Begins

The Medicaid Buy-in for Workers with Disabilities program began April 1, allowing eligible workers with disabilities to continue receiving Medicaid benefits. Those who earn up to 250 percent (\$26,000 in 2008) of the Federal Poverty Level may pay a monthly premium to continue coverage. To sign up, visit the Wyandot County Department of Job & Family Services, 120 E Johnson Street, Upper Sandusky, phone number 419-294-4977.

Reconnect: A Resource For Finding Long Lost Family Members

Those seeking to locate developmentally disabled relatives can pursue two paths.

Families, and those separated from them, can register online with TheArcLink's National Find Family Registry, at www.thearc.org/findfamily, entering information into a simple electronic form that won't be shared without permission. Arc will contact the family if it thinks it has found a missing relative. The success of the registry depends on the volume of families who use it. While no direct matches have been made, the Arc has put family members in touch with others who have been able to track down a relative.

Families can also contact the state agency providing services to the developmentally disabled, which can be found on the National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities Service's Web site, www.nasdds.org. Each state has different policies, and it often takes several calls to get information.

More assistance may be on the way. Some states are studying Molly's Bill in Oregon, under which relatives can request information from the Department of Human Services. If the state determines that a lost family member is under its care, the request is forwarded to the individual, guardian or caregiver, and the decision is made whether a reunion is appropriate. Grounds for rejection may include a history of family abuse.

DifferentNeedz.com

DifferentNeedz.com is a web store that offers special needs families a one-stop shop to buy and sell their gently used medical and special needs equipment and adaptive toys. Our goal is to unify a community that has not been properly served by product suppliers or other resale sites. We are sensitive to your busy schedules, buying and selling is easy and fast. We are a secure website, always protecting your privacy and payment information.

A portion of all monies paid to DifferentNeedz.com will be donated to the DifferentNeedz Foundation, a 501(C) (3) non-profit foundation whose purpose will be to provide DifferentNeedz equipment to qualified special needs families and community projects.

Help us stock our shelves. You may post unlimited items to sell with no posting fee from June 1, 2008 through September 1, 2008.

Toll-Free Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect and other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

The ODMRDD 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 local 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. Locally to report abuse/neglect and other incidents negatively affecting a person's health and safety, call Angeline at 419-294-4901 and ask to speak with an SSA/Case Manager.

Futures Committee Final Report Completed

The MRDD Futures Committee Final Report has been completed and was distributed to each member of the Ohio General Assembly on March 28, 2008. Pursuant to Amended House Bill 119 of the 127th General Assembly, and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 337.20.20 the Report is a product of many months of intensive work and will serve as a blueprint to guide ODMRDD's strategic direction. This report plus any future updates have been posted on the ODMRDD website at <http://odmrdd.state.oh.us/futures/docs/MRDDFuturesFinalReport.pdf>. ODMRDD Director, John Martin, noted that this report, while setting forth positive steps to improve services, processes and supports for individuals and families, is not a cure-all. As we move forward to implement the Committee's recommendations, we must be vigilant to address unmet needs, respond to systemic changes, and push for more understanding of and funding for services.

Added Protection for Missing Individuals

Governor Strickland signed Senate Bill 87 on March 21, 2008. Ohio Revised Code Section 5502.522 creates a statewide emergency alert program to find and help an individual with a mental impairment* or someone who is 65 years of age or older.

This alert program would include the efforts of the Governor's office, the Department of Public Safety, the attorney general, law enforcement, public and commercial television stations and radio broadcasters. It is similar to the "Amber Alert" system for children who are missing and is a result of the effectiveness of that program.

**Mental impairment is defined in RC 5502.522 as "a substantial disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation or memory that grossly impairs judgment, behavior, or ability to live independently or provide self-care as certified by a licensed physician, psychiatrist or psychologist."*

Wyandot County Parent Mentor Program

The program is a support network for parents of children with disabilities. The primary goals of the Parent Mentor are to:

- GUIDE families through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities.
- LISTEN and provide support to families and educators on an individual basis.
- PROVIDE INFORMATION and resources to families including education laws, district programs and services and community resources.
- ATTEND Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings and other meetings on parent or staff request.

If you need additional information about the Parent Mentor Program, please call Paula Frey, Wyandot County Parent Mentor at 419-294-3445.

ADULT DAY PROGRAMMING & EDUCATION



Kris Lininger from the Wyandot County Historical Society presented a program on the Wyandotte Indians to a group of Angeline Industries' clients. She brought several cases of arrowheads and other tools that the Wyandottes used to plant and harvest their food, hunting, and making clothing items.

Corrine Newell a resident of Upper Sandusky has written a book entitled Joseph's Summer Visitor. She

shared her story, as well as information about how to get started writing, with a group of adults who were interested in books, reading, and listening to stories. Pictured are Linda Coppler, Ron Sink, Mrs. Newell and Sarah Mills.



“COMMUNITY PARTNERS”

“Community Partners” are simply volunteers from our community who are willing to share interesting information, hobbies, educational topics, or skills with the adults we serve here at Angeline. To find out more about how you can become one of our Community Partners, contact Terri Long via email long@angeline.com or by phone at (419) 294-4901.



2008 High School Graduation – On Friday, May 30 Kristy Krider, pictured here with her parents Wilma and Dick Krider, graduated from Angeline School. A ceremony and reception was held in the Angeline Gym for her family and friends. Kristy has attended Angeline since preschool and will now be moving on to work at Angeline Industries. Good Luck Kristy in all you do!

Preschool Graduation – On Thursday evening, June 5, a Preschool graduation ceremony and program was held. Seven preschoolers will be moving onto Kindergarten. Graduates were

Austin Andrews, Blake Harper, Katelyn Jacoby, Ben Latham, Ella Orians, Clayton Orr, and Emma Pever.



Wheelchair Swing – Wyandot County Crippled Children's Fund recently donated funds to Angeline Industries for the purchase of a wheelchair accessible swing.



Ashley Beamer is shown here giving the swing a test run while Sarah Mills, Chelsea Stutz and Katie Briggs anxiously await to make sure Ashley gives it her seal of approval.

Community All-Star Basketball – Once again the Angeline Indians Special Olympics basketball team defeated a group of Community All Stars at Upper Sandusky High School. Thank you to all the community members who participated in making this event so successful!



Angeline Industries' Employee Appreciation Luncheon was held on June 20 in the Angeline Gym. Several employees were honored for their many years of service and Robbie Lee from the Wyandot County Recycling Center was the guest speaker.



Pictured are clients who received 15 Years of Service awards at Angeline Industries' Client Appreciation Luncheon. They are: (front row) Stefan Racheter, Jesse Schenk, (back row) Ruth Bower, Josh Burks, Brent Hemmerly, Heather Kuenzli, Brandy Lynch; Shown clockwise are Nancy Miller - 30 years; Sarah Mills - 5 years; and Tim Wickham - 35 years. Not pictured are Judi Brashares - 10 years; Derek Sand - 15 years; and Lori Ellman - 20 years.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- July 1-3, 8-11, 15-18, 22-25 Angeline School Summer Program
- July 4 Happy Fourth of July – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- July 7, 14, 21, 28 – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- July 21 Angeline Industries Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- Aug. 4, 11, 18 – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Aug. 21 Wyandot County Board MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Aug. 22 Angeline Industries Picnic Harrison Smith Park
- Aug. 25 & 26 – Angeline Staff In-Service Days Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Aug. 27 First Day of School for Students
- Sept. 1 Labor Day – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- Sept. 15 Angeline Industries Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- Sept. 16 "Estate Planning for Special Needs Families," 6:30 pm, presented by Sharyl Hall, CLTC from Met Life. Sponsored by the 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.
- Sept. 18 Wyandot County Board MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

ANGELINE EXTRA...SIGN UP NOW!!!

We are creating a special news alert email distribution group so we can quickly disseminate information to Angeline Friends & Families regarding important disability issues that may have an impact at the local, state, or national level. To join, please send your name and email address to admin@angeline.com. Please be assured that we will not share your private email information with third parties. For more information, please contact Jenny Wilson at 419-294-4901.



Guardian job – Don Smalley puts the finishing touches on glass racks that Angeline Industries client-employees have been painting for Guardian Industries.

Breakfast – The annual Angeline Industries' Business Appreciation Breakfast was held on March 14 in the Angeline Café to help celebrate MRDD Awareness Month.

Tina Hunt, School Age Instructor,



explains classroom activities to employees of the Wyandot County Home Health Agency during their tour of Angeline.

Weatherbug is coming to Angeline! Tri Sigma Sorority Beta Chapter members are shown here making a donation towards the purchase of a Weatherbug site here at Angeline School & Industries. Pictured with Todd Dille, Angeline



Superintendent, are sorority members from left to right: Marcina Mason, Carol Robertson, Mona Kempf, and Rose Marie Amos. Weatherbug is a high-tech weather monitoring and data collecting system affiliated with Fox Toledo News. Local weather information will be gathered from equipment located at Angeline School & Industries and sent electronically to Fox Toledo News. In addition, students and adults here at Angeline will utilize the Weatherbug technology on a daily basis as part of their educational and training programs. Additional grants for the purchase and installation of the Weatherbug system were received from the North Central Ohio Electric Cooperative, Fox Toledo Weatherbug Program, and the Angeline gifts & donations fund.



Easter Egg Hunt – Tots to Teens Mothers Club once again provided Easter eggs for the Early Intervention, Preschool and Primary School Age students annual Easter Egg Hunt. The members also bake cupcakes for the adult clients in the workshop.



Flamingos – Pink flamingos graced the lawn of Angeline School & Industries earlier this spring. They were announcing the annual Relay for Life Cancer Awareness walk that took place on June 13 & 14 at Upper Sandusky High School.

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

- Educational/Learning computer software (all ages)
- 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

**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.

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.

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$2,000.00
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$320.00

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

As a member of this community YOU ARE WELCOME to stop by Angeline School & Industries to check 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 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!

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

John Vogel	Angeline Board
Barb Swartz	Greg Bishop, Pres.
Laura Ketter	Steve Walton, V. Pres.
Raymond Dible	Gene Kirby, Sec.
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Annual Report to the Community

To the Citizens of Wyandot County:

It is a pleasure to provide you---our community partners and the ones who make this program possible---with an annual report for program year 2007. The members of our volunteer board of directors, our staff, and I consider it a privilege and an honor to serve Wyandot County's citizens with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities.

This organization, that 50 years ago got its start as a group of concerned parents/citizens and over time has grown into what we now know as the Angeline School & Industries, served nearly 200 individuals (infants, toddlers, school-age students, and adults) throughout calendar year 2007.

Nearly 200 individuals and their families benefitted from the programs and services offered through Angeline School & Industries and administered by the Wyandot County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD).

Early Intervention: Infants and toddlers age birth through 2 years.

Pre-School: Integrated program for students ages 3 through 5 years.

School-Age Program: Students with multiple disabilities ages 6 to 22 years.

Adult Services: Supporting employment opportunities for adults through Angeline Industries, community-based jobs, as well as an adult/senior activity program.

Service & Support Management: Individualized case management services.

Residential Services: Supported Living/Home & Community-Based Services to 56 persons with developmental disabilities, providing each with the necessary support to reside in their community with varying levels of supervision.

We are extremely proud of the programs and services provided to Wyandot County's citizens with developmental disabilities and their families. We hope that you are too. Remember, people with disabilities are people with possibilities. So together let's keep putting the power of possibilities to work in our community.

Sincerely,

Todd Dilley, Superintendent

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.

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