

Angeline Newsline

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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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OPENING DOORS TO SUCCESS FOR 50 YEARS



"SUCCESS---When Doors Open, We Succeed!" is the theme for the 2008 Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MRDD) Awareness Campaign. Each year at this time the Wyandot County Board of MRDD at Angeline School & Industries joins with like-minded organizations from across Ohio and the nation to raise public awareness and promote the many gifts and abilities individuals with disabilities have to offer.

2008 is even more special as we celebrate THE ARC & ANGELINE: 50 Years of Service. It was the spring of 1958 when a few parents gathered together to organize the Wyandot County Association for

Retarded Citizens. (Today, the group simply calls themselves The Arc.) Angeline Eyestone was chosen as the group's first president. Their motto: Happiness First, All Else Follows. All those many years ago, they started with 6 children and gathered in a space provided by Christ Lutheran Church in Carey, Ohio. "There's great potential in each different child," said their teacher Mrs. Jennette Bunnell, "all we ask is that you give them a chance."

That first group of parents and their one very dedicated teacher set out to persuade others what many just did not believe at that time---that children with disabilities were capable of learning. **SUCCESS---When Doors Open, We Succeed!** And they were...successful that is. Many other parents were encouraged by this early success. The classes grew and grew.

"In May, 1968, with the help of Wyandot County taxpayers who had been made conscious of the struggling school, a one-story brick school building was erected on County Highway 44. Angeline Eyestone's dream had come true and the school was properly named The Angeline School of Opportunity." – Florence E. Beausay, 1980, A History of Angeline.

On behalf of the children and adults we serve, their families, our board members and staff, I want to thank Wyandot County for 50 YEARS OF OPENING DOORS of opportunity to your fellow citizens with developmental disabilities. With your continued support, we are excited to begin shaping the **SUCCESS** of the next 50 years.

- Todd Dilley
Superintendent

MRDD AWARENESS & 50-YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATION Calendar of Events

- March 11 **Wyandot County ARC Potluck**, Speaker Sharyl Hall of Brennan Financial Group Ltd, will present, "*Planning For Your Child or Other Dependent With Special Needs*," Angeline Cafeteria, 6:00 pm.
- March 14 **Angeline Industries Business Appreciation Breakfast**, Angeline Café 7:30 - 9:30 am (*by invitation*).
- March 17 **Family Fun Night**, hosted by Wyandot County Help Me Grow, Angeline Gym & Cafeteria, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- March 28 **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Angeline is partnering with Kalmbach Feeds, Angeline Gym from 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- April 3 **Community All Star Basketball Game**, Upper Sandusky High School, 6:30 pm
- April 12 **Angeline 16th Annual Auction & Consignment Sale**, 10:00 am, Angeline Gym
- May 17 **Special Olympics 5K Run/2 Mile Walk** at 3:00 pm; **50 Years of Service Celebration** to follow from 4 - 7:00 pm. Both will be at Angeline School & Industries.

MUELLER PLASTICS DONATES PALLET WRAPPER

Last Fall, Mueller Industries donated a pallet wrapper to Angeline Industries. Prior to receiving this donation, all pallets had been wrapped by hand by Angeline staff. Angeline was fortunate to have worked with Mueller for many years prior to their closing at the end of 2007. Pictured are Dan Cutchall, Angeline Facilities Maintenance Supervisor and two unidentified Mueller employees bolting the wrapper to the floor. Thank you Mueller for your very generous donation!



Philip Case (above) and Dick Krider (right) receive retirement gifts from Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board President Gene Kirby. Both of these gentlemen have combined 24 years serving on the board. Thank you Philip and Dick for your many years of dedication and service.



ANGELINE INDUSTRIES' DELIVERY TRUCK GETS A NEW LOOK!!

Pictured from left to right are: Alex Howard, Paul Rowe, Brandy Lynch, Ruth Milum, Lisa Brown, Deana Alexander, Jodi Burks and Emily Burton standing in front of Angeline Industries' repainted delivery truck. ABC Auto Body painted the frame and box of the delivery truck during the Christmas break. Our truck is on the road daily traveling to Wyandot County factories, businesses and companies picking up a variety of work that includes assembly, packaging, sorting, collating and shredding. The truck is also used to deliver finished product once the jobs are completed. As our motto goes . . . People with Disabilities are People with Possibilities . . . Put the Power of Possibilities to WORK!





IS YOUR GIFT CARING FOR OTHERS WHO NEED IT?

If so, consider becoming a provider of Family Support Services and make a difference in 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.

SELF DETERMINATION GROUP FORMS

Christine Brown, co-founder and owner of Brown-Cooley Associates in Self Determination, and Rueben Garcia, a resident of Lucas County who formed People First of Toledo and the Employee Advocacy Advisory Committee, explained to an interested group of Angeline Industries employees what self-determination is all about and how to start their own group. Self determination is dreaming of one's life beyond the basic needs and creating for oneself a chance and an opportunity living out on your own, getting a community job, or making new friends. Brown and Garcia said that people with disabilities have rights just like people without disabilities, but stressed that rights come with responsibilities. One must always live within his/her own means and be responsible citizens.

Since Christine and Reuben's visit, about 23 interested individuals have met and formed their own self-determination group with staff assistance. They have elected officers: Emily Burton, President; Clara Manitu, Vice President; John Brocklesby, Treasurer; Lisa Brown, Secretary; and James Yoho, Photographer. The group will soon be writing their mission statement and main goal, attending regional meetings and finding new ways to promote self-determination for people with disabilities.



WHO'S NEW

Angeline welcomes four new staff members to Adult Services. They are (left to right): Paula Wolford (Registered Adult Services Specialist), Tonya Miller (Registered Adult Services Specialist), Tabitha Smith (Workshop Specialist) and Mindy Bowman (Registered Adult Services Specialist).



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RESOURCE CORNER . . .

LIVING WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER AT HOME, SCHOOL AND IN THE COMMUNITY

Families Connected of Clermont County, Inc is sponsoring a one day training for professionals and parents/family members to be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at Mt Carmel Christian Church, 4183 Mt Carmel-Tobasco Road, Cincinnati, Ohio from 9:00 -3:00. There is no cost to participate and lunch is provided at no cost. To register and receive directions, you may contact Families Connected at 513-732-5034 or email to fconnect@ccmrdd.org.

Facilitated training is by Shawn Henry, OCALI (Ohio Center for Autism) Executive Director and Donna Owens, Family Services Administrator. OCALI, located in Columbus, serves as a statewide clearing house for information about Autism Spectrum Disorder and low incidence disabilities and is funded by the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children. You can visit their website at www.ocali.org.

OCALI TRANSITION TASK FORCE

OCALI is interested in hearing from families of children/young adults with autism regarding their experience with Transition. They have created a survey and it is available by accessing the following website www.autisminternetmodules.com/dws/index. A hardcopy of the survey is also available by calling Vicki Knisely at 614-410-0753 or via email at Vicki_knisely@ocali.org.

MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM

This program was slated to begin January 2, 2008, but has been extended to April 1, 2008. Applications will be accepted beginning April 1, 2008. If you would like an application mailed to you, call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 1-800-324-8680. You may also visit their website at www.jfs.ohio.gov/ohp.

"COME TOGETHER FOR CHANGE CONFERENCE

The ARC of Ohio will welcome First Lady of Ohio, Frances Strickland, as the featured speaker at their annual conference on March 12, 2008 from 8:00 am - 6:30 pm at the The Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 N Third Street, Columbus OH 43215. To register for this one day training session and reception, contact Jodi Murray at jmurray1@rrcol.com or call her at 800-875-2723.

SENIORS: ANOTHER CHANCE TO APPLY FOR PROPERTY TAX BREAK

Senior citizens and Ohioans with permanent disabilities have another opportunity to apply for an expanded property tax cut. Beginning January 8, and continuing through June 2, eligible homeowners may submit paperwork in hopes of shielding the first \$25,000 of their home's value from property taxes.

The state's Homestead Exemption Program used to have restrictions that made people above a certain income level ineligible. But those limits were eliminated last year. The average qualified homeowner stands to save about \$400.

Those who missed an Oct. 1, 2007 deadline may sign up now for the 2007 credit. Also, those who weren't eligible last year but recently turned 65 may apply to take the 2008 credit on their tax bills due next year.



AGREEMENT BETWEEN ODH AND ODMRDD

Establishment of Help Me Grow Advisory Council

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the ODMRDD recently announced a renewed partnership to coordinate Early Intervention (EI) Services for infants and toddlers under the age of three. An Interagency Agreement outlining how each department will collaborate in the statewide planning and coordination of Help Me Grow (HMG) services, with emphasis on intervention for children experiencing developmental disabilities or delays, was signed earlier this month by both agency directors. The agreement also includes a stronger emphasis on the state entities working more closely with local County Boards of MRDD in assisting children and their families.

Ohio's Help Me Grow initiative provides state and federal funds to county Family and Children First Councils to be used in conjunction with state, local and other federal funds. These funds implement and maintain a coordinated, community-based network that promotes family-centered services for expectant parents, newborns, infants, toddlers, and their families. Children and families in every county in Ohio can access Help Me Grow services through the 88 county-level offices throughout the state.

To meet federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) participation requirements, Governor Ted Strickland, in June 2007, issued an Executive Order which allows ODH to continue as Ohio's lead agency in providing EI services.

The same order also reinforces the role of the Ohio Help Me Grow Advisory Council which is charged with enhancing the quality of care for Ohio's children with and without disabilities. Its members represent the statewide early childhood services community, and include parents of children in HMG, legislators, state agency representatives, representatives from county HMG's and HMG service providers. The Advisory Council will focus on advising and assisting ODH in the implementation of the HMG program in Ohio, including the establishment of an effective statewide system of EI services.

The interagency agreement between ODH and ODMRDD will assist the agencies in implementing HMG, and promises to:

- Support Ohio's school readiness goal through strengthening positive family environments for optimal growth and development of young children;
- Support HMG through the development of a coordinated community-based infrastructure that promotes family-centered services for expectant mothers, newborns, infants, toddlers and their families;
- Clarify issues, define problems and propose alternatives related to promoting the statewide HMG system and coordinating early intervention services;

- Increase public awareness of the rationale and need for early intervention services, and to support that need through the collection and analysis of relevant data;
- Assure that eligible individuals received needed early intervention services;
- Assure that EI services meet federal requirements, and support program evaluation efforts through the sharing of pertinent data.

Ohio is committed to creating a system of high quality care for its children, and sees EI services as critical to the full development of infants and toddlers, especially those with developmental delays or disabilities. EI services allow a state to enhance the development of infants and toddlers with disabilities during these early years, lessening the need for special education for children over age three, thus helping to reduce long-term educational costs.

ODMRDD Director, John Martin, stated, "Through this collaborative effort, children in Ohio will have better opportunities to reach their full potential. In addition to helping children and their families, early intervention services provide economic benefits to taxpayers by helping to decrease dependence on extended or lifelong services."

For more information about EI services and the Help Me Grow program, visit the Ohio Department of Health website at: <http://www.ohiohelpmegrow.org/>. Locally, you may contact Wyandot County Help Me Grow at (419) 294-6408.

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

The Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities toll-free hotline number for reporting abuse/neglect and other MUIs is **1-866-313-MRDD (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, you may report suspected abuse, neglect, or other major unusual incidents to the Wyandot County Board of MR/DD's Service & Support Administration office located at Angeline School & Industries. The phone number is (419) 294-4901. After regular business hours, contact one of the emergency SSA numbers that is listed on Angeline's automated voice message system.

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD SEEKS SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY

Angeline is very fortunate not to have to be on the ballot this March, but we wish to encourage your support of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board efforts to improve services to Wyandot County citizens with severe mental illness.

You may not be aware that a number of children and adults we serve here at Angeline deal not only with the challenges of their mental retardation/developmental disability, but they may also be diagnosed with a severe mental illness. When this occurs, we rely on the Mental Health & Recovery Board to provide the services and expertise specific to treat the mental illness.

In a nutshell, children and adults with mental retardation/developmental disabilities benefit from quality Mental Health & Recovery Board services. Please consider lending your support to the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board.

Following is an article submitted to the Angeline Newslines by Nancy Cochran, Executive Director of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Seneca, Sandusky, and Wyandot Counties.

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board has not had any local levy funding since 1990. Since that time, the demand for services has exceeded the Federal and State funding the Community Mental Health Board receives. At any given time, the Community Mental Health Board subsidizes services for between 3,500 and 5,000 individuals. Research indicates that one out of four people will experience a mental illness sometime in their life. Schools report behavioral health needs cause disruptions in the classroom, which negatively impacts all students.

Those individuals who experience the effects of mental illness and/or require recovery services in Wyandot County are asking the citizens of Wyandot County to again show their support for the programs and services of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. The proposed levy would cost the homeowner of a house valued at \$100,000 about \$2.04 per month. All funds from a successful levy will be used exclusively towards services to Wyandot County's individuals.

Wyandot County has three residents who were appointed to serve on the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board. They are: Tom Schertzer and Karen Van Horn, both from Upper Sandusky; and Margo Rodriguez, from Sycamore.

– Nancy Cochran, Executive Director of Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot
Community Mental Health & Recovery Services Board



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE... MARCH 4TH PRIMARY ELECTION, POLLING PLACE ACCESSIBILITY

It is important to remember that on Tuesday, March 4 – Primary Election Day in Ohio – every polling place is required by state and federal law to be accessible to people with disabilities. The Ohio Legal Rights Service (OLRS) provides a great deal of information about the rights of voters with disabilities. This information is available on-line at http://olrs.ohio.gov/ASP/olrs_Voting.asp

If you are in a position to assist someone with a disability to exercise her/his right to vote, thank you for doing so. Voting is such an important right – and responsibility – for all US citizens, regardless of disability.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 19 "Speech and Children Across the Ages," 6:30 pm a program presented by three area speech pathologists addressing the needs and issues affecting all ages and stages of development from birth up. 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.
- Feb. 21 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 18 "Mental Health Issues in Children & Schools," 6:30 pm, presented by Dennis Wolf, Executive Director of NAMI in Seneca, Sandusky & Wyandot Counties. 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.
- March 20 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 21 Spring Break – Angeline Industries Closed, Return on March 24
- March 21 - 28 - Spring Break – Angeline School Closed. Students return on March 31
- April 17 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 18 Angeline Staff In-service – Angeline School & Industries Closed
- May 5 Angeline School IEP Day – Students are in session



RETIRING JERSEY

On December 13, 2007, family and friends packed Angeline School's gym to see Chuck Brinker's #34 Jersey retired. Chuck retired from playing Indians' basketball at the end of the 2006/07 season after 20-plus years, but he has returned this season to run the scoreboard at the Indians' home games.



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.FM, WBCO 92.7 FM, WFIN 1330 AM, WKXA 100.5 FM, WXML 90.1 FM, WMRN 94.3 FM and WTOL Channel 11 Toledo.

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 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.

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

**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 . . .

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!

<u>Angeline Endowment Fund</u>	\$ 100.00
<u>Angeline Gifts & Donations</u>	\$ 684.25

YOU ARE WELCOME . . .

Angeline School & Industries is a local program supported by this community, for this community's citizens. Therefore, members of the community are always welcome here. If you are interested in a tour of our program and facilities, please don't hesitate to call or stop by.

**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:
 Wyandot MRDD Board Industries Board

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