

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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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

This year's theme, "*Just Like You*," reflects the fact that just like you, individuals with disabilities can learn, work, and contribute to our community. Each year at this time the Wyandot County Board of MRDD joins with like-minded organizations from Ohio and the nation to raise public awareness and promote the wonderful gifts and abilities that individuals with developmental disabilities have to offer. Many events are planned to celebrate this important month. You will also see many individuals with disabilities in and about the community during March contributing their time through various volunteer efforts. Check out the events below and mark your calendars for a fun-filled celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month!

- March 6** **Angeline Industries Business and Community Partners Appreciation Breakfast and Proclamation** Angeline's cafeteria - 7:30 a.m. To 9:30 a.m. (by invitation)
- March 17** **Wyandot County ARC Potluck**, Angeline Café, 6:00 p.m.
- March 27** **Red Cross Blood Drive** (Angeline is partnering with Kalmbach Feeds) 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. in the Angeline gym
- April 2** **Community All-Star Basketball Game** Upper Sandusky High School gym, doors open at 5:30 p.m., game starts at 6:30 p.m.
- April 4** **Angeline's 17th Annual Auction & Consignment Sale**, 10:00 a.m. in the Angeline gym
- Monday through Friday in March – Gym Walk** Come out and walk from 6:00 to 8:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. To 1:00 p.m.
- Every Wednesday in March – Jon Reel will play piano at Woody's Restaurant** – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Advertising – Watch for billboards, posters, and placemats in area restaurants. Stroll by Dr. Hoover's dental office in Upper Sandusky to see a glimpse of what children and adults with disabilities are doing.



NOW ACCEPTING
DONATIONS AND
CONSIGNMENTS FOR THE

**17TH ANNUAL
ANGELINE AUCTION!**

Please contact
Lynne Reinschell at
419-294-4488 or email to
reinschell@angeline.com.

LESSONS LEARNED DURING CHALLENGING TIMES

As you may already know, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland recently announced a third phase of 2009 state budget cuts. Ten years ago, in 1998, Angeline received just over \$500,000 in operating funds from the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities. With these most recent cuts, Angeline can expect to receive about \$295,000. This is approximately a 40% loss of state subsidy dollars over a ten-year period. Without the generous support of Wyandot County taxpayers through Angeline's local levy, we would not have been able to weather these kinds of state decreases.

I'm telling you this because it is information you need to be aware of. I'm not telling you this to whine or for you to feel bad for Angeline. These are difficult and challenging times for everyone here in our community. And while my very nature seems to be calling me to whine and complain---the never-give-up spirit of the children and adults we serve (and their families) compels us here at Angeline to keep working hard and will not allow us to start feeling sorry for ourselves. They don't. And let's be honest, who's facing bigger challenges and obstacles?

Whether it's a young child diagnosed with cerebral palsy who, alongside her parents and physical therapist, is working to strengthen legs that will someday be strong enough to support her own weight outside of her wheelchair. Or an adult with significant disabilities who struggles for several minutes on the workshop floor to assemble a plastic automotive part for M-Tek that would probably only take someone with the use of both their arms just a second or two. This same adult, rather than complaining about how little paid work he has right now, expresses his gratitude for whatever amount of work local business is able to send Angeline's way.

Children and adults with disabilities (and their families) have been working their whole lives to overcome life's most significant challenges and obstacles. They have a great deal to contribute and lessons to teach us about never giving up and about working hard to reach one's full potential. I'm energized by the example they set.

If you are ever in need of a "shot in the arm" dose of this never-give-up spirit, you are welcome to stop out and request a tour of Angeline School & Industries. As always, thank you for your continued support of the programs and services we provide to Wyandot County citizens with developmental disabilities.

Sincerely,

Todd Dilley
Angeline Superintendent



ANGELINE PRESCHOOL RECEIVES ODE GRANT - Angeline preschool students Nick Barnett, Abby Allison, Vaughn Coppler and Ian Williams are pictured with a few of the items that were purchased through a grant from the Ohio Department of Education.

HELP WANTED . . . FAMILY SUPPORT PROVIDERS

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.



WYANDOT COUNTY FOOD PANTRIES / COMMODITY DISTRIBUTIONS

Memorial United Methodist Church,
229 E. Findlay Street, Carey is open
Wednesdays from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Only those living in the Carey School District can access this pantry. For more information please call 419-396-6188.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Office, 128 N. Eight Street (Basement), Upper Sandusky is open every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. This pantry is available to everyone in Wyandot County, excluding those in the Carey School district since they have their own pantry, once every two months. If someone is using Food Stamps they must have a referral from their Job & Family Service Case Worker each time they access the pantry. For further information, contact the church office at 419-294-2831.

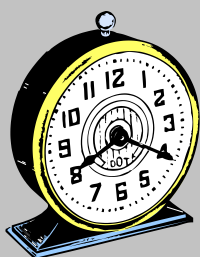
Commodity Distributions for 2009 will be held at Riddlehaven Apartments, 900 Eulalia Avenue, Upper Sandusky on March 17, April 14, May 12, June 16, July 14, August 11, September 15, October 20, November 17 and December 15. Those wishing to take advantage of this can do so at any of these dates and the food available varies each time. For more information, contact Marcia Frisch (Ext. 262) or Beverly Kirby (Ext. 242) at the Wyandot County Job & Family Services Office at 419-294-4977. You will be prompted by an automated voice to dial their extension number.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 19 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- March 16 Angeline Industries' Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- March 17 "Redirecting Behavior Problems", 6:30 p.m., learning ways to promote healthy behaviors using strengths and restructuring presented by Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services. Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program to be held at the Family Learning Center at Sentinel, 797 E Township Rd. 201, Tiffin. Contact Paula Frey at 419-294-3445 for further information.
- March 19 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- April 10 Easter Break, Angeline School & Industries Closed
- April 16 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 18 Angeline Industries' Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- May 21 Wyandot County Board of MRDD Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- May 25 Memorial Day, Angeline School & Industries Closed

GOING GREEN WITH US!

If you are an Angeline Newsletter subscriber who receives the newsletter by US Mail, please consider switching to an email subscription. Email is the best way to subscribe because each issue arrives sooner and the pictures are in color. Email subscriptions also help save money by reducing postage costs. You may obtain an email subscription to the Angeline Newsletter by contacting Jenny Wilson at wilson@angeline.com.



**Daylight
Savings
Time
Begins
March 8!**

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 or www.angeline.com and click on WTOL News 11 School Closings.

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.

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

ANGELINE PRESCHOOL STUDENTS LEARNING LANGUAGE ARTS, MATH,

SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE



Did you know that Angeline preschool students ages 3 through 5 years are receiving an education that meets national early learning content standards in the areas of Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies? What, you didn't know that? You thought preschool was just fun and

games? This is the first in a series of articles by Pat Beidelschies, Angeline Preschool Instructor, demonstrating that today's preschool programs are packed with both fun-filled and rich early learning experiences for children.

PRESCHOOLERS LEARN "HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS"

Since special education preschool classrooms are responsible for providing learning experiences that address the four national content standards: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science, I would like to share with you how our preschool classroom has chosen to address one particular piece of the English Language Arts content standards...literacy. Teacher assistants Deb Berg and Chris Beamer are helping children to learn about the writing process using an evidence-based program called Handwriting Without Tears. They use specifically manufactured wood cutouts that are called "big lines," "little lines," "big curves," and "little curves." From this very basic demonstration, practice, and repetition the children learn to form the letters of the alphabet. They also use a slate board to make some of the letters. The activities are both purposeful and fun. The children are eager for their turn. While the preschoolers are learning to form their letters, our speech therapist, Jill Walton, and I work with the children to identify the letters of the alphabet and the beginning sounds that each letter makes. We also incorporate many common classroom items that start with the letter or sound that we are introducing that day.

Next article...**MATHEMATICS!**

For more detailed information about the Early Learning Content Standards visit the Ohio Department of Education website at www.ode.state.oh.us and search: Early Learning Content Standards.



WYANDOT COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS - (l to r)
 Greg Bishop, Ray Funk, Gene Kirby, Secretary; Raymond Dible, Laura Ketter, Vice President; Charlene Latham and Steve Walton, President.



ANGELINE INDUSTRIES BOARD MEMBERS (l to r)
 Andy Koehler, Jim Reile, Jim Packer, Tom Creger, President; Molly Snyder and Bill Beach. Not pictured is Ron Pahl.



John Vogel receives his retirement gift from Wyandot County Board of MRDD Board President Greg Bishop, while Superintendent Todd Dilley presented Barb Swartz with her gift. Both of these people have combined 24 years of volunteer service to the board. Thank you Barb and John for your many years of dedication and service to Wyandot Citizens with developmental disabilities.



Esther Toland recently taught a beaded necklace class to several individuals at Angeline Industries. Thank you Esther for this fun-filled class!

Dreams & Wishes!

DVDs

- ❖ Toy Story I and II
- ❖ Shrek I, II and III
- ❖ Disney Movies

CDs

- ❖ New country
- ❖ Easy Listening
- ❖ Jock Jams
- ❖ Books on tape

CRAFT/ART SUPPLIES

- ❖ Clay pots (all sizes)
- ❖ Marbles
- ❖ Old Silverware
- ❖ Magazines
- ❖ Material
- ❖ Yarn
- ❖ Miscellaneous craft items

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Vinyl bean bag chair
- ❖ Office size paper shredder
- ❖ Outdoor baby swing

Toiletries

- ❖ Baby wipes
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Diapers (all sizes)
- ❖ Pull ups (all sizes)

For further information should you wish to donate, please contact Jenny Wilson, Administrative Secretary at 419-294-4901 or email her at wilson@angeline.com.



During 2008, several students from the Tri-Rivers Massage Therapy Class in Marion visited Angeline's Choicemakers program, providing therapeutic massages to the adults we serve. On October 8, 2008, these students invited our Choicemaker clients to their graduation ceremony. Denise Griffin, Angeline staff member, gave a speech during the ceremony thanking the students for providing these services to our group and wishing them well. Pictured are Choicemakers Beth Dilts (2nd from left) and Judi Brashares (far right) with three of the graduates and their Instructor Julie Troiano (2nd from right).



During the month of December, Tabitha Smith, Workshop Supervisor and an avid sewer, contacted Heidi McLane, co-owner of Sew Nice in Upper Sandusky, about holding a sewing class for a few of the adult individuals of Angeline Industries. Heidi and her staff members conducted a two-day class teaching the ladies basic sewing techniques and then helping them make hats. Tabitha is pictured with Brandy Lynch, Becky Stiefel and Dolores Wickham modeling their hats. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Heidi and her staff for a very enjoyable and fun time!!



Each week Cheryl Strohm, Angeline Industries Workshop Supervisor, transports several clients to Fairhaven Community Center who volunteer their time to participate in various activities with the residents. Pictured are (l to r) Deb Callahan, James Yoho and Ruth Milum leading residents in the Noodle Dance.



Cody Harris & Zach Baaske shared their musical talent with Angeline Industries during the Christmas season. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed your music! Thank you!!



LIBRARY TIME Jill Stansbery, Children's Librarian from the Upper Sandusky Community Library, visits the Preschool Class at Angeline School once a month to read stories and sing songs with our students. Thank you, Jill, for a very fun-filled time!



Amber Bradner, James Stone, Ashley Beamer, Brent Hemmerly and Donald Smalley recently met with Upper Sandusky Mayor Scott Washburn. They had a list of questions regarding the local economy and recent job losses that have had a negative impact on Angeline Industries' daily production and the amount of assembly and packaging work done on a daily basis. The group asked that local businesses keep them in mind when looking for reliable and dependable employees as they are willing and eager to work. Thank you, Mayor Washburn for taking the time to meet with us and discuss these issues of concern.

RESOURCE CORNER . . .

AUDIO CONFERENCE TRAINING FROM THE OHIO COALITION FOR THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is currently implementing Audio Conference Training (ACT). This is a new way to attend any of the following FREE Parent Trainings from the comfort of your home, office, etc.

The following is a current schedule of the dates and topics that will be presented. If you are interested in being a part of any of these upcoming trainings, please call the Marion office at 800-374-2806 and let them know you want to register for an Audio Conference Training. A packet of information will be sent to you along with the call in number. If you have any questions regarding ACT please call or visit our website at www.ocecd.org.

Tuesday, March 17, 2009 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Topic: Transition Drives the IEP
Presenter: Nancy Mandernach

Thursday, April 23, 2009 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Topic: Understanding ADHD
Presenter: Sandy Brickner

Tuesday May 12, 2009 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Topic: Behavior Focused IEP's
Presenter: Karen Lyke

Wednesday, June 17, 2009 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Topic: Is Your Child a Target of Bullying?
Presenter: Barbara Rutt

Thursday, July 30, 2009 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Topic: Understanding the Evaluation Process
Presenter: Robin Bryant

Tuesday, August 25, 2009 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Topic: Hearing Impaired
Presenter: Kim Dennison

People First of Ohio ANNUAL MEETING

You do not have to have a People First chapter in your area, or be a member, to attend this meeting. According to organizers, it is about advocacy and training and if you are interested you may attend.

“YOUR VOICE, YOUR CHOICE, YOUR LIFE”

Saturday, March 7, 2009
Where: Robert's Convention Center
123 Gano Road
Wilmington, Ohio 45177

*Registration: 9:00 a.m.
Meeting begins: 10:00 a.m.
Adjournment: 5:00 p.m.*

Guest Speaker, Ollie Cantos, is Special Council to the Assistant Attorney General in Washington D.C., Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. He will address issues involving advocacy in today's environment. The meeting also will include the election of new Board Members.

Event cost is \$15.00 per person, and includes a pizza buffet, salad, dessert, and beverage. A dance will directly follow the annual meeting, training, and elections. *For a registration form contact Rhonda at (740) 397-6100. Return requested by February 17, 2009.*

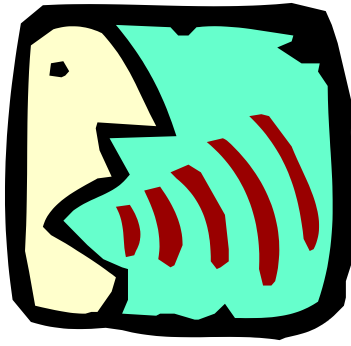
ALL ABOUT THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MRDD

The new ODMRDD Primer -- an agency overview featuring priority goals, strategies, and Division functions is now posted on the ODMRDD website at <http://mrdd.ohio.gov/about/>, which is reached by clicking on 'About Us' at the top left of your ODMRDD homepage. We hope you find this information useful, and please note that it will be updated periodically to reflect major changes as they may occur.

WHAT ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WISH ALL PARENTS KNEW

The Northwest Ohio Center for Families and Children (NCFC) has always believed that a person's experiences and their successes are two of the greatest forms of education and encouragement to others. These people are often referred to as PEERS, People Exemplifying Excellence with Real Life Stories. The NCFC will sponsor a four part educational series in February to give children born with disabilities/developmental delays and/or the parents of a child with disabilities/developmental delays to hear from these people.

The dates are February 21 and February 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will be held at The EMS Building, 2127 Jefferson Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. Childcare & lunch will be provided for all sessions. For more information, please contact Deborah Barmstead at 419-251-1816 or email to dbarmstead@yahoo.com.



THE VOICE

A SELF-ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER BY WYANDOT COUNTY
SELF-ADVOCATES FOR WYANDOT COUNTY SELF-ADVOCATES

OHIO PROJECT STIR

(Steps Toward Independence and Responsibility)

Becky Stiefel and Cheryl Strohm traveled to Columbus, Ohio from November 17 - 20, 2008 to attend the Project STIR Conference. There were many counties present. Project STIR offers support and technical assistance to help promote self-advocacy for individuals with disabilities. On the first day we set up rules for the meeting. Some of the rules that we came up with were:

1. Stay on topic.
2. Voice your opinion.
3. Be on time.
4. Turn cell phones off.
5. Be fair to others.
6. Have fun and know yourself.

We learned how to solve problems:

1. Think before you speak.
2. Relax, take a deep breath.
3. Stay on topic.



We did a lot of role playing; we were all put into groups and given a problem to solve. At this point we had to work together as a team and come up with ways to solve the problem which we were given.

Becky and Cheryl will be attending another Project STIR conference in February with everyone that went to Columbus to get updates on what each county is doing. They will also see if any other counties want help with their own Project STIR. There was a lot to learn in a very few days. While we attend the conference we teach each other many things as each day goes by.

Becky and Cheryl are going to start Project STIR training for other self-advocates in Wyandot County in the near future.

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 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.

**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!

Angeline Endowment Fund: \$190.00
Angeline Gifts & Donations: \$910.00

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 Middle School/High School age classroom is collecting Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education and the Primary School age classroom is collecting both Campbell Soup labels and Betty Crocker Box Tops for Education. Anyone collecting these may drop them off in the Administrative Office of Angeline School during regular business hours. Funds collected will be used for educational items. Thank you!

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

Angeline Board	Steve Walton, Pres.
Angeline Board	Laura Ketter, V. Pres.
Angeline Board	Gene Kirby, Sec.
Angeline Board	Greg Bishop
Angeline Board	Raymond Dible
Angeline Board	Ray Funk
Angeline Board	Charlene Latham
Industries Board	Tom Cregar, Pres.
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