

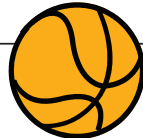






March 2016

This month's feature: Kathy, Donald, Richard & Marie use art to tell their stories (see next page).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month 		1 ECAAC - PTCU Meeting 10am	2	3	4 SWAAC - PTCU meeting BCC, 11am	5 Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament LCCC, Rockets play @ 5:45pm, Winner advances to State Tournament
6 	7	8 BrAAC - PTCU Meeting 6pm	9 MHAAC - Food Pantry	10 MDA - PTCU Council Board Meeting, 10:15am	11 Staff Inservice Day - SAW, Inc. AAC employees do not report	12 
13 	14	15	16 BAAC - Worker Council Meeting, 1:30pm 	17 SAW, Inc. Board Meeting PAAC, 7:30am MHAAC - Worker Council meeting CCBDD marches in parade, 1pm St. Patrick's Day	18 EAAC DD Awareness Fashion Show Euclid Lakefront Community & Senior Center, One Bliss Ln., 11am SWAAC - PTCU Luncheon for individuals/staff	19 Special Olympics State Basketball Tournament Columbus
20 Palm Sunday Vernal Equinox	21 People First of Cuyahoga Cty. Meeting, 6:30pm, Cleve. Clinic Bldg. Rockside, Rm. A, Register by calling (216) 736-8395	22 SOUP Advocacy Group Meeting, 10:30am - 1:30pm	23  Purim begins in the evening	24 MDA - CCBDD Board Meeting, 5:30pm	25 All sites closed Good Friday	26
27 Easter	28 	29	30	31 		

*All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your site for updates. For additional information, go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org or find us on Facebook.

March is DD Awareness Month

This year's theme, *What's Your Story*, is designed to capture the interests, abilities and personalities of people with developmental disabilities. Through stories, we can educate the community on how we are all connected, sharing similar goals, hopes and dreams.

Each of us has a story to tell.

We hope you join us in celebrating by sharing your story, whether you are an individual with a disability, a parent or family member, a staff person, volunteer or a member of the community.

Here are just a few examples of how you can participate:

Post your story, photo, inspirational quote, link or more on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CuyahogaBDD.

Tweet about what makes you special at www.twitter.com/CuyahogaBDD and use #MYSTORY.

Tell your story through art. (A picture is worth a thousand words.)

Be inspired by others who are sharing their story at www.CuyahogaBDD.org.



CCBDD will be highlighting DD Awareness Month in the community and throughout the year in a variety of ways. Please be sure to:

- Be inspired by others' stories broadcasted on local radio stations
- View our billboards throughout the county
- Cheer as we march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Visit our table at community events/resource fairs
- Call our Listening Line (216-736-2652) anytime for news and updates; listen to someone "Tell Their Story" each week during March.
- Share your email with us so we can connect with you on more stories and events throughout the year. (Go to CuyahogaBDD.org; click on *Stay Informed: Sign-up for our News & Notices*)

Upcoming events and important dates

All CCBDD sites will be closed on Good Friday, March 25 and *not* on April Fool's day as listed in the Fact Finder calendar. We apologize for any confusion this error may have caused.

Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future, a three-part workshop sponsored by CCBDD which helps parents plan for their children's future, will take place on April 21, 28 & May 5 at the Middleburg Hts. Library from 6 - 8:30pm. For more info. or to print the flyer, visit our website or call (216) 736-2690 or email pavone.margaret@CuyahogaBDD.org. This workshop will be repeated in September at the Mayfield Library.

The **Cuyahoga County Transition Expo** will be held Saturday, April 16, from 8:30am - 2:30pm at Notre Dame College, Regina Hall. All students 14 and older, parents/guardians, family members, and education professionals are welcome to attend to gain information on preparing for life after high school. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/2016-Expo-Attendee>, or for more info, visit www.esc-cc.org.

Great Lakes Theater presents a **sensory-friendly matinee** performance of *The Fantastiks*, May 18 at 10am at the Hanna Theatre. Tickets are \$12. Visit greatlakes theatre.org/tickets/student-matinees or call (216) 453-4443. View the event flyer by clicking on the March calendar on the CCBDD website.

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Sharing Our Story through Art:

Kathy, Donald, Richard & Marie

Kathy, Donald and Richard participate in fine arts classes weekly at the Maple Heights Adult Activities Center. Marie, their art instructor and a CCBDD volunteer, presents project ideas and encourages the artists to express themselves and create unique works of art. Over the years, the artists have developed friendships, and the class has become its own community within the center. "When we get here each week, we support and encourage each other around the table, talk about what's happening in our lives, share materials and ideas, and comment about each other's work," explains Marie.

During a recent art class, Kathy, Donald and Richard created their versions of "winter."

Kathy is inventive and creative, and always wants to do something different. She is not afraid to take risks. Kathy likes the Fine Art Club and thinks Marie is a good teacher. When asked about her painting, she says, "I was trying to paint the wind."



Donald likes to paint with vibrant colors. He has a definite style and is tremendously expressive. He is comfortable showing his feelings through his artwork. Donald is a true Clevelander. He takes great pride in his family and in local sports teams, like the Browns and Indians.

Richard loves to move paint around on canvas. He often produces pieces featuring big, bold blocks of color. This piece is a departure from his usual style in that he used a variety of colors. Richard enjoys the rhythm and movement of painting, and he also loves music.



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Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future

A Workshop Series by the Cuyahoga County Board of DD



Learn Important Information

- Why planning makes a difference
- Services from the Cuyahoga County Board of DD
- Government benefits
 - Eligibility
 - Waivers
 - Waiting lists
 - ABLE accounts
- School-to-Work transition
- Legal documents
- Funding and management
- Reviewing your existing plan
- Ticket to work

All families have concerns about their children's future, but those questions are of even greater importance for parents whose sons and daughters have a developmental disability. Whether your son or daughter is a child or an adult, it's time **NOW** to plan for the future.

Start by signing up for **Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future**, a three-part workshop series sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Middleburg Heights Library

15600 East Bagley Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130

April 21 & 28 and May 5, 2016

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Mayfield Library

500 SOM Center Road
Mayfield Village, OH 44143

September 14, 21 & 28, 2016

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Preregistration is required!

John and Carol Culley, life planners serving people with disabilities and their families, are the workshop moderators, along with other experts in legal planning, residential options and person-centered planning.

To register, go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org and click on 'Planting the Seeds' or call Margie Pavone at (216) 736-2690 for a registration form. Tuition cost is \$50 per family to cover the printed materials that participants keep.

You must register in advance!





Planting the Seeds for a Successful Future

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Mayfield Library

500 SOM Center Road
Mayfield Village, OH 44143

September 14, 21 & 28, 2016

6:00-8:30 p.m.

Registration deadline: Sept. 7, 2016

Register early. Space is limited.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

County _____ (Priority given to residents of Cuyahoga County.)

Phone _____ Email _____

Name and age of the individual for whom you are planning _____

Tell us a little about this individual's disability.

How did you learn about this workshop?

What are your topics of interest? ☐ School-to Work Transition ☐ Waivers ☐ Health Care Reform
☐ Income Tax ☐ Public-Private Partnership ☐ Legal Documents ☐ Funding and Management
☐ Eligibility Questions ☐ Waiting List ☐ Reviewing Your Existing Plan
☐ Other

The tuition for this workshop series is \$50 to cover printed materials, which you will keep. Please mail your check for \$50, payable to Cuyahoga County Board of DD. If you did not register electronically, also return this registration form with your check.

*Mail to: CCBDD, Attn: Margie Pavone, 1275 Lakeside Ave. East.
Cleveland, OH 44114-1129 by the registration deadline.*



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WHERE

Notre Dame College
Regina Hall
1857 South Green Road
South Euclid, 44121

Visit the **2016 Cuyahoga County
Transition Expo on Saturday,
April 16, 2016** from 8:30 a.m. to
2:30 p.m.

This is a FREE event with free parking.

A day of useful and relevant information.

WHO

**All Students 14 and older,
Parents, Guardians, Family
Members, and
Education Professionals are
welcome to attend.**

Directions to Notre Dame College

- **From I-271:** Exit at Brainard Road/Cedar Road (#32); take Cedar Rd. west to Green Rd. Turn right onto Green Road (North). Take Green Road 0.5 miles north to the main entrance (which is 0.2 miles north of College Road. Note that there is no entrance on College Road.) The entrance to Notre Dame College will be on the right.
- **From the East via Ohio Turnpike:** Exit at Gate 13; take I-480 (west) to I-271 (north). Follow "From I-271" directions.
- **From the West via Ohio Turnpike:** Exit at Gate 9A; take I-480 (east) to I-271 (north). Follow "From I-271" directions. From the East or West via I-90: Exit at I-271 (south). Follow "From I-271" directions.
- **From the South via I-71:** Exit at I-480 (east); follow to I-271 (north). Follow "From I-271" directions.
- **If you are coming from south of Medina:** Take I-71 to I-271 (north) and then Follow "From I-271" directions.
- **From the South via I-77:** Exit at I-271 (north) OR at I-480 (east) to I-271 (north). Follow "From I-271" directions

QUESTIONS

contact

Theresa.richardson@esc-cc.org

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Notre Dame College
Regina Hall
1857 South Green Road
South Euclid, 44121

Cuyahoga County Transition Expo 2016

Preparing for Life after High School

*Visit with **more than 80** exhibitors*

and gather valuable information at 16 meaningful

break-out sessions.

WHEN

Saturday, April 16 2016
8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Exhibit booths close at 1:30

FREE!

For more info, visit
www.esc-cc.org

Register @ <http://tinyurl.com/2016-Expo-Attendee> .
Mail-in registration form inside.

SCHEDULE

Break-Out Sessions

Services, Employment, Postsecondary Education, Independent Living

REGISTRATION

A Day of Useful and Relevant Information.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. with a panel discussion centered on “learning...earning...living”

From 9:15 to 1:30 PM, more than **80 exhibitors** representing all phases of transition to adult life and learning will be available to talk with parents, students, and professionals about their programs and services. **(Exhibitor booths close at 1:30).**

Throughout the day at **10:00 am, 11:15 am and 1:30 pm**, professionals and young adults will present breakout sessions geared toward ‘learning’ in the adult world (e.g. college), ‘earning’ (e.g. job/career preparation), and ‘living’ (needed daily skills).

Limited food options will be available **for purchase** during the day.

Tours of Notre Dame College, including the Academic Support Center, will be held throughout the day.

Online at: <http://tinyurl.com/2016-Expo-Attendee> or
use the QR code ⇒



-OR-
Mail-in to:

Theresa Richardson
State Support Team Region 3
6393 Oak Tree Blvd. South
Independence, OH 44131

-OR-

Print and email to:

Theresa.richardson@esc-cc.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

District of residence: _____

-OR- if student,

School: _____

Grade: _____

EACH PERSON ATTENDING MUST REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY.

SPECIAL SENSORY-FRIENDLY MATINEE!

GREAT
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THEATER

presents

a sensory-friendly
student matinee
performance of

THE FANTASTICKS

May 18, 2016 at 10:00 am

Hanna Theatre, Playhouse Square

For this special performance, accommodations will be made, including a supportive audience environment, designated quiet areas, adjustments to light and sound, and online resource materials.

*This Sensory-Friendly **student matinee** performance is perfect for schools, homeschool groups, adult activities centers and group homes.*

Tickets are \$12 and seating is assigned.

VISIT greatlakestheater.org/tickets/student-matinees

OR CALL 216.453.4443



Supported By:



People First of Cuyahoga County

Schedule for 2016:

March 21

April 18

*** April 28-30th People First of Ohio Statewide
Conference**

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

*** September 19 6:00 pm RSVP Required**

October 17

November 21

December 19

All meetings, unless otherwise noted, held from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at The Cleveland Clinic Building (lower level Conference Room A) on 5001 Rockside Rd. in Independence, Ohio.

*** April 28-30th People First of Ohio Statewide
Conference – Wilmington, OH - Registration
required by March 21**

*** September 21 – 6:00 p.m. RSVP required - Michael
A. Donzella Administration Building 1275 Lakeside,
Cleveland, OH**

Registration is required! If inclement weather requires the meeting to be cancelled, we will notify those that have registered. To register, please call The Arc at 216-736-8395, and be sure to leave your name, address and telephone number.

Directions to The Cleveland Clinic Building:

5001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
Lower Level Conference Room A
1.800.544.6333

From the North

Take I-77S. Exit for Rockside Road (Exit #155). Turn right on Rockside Road. The Cleveland Clinic Building will be on the right-hand side, less than 0.1 miles.

From the South

Take I-77N. Exit for Rockside Road (Exit #155). Turn Left on Rockside Road. The Cleveland Clinic Building will be on the right-hand side, less than 0.1 miles.

From the East

Take I-480W. Exit for Rockside Road (#20A). Turn right on Rockside Road. The Cleveland Clinic Building will be on the right-hand side, less than 0.1 miles.

From the West

Take I-480 E. Exit for Rockside Road (#20B). Turn right on Rockside Road. The Cleveland Clinic Building will be on the right-hand side, less than 0.1 miles.

Directions to M. A. Donzella Administration Building

1275 Lakeside Avenue East
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1129
(216) 241-8230

From the North

Take I-90 East or West. Exit at East 9th Street. Turn left onto Lakeside Ave. The M.A. Donzella Building will be on the left-hand side, less than 0.2 miles.

From the South

Take I-77N. or I 71N. Exit at East 9th Street. Turn right onto Lakeside Ave. The M.A. Donzella Building will be on the left-hand side, less than 0.2 miles

People First of Ohio Conference requires separate registration and scholarship requests. Contact People First of Ohio for more information (740) 397-6100