

THE MESSENGER

THE LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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from the desk of Superintendent Mancuso ...

Together, the future is brighter -

The children and adults for which we provide programs, services and supports represent a relatively small portion of the total population in Logan County. In fact, statistical data reveal that people with the most significant developmental disabilities represent 1 – 2% of the population. It would be easy, therefore, to overlook this relatively small group of people. This is precisely why the citizens of Logan County are to be commended for their extraordinary empathy, compassion and generosity towards those less fortunate and in need of the support of a whole community. We see this profile of our community demonstrated time after time, in many different situations. The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the persons we serve have also witnessed, first hand, the support of our community in

their generous support of our programs. Twenty years ago we asked our community to help us “Get back on track” and you did! During this period our program has grown to meet the needs of Logan County; we have two “state of the art” facilities and exemplary programs designed to meet the needs of a young family and their child with a developmental disability, an adult to live and work in our community and our senior citizens with developmental disabilities to enjoy their retirement years.

All of the programs and services that we offer to Logan County citizens with developmental disabilities are only made possible through the support of our community at large. In other words, Logan County exemplifies the theme of this year’s awareness campaign; “Together, the future is brighter.”

A TALE OF TWO BROTHERS ...

Oscar and Max. Two handsome brothers born 3 months premature – and yes, they are twins. Max and Oscar

are now one year old and they have made incredible progress in that short amount of time. The first few months of life



were spent in a children’s hospital. Upon discharge, early intervention services were contacted to provide services for the children and family. Services were decided upon based on the boy’s needs at the time and the needs of the family. Not only were developmental

suggestions shared, but community resources were shared as well. Services are provided to the family in their natural environment – typically the home. This reduces extra stress on a family by not having to bring their newborn children to a center.

An initial assessment showed that the boys were at an appropriate developmental level for their age. Services were in place to monitor the development of the boys and

provide resources to the parents. As Oscar and Max grew and developed, it was noted that Oscar needed some help with supporting his head and strengthening his muscles. With consent from the family, we added the service of physical therapy for Oscar. As his needs have changed, we have changed our service delivery. In addition to physical therapy for Oscar, the team noticed that Max needed some

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Geranium Sale

Torn to shreds -

RTC Industries is one of the divisions of the adult services department of the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Through partnerships with local businesses, RTC provides work for adults with developmental disabilities. While earning a paycheck, RTC associates participate in parts assembling work, parts washing, mailings, laundry services, janitorial, kitchen help, and other work which assists in sharpening employability skills.

In addition to these jobs, RTC began offering confidential shredding services to its customers in 2006. Over the last several years the shredding business has grown tremendously, with 53 businesses currently bringing their confidential documents to RTC to be properly destroyed.

Staff at RTC oversees the process of paper sorting and destruction while offering many opportunities to the associates, in sorting, material handling and machine operation and working as a team with co-workers. Confidentiality is taken very seriously at RTC. Documents are securely kept in the facility until they are destroyed. Once shredded, customers are sent a Certificate of Destruction verifying the documents have been properly destroyed and then disposed. Customers are charged \$.10 per pound bulk or may elect to have a 96 gallon locked tote kept at their business, which can be picked up when full and have the contents shredded for \$50.

Many people are curious about what happens with all the shredded paper! Once destruction has been completed, and the shredded paper has been compacted into a bale weighing 1200 pounds, RTC works in collaboration with the Logan County Solid Waste District to sell the paper. The paper bales are then turned around at the paper mill and made into recycled paper products.

RTC's associates take great pride in producing top quality work for our companies. Businesses in need of services may contact Helen Manns, RTC Production Manager, at 937-292-3027 or Nancy Evans-Donley, Vocational Services Manager, at 937-292 3015.



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additional support as well. Max was not getting in or out of a sitting position on his own. To assist him with learning to move positions, physical therapy was added. The physical therapist shows the family different techniques to help Max learn to move efficiently in different positions.

As another support for Oscar, we have also added occupational therapy to assist him with his hand strength. Because we see the family frequently and meet regularly as a team we were able to adjust our services quickly. With each visit and the coaching provided to the family, our team continues to see improvement. He is now sitting for brief times in a supported position with better head

control and using his hands with more strength.

Our therapists coach families on ways to increase skills that fit naturally into family routines. Families have so many more opportunities to strengthen the skills of their children because they are together all day. This is why we have seen great progress with Oscar and Max. The ability to have a team of people who know the child well makes a great impact on developmental progress. As professionals we learn from our families as much (or more) than they learn from us.

When asked her thoughts on the program Max and Oscar's mom writes "I am truly grateful for the extra monitoring

Early Intervention provides. Liz, Kristen, and Nancy have been instrumental in assisting us with therapy guided activities and play. Early intervention has allowed the twins an extra advantage at catching up developmentally, being born three months early."



ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

EARLY INTERVENTION

Children birth through age two with a developmental delay or a diagnosis that places them at risk for a delay are served by this program. Evaluation services, home and center based services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, and family service coordination are offered.



PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The Discovery Center for Children is a preschool program for children, ages 3-5. Public Law 99-457, a federal law, requires that school districts provide special education services for children 3 - 5 who are experiencing significant delays in their development. The Logan County Board of DD provides and fully funds this program on behalf of the Indian Lake, Riverside, Benjamin Logan, West Liberty Salem and Bellefontaine school districts. Special education services provided by the Discovery Center Program include speech, occupational, physical and music therapies, physical education and transportation.

SERVICES FOR ADULTS

PERSONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Each eligible individual participates in the development of a plan to develop/enhance important personal and vocational skills. For those who are unable to travel, home based services may be provided. Community based recreation programs focus on social and leisure skills.

SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT

RTC associates perform meaningful work, and develop skills through sub-contract work with local industry.

**RTC Industries is a 501-C-3 Corporation.*



COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

RTC Employment Services provides various supports for individuals with disabilities seeking work in the community. Individualized plans may include services such as job shadowing, job developing, and on-the-job training. RTC Industries also offers ongoing on the job support. This coordination of job-related services helps to ensure mutual satisfaction by the employee and the employer.

SENIORS' PROGRAM

Seniors is a retirement program providing social interactions and community involvement for Senior Citizens with developmental disabilities.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SERVICE SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

(FORMERLY CASE MANAGEMENT)

Service Support Administration focuses on supporting and empowering individuals with developmental disabilities. Service Coordination, Service Monitoring, Eligibility determination, Individual Service Plan (ISP) development and quality assurance are program priorities.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Limited support may be available to families who care for their child in their home. Families may receive assistance with expenses such as respite care, home modifications, adaptive equipment, and other services for the person with a disability, which are not covered by other sources.

SUPPORTED LIVING

Supported living is a program that provides supports to individuals and assists them to live more independently in the community.

OUR LOCATIONS -

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Brooke is working toward Independence...

Brooke S. feels she is one lucky gal as she looks forward to work each day at Pos-Abilities. Pos-Abilities is located at RTC Employment Services, 334 East Columbus Avenue in Bellefontaine. Pos-Abilities is a skill training program for people eligible for services from the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities. It focuses on building vocational and independent living skills. Its programming also offers Brooke and her co-workers opportunities to create hand-crafted items to sell at the Instant Replay store located in the same

building. Brooke enjoys making knitted hats and flower pots the most.

Brooke is learning the skills she will need to live on her own someday. For example, Brooke learns to cook, exercise, and the skills needed in the workplace.

Brooke likes her co-workers at Pos-Abilities and enjoys spending time with them outside of work during her lunch break.

Brooke likes the name of her employer and finds it fitting. She thinks her life is filled with 'Pos-Abilities' ever since she started working there.



APRIL

- 15** 2011 Art Auction & Awards Dinner
6:00 - 8:00 pm Bellefontaine First Church of God
- 18** Last Date to Order Geraniums
- 21** LCBDD Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 22** Good Friday - All Programs Closed
- 26-** Discovery Center Spring Program
- 27** 7:00 pm Bellefontaine H.S. Auditorium

MAY

- 19** LCBDD Meeting - 5:30 pm
- 27** Discovery Center Parent Exchange Day
- 30** Memorial Day Observance - All Programs Closed

Logan County Board of DD Auxiliary Committee is selling geraniums again this year. We will be taking orders from **March 21 through April 18**. Flower baskets will be ready for pick up at the **Discovery Center** on Friday, **May 6th** from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Please mark this pickup date on your calendar.

You may order your flowers by calling the office at 592-2009, completing this form and mailing or faxing to the Discovery Center office a 592-3098 or email to chall@logancbdd.org.

We encourage pre-payment with orders, checks should be made out to "LCBDD Auxiliary Committee".



We are going green again this year and you may place your empty baskets and flower pots in our container (from our sales only please) at the back of RTC Industries/DD Board office, 1851 State Route 47 West, until May 31st.



You may mail your payment to:

LCBDD Geranium Sale
c/o Connie Hall

PO Box 710, Bellefontaine, OH 43311

Each basket will contain 6 single geraniums, **all the same color** in a 4" pot and are sold for **\$15.00 a basket**.

Name: _____ Phone # (required) _____

_____ Pink _____ Red _____ Salmon _____ Fuchsia _____ White

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