

# THE MESSENGER

THE LOGAN COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL RETARDATION/DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

*"Enabling persons with developmental disabilities to realize and enjoy the quality of life they desire and can achieve."*

August 2008

## RTC Industries Working for the Community!!!

As a component of the Logan County Board of MRDD, RTC Industries is a non-profit sheltered employment site providing meaningful work to adults and vocational skills training - to prepare individuals for employment opportunities in the community. We serve only individuals who live in Logan County, and are an excellent resource to the local business community.

**AGC had this to say about RTC Industries, "You guys are great."**



The individuals who work at RTC Industries, Inc., located at 36 CR 32, 2 miles west of Bellefontaine on 47 West, are "Associates" and must be eligible for county board services and live in Logan County.

Over 120 individuals are supported and enjoy serving their community through working at RTC Industries. If individuals desire to work in local businesses or organizations, then every effort is made to find the job for them that match their desires, abilities and skill level to ensure success. For example, Sheena, works at RTC Industries Monday through Thursdays, and on Friday she works at Burger King. She loves her job at both locations.

Associates earn a paycheck every two weeks on the production floor for working on jobs obtained from small and large businesses, factories, and local agencies and organizations. The work may include collating news letters, sorting, small parts assembly, removing labels, labeling,

recycling, shredding, and washing parts. RTC adheres to all Department of Labor Standards and is accredited by the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).



The great things that happen to local businesses which contract with RTC Industries include:

- Increased profit margin by having RTC complete small assemblies, which helps speed up the output of the production line
- Decreased labor costs, since RTC can do the work at a lower cost
- Providing meaningful employment for Associates who become tax paying citizens

We also have a Seniors' Program for 18 individuals who are at least 55 years of age and older who either choose to retire or whose disabilities preclude working fulltime on the production floor. The oldest individual in our Senior's Program is 86 years old!

Here you see lone fishing with a Wii with employee, Lisa Davidson – lone gets so excited when she catches that fish. The Seniors engage in activities to engage their minds and keep them active – crafts, playing trivia games, swimming, games, walks, and much more.



**HTM commented, "If you ever need anything done right, you can count on RTC."**

You are always welcome for a tour of the production floor and the Seniors program – just give us a call to schedule a visit at a convenient time for you. When you visit, you will talk with individuals who enjoy the work opportunities that the community has given to them. Please contact Bryan Miller, Director of Adult Services, 937-592-0025 to set up a tour.

Thank you for your support of what we are doing for individuals with disabilities. We hope to see you soon!

**Logan View commented, "We are extremely happy for the paper shredding job you are doing for us."**

**See 2007 Annual Plan on Page 4**

# ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### SERVICE SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION (FORMERLY CASE MANAGEMENT)

Service Support Administration focuses on supporting, empowering and advocating for individuals with mental retardation/developmental disabilities. Eligibility determination, Individual Services 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.

## 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 MR/DD provides and fully funds this program on behalf of the Indian Lake, Riverside, Benjamin Logan and Bellefontaine school districts. Special education services provided by the Discovery Center Program include speech, occupational, physical and music therapies, physical education and transportation.



### TEENS IN TRANSITION

Students attending their local high school participate in our Teens in Transition (TNT) program. Monthly activities are offered to teenagers allowing them to meet with other teens in the area. Some of their favorite things to do have been going to the movies and dinner as well as going to Canterbury Coffee & Tea for the entertainment on Friday evenings.



## 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.\* Our sub-contract operations provide local businesses with a variety of outsourcing support. One of the more recent sub contract opportunities many businesses have taken advantage of, is our secured shredding business.

*\*RTC Industries is a 501C-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.



## RECREATION SERVICES

The Logan County Board of MR/DD's recreation program serves individuals in many different ways. We have staff to coordinate the adult segment of the recreation program, which includes overseeing Special Olympic activities. In addition to sports, staff organizes recreational events that promote socialization opportunities and frequently access many of the fun places in Logan County.



## NOTICE!

The Board gives its annual notice that its due process policy (known as administrative resolution of complaints, Chapter 4.9) is available to individuals and any entity in the county that serves persons with disabilities or any contracting entity, current or future, which provides goods or services. A representative of the County Board is available to assist individuals in their due process rights.

## MR/DD SLATES PUBLIC HEARING ON GRANTS

The Logan County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities will conduct a public hearing on early childhood special education and the special education Part B-IDEA grants from the Ohio Department of Education during its regular meeting at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2008

For fiscal year 2009, the agency will receive \$36,814.80 for Early Childhood Special Education and \$63,779.33 for Special Education Part B-IDEA grants. These grants are typically used to help finance the salaries of five special education classroom aides, a

teacher and the adaptive physical education teacher. This year the grants will also be used to provide ongoing professional development for instructional staff, supplies, curriculum enhancement activities and increased therapy services.

The Logan County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities also has a Title V Innovative Programs grant in the amount of \$93.34 that is used for instructional and educational materials to improve student academic achievement.

The grants will be available for review at the MR/DD office, 1851 State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine. Contact Linda Donnelly at 292-3010 for information.



## *In Loving Memory...*

Angel Frost died on January 26, 2008. Her parents are Gerald and Leslie Frost. Angel was served in our Early Intervention Program. Angel brought joy to our classroom. She enjoyed the company of her friends especially when music was involved. She would clap, kick, and rock with her friends showing her pleasure reminding us all that music is a universal language.

Frank Cunningham a long time associate of RTC Industries, Inc. died this past June 7, 2008. Frank began working at RTC Industries in 1980 and took pride in his work and worked at RTC for many years. From the RTC production area, Frank moved to the RTC Senior program, where he enjoyed activities with his friends. When Frank's health did not allow him to come to RTC he looked forward to visits from staff providing services in his home. One of his favorite hobbies was that he loved to fish. Frank's sense of humor and the great joy he felt in teasing others will be remembered fondly by those who knew him.



## From the desk of the Superintendent...

I am pleased to share the 2007 Logan County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities annual report with our community.

As we continue to strive for program excellence, we also consider efficiency a top priority. In other words, the persons we directly serve deserve the very best programs and services available and Logan County taxpayers deserve the most efficient use of their tax dollars. While our programs rank with the best in Ohio and are nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), our expenditures per person served are among the lowest in the state. This means that we rank among the most efficient county boards in the state of Ohio. (based on the 2006 cost reports listed on the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation Developmental Disabilities website.) During the past 18 years, we have only had 2 levy increases; one in 1992 and the other in 2005. This is quite remarkable considering the impact of 18 years of inflation and a more than 100% increase in persons served. In addition we have constructed two state of the art facilities; the Discovery Center and the RTC Industries buildings. This is a track record in which all Logan County citizens can take pride.

As the economy challenges all of us in the months and years ahead, rest assured that the Logan County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities will continue to provide top quality programs and services in the most efficient manner possible.

*Joseph F. Mancuso, Ph.D.*  
Superintendent



### AUGUST

- 18 Staff Development Day
- 19 Discovery Center  
Staff Work Day - Open House
- 20 First Day of School
- 21 LCBMRDD meeting @5:30 pm

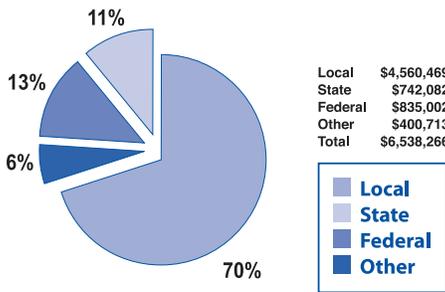
### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day - All Programs Closed
- 2 First Day of School
- 18 LCBMRDD meeting @5:30 pm

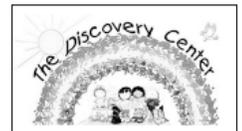
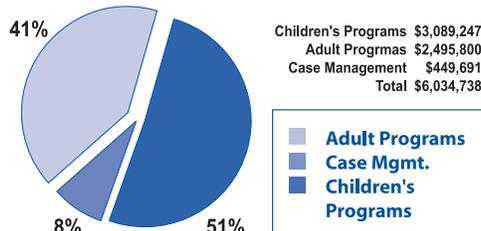
### OCTOBER

- 9 LCBMRDD Auxiliary Chicken BBQ  
11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- 13 Columbus Day - All Programs Closed
- 16 LCBMRDD meeting @5:30 pm
- 24 LCBMRDD meeting @5:30 pm

## REVENUE



## EXPENDITURES



## BOARD WELCOMES NEWEST ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS



Bryan K. Miller,  
Adult Services  
Director



Jerry L. Buerger,  
Human Resources/  
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#### PROGRAM ENROLLMENT

Early Intervention	48
Preschool	238
Adult Services	105
Community Employed	51
Case Management	
Adults	157
Children	47
Residential Services group Home/apt.	78