



Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Educational Forums

- July 9** - Transitioning from School to Adulthood
- Aug. 13** - Siblings: Valued Roles and Perspectives
- Sept. 10** - Pathway to Employment - Employment First
- Oct. 8** - Recreation, Leisure and Camp Opportunities
- Nov. 12** - Creative Housing Options

All forums will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio (ESC) 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131. No cost. Registration required. Go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org/en-US/PlantingSeeds.aspx or call 216-736-2690. If you need to cancel your registration, please call the number above.

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NEWS, VIEWS & NOTES



July 2019

A Message from the Superintendent

Summer is upon us. I hope you are able to take some time to enjoy this nice time of year. I am pleased to share with you the progress CCBDD has made in assessing and addressing the needs of people on the waiver waiting list. As you will see from the data inside, we have made great strides in helping those with immediate, unmet needs obtain a waiver and in connecting others to community resources. As needs may change at any time, please contact our intake department to learn how we can assist you: 216-736-2673.

Thank you to the many people served by CCBDD and their families who completed our feedback survey. As CCBDD plans for the future, it is important to know how others feel about CCBDD services, improvements that can be made, and ideas and opportunities. Findings from this survey will be used to inform CCBDD's new strategic plan, which will be available later this year.

I hope to see many of you at the Provider & Resource Fair on September 14. (Details on back.) Over 75 DD provider agencies and community partners plan to participate. I will be giving a short presentation on the current and future state of CCBDD as one of the breakout sessions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Kelly A. Petty
 Superintendent & CEO



Save the Date
 Saturday
 September
 14
 2019
 10am - 2pm
FREE!

PROVIDER & RESOURCE FAIR

Holiday Inn - Cleveland South
 6001 Rockside Road
 Independence, OH

More details coming!

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Coming Up

CCBDD Board Meetings
 July 25, August 22, September 26
 Meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.
 CCBDD Administration Bldg.
 1275 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland

ADA Cleveland Day at Wade Oval Wednesday (WOW)
 July 17
 4 - 7pm

Employment Collaborative Hiring Event
 July 25
 To learn more and register:
 Email Daly.Jared@CuyahogaBDD.org

Update on the new state waiver waiting list assessment

Background Information

On May 14, 2018, Ohio legislators approved a new administrative rule for the waiver waiting list that helps county boards of DD fairly and accurately identify the needs of a person seeking a Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services waiver, also referred to as a DD waiver. (This rule went into effect on September 1, 2018.) In the past, anyone could be on the waiting list for any reason- regardless of whether or not they actually needed a waiver. A new statewide assessment process is now used to identify a person's needs and how to meet those needs *with* or *without* a waiver.

For more information on Ohio's Waiver Waiting List, including a link to the Rule, please visit- <https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/waivers-and-services/waivers/ohios-waiver-waiting-list>.

CCBDD has spent the past nine months making significant progress conducting these standardized waiting list assessments for 987 people who were on our existing Waiver waiting list. This number represents 67% of the total number of people on the list. Of the 10 largest county boards of DD in Ohio, CCBDD has completed the most assessments to date. CCBDD plans to complete the assessments for the remaining people by the end of 2020.

Important Reminder: CCBDD may be able to meet some people's current needs through non-waiver resources and without having to be placed on the waiting list. An example of this is accessing other resources, such as Medicaid or private insurance, to pay for needed equipment in the home or using local funds to pay for occasional out of home respite care.

Assessment Results



987

Assessments completed as of May 31, 2019



People with current or unmet needs were enrolled on a waiver



People with a current need were added to the new waiver waiting list



People had no current needs



People had needs met through community resources

Common types of referrals to community resources include mental health services, medical services, housing, and transportation.



So much to see in the new CLE (Custom Living Environment) and ATV (Assistive Technology Vehicle)

CCBDD has created a demonstration smart apartment, the Custom Living Environment (CLE), to showcase a variety of equipment, technology and smart devices that can be used in a person's home to increase independence. People have an opportunity to see and try these items in the CLE before making the decision to obtain the item or device.

CCBDD has also customized a van to create an Assistive Technology Vehicle, also known as the ATV. This custom van showcases various assistive technology items and is available to travel throughout the community.

Examples of devices, tools and technology available in the CLE and ATV:

- Adapted cookware and silverware
- Live remote supports demonstration
- Standing wheelchair
- Two-way communication systems
- Ceiling track system

To learn more about the CLE or ATV or to schedule a visit, please contact Sharon Dwertman at 216-736-2649 or Dwertman.Sharon@CuyahogaBDD.org.

ADA Day Cleveland - July 17, 2019

Join CCBDD and other DD advocates for the annual ADA Cleveland celebration on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at Wade Oval in University Circle. Resource Fair is from 4 - 7 pm. WOW concert begins at 6 pm followed by a screening of *Ralph Breaks the Internet* at 9 pm.

