

# Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



## Superintendent's Report - March 2020

### Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

On Thursday, March 5, Deepwood Industries and Laketran co-hosted the Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce/Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce's Coffee Contacts held at Laketran. The event featured CES Job Coaches and Deepwood Industries employees who work at various Laketran work sites.

CES, through its affiliation with the Lake County Employment Network, hosted at the LCBDD's A-Building Conference Room an Employment Skills Training Session for job seekers on March 5. This training consisted of two local Human Resource Directors who spoke to the attendees on what they look for in a productive employee, and some of the "do's and don'ts" of interviewing.

In coordination with DD Awareness Month, CES individual, Mike Hein was the Guest Speaker at the Rotary Club of Mentor's general membership meeting on March 5. Mike spoke to the Members on the challenges of growing up with a disability, how he overcame those challenges, and his personal and work experiences.

On Wednesday, March 11, CES, through its affiliation with the Lake County Employment Network, held a Hiring Event for individuals served by Network providers. Employers attending this Hiring Event were Giant Eagle and Meijer.

The Early Childhood Give and Take Program has successfully handed out toys to many families. At this time, we are not in need of infant toys; however, we are still accepting toddler and preschool age toys.

February was Dental Health month and our preschool program learned about how important it is to take care of our teeth with Gigi the big tooth sponsored by the dental office of Dr. Crystal Schneider.

A small group of individuals from the Imagine program enjoy Monday swimming at Broadmoor pool. The individuals also continue to enjoy music therapy with Groovy Garfoose and Game Club on Tuesday mornings. Also, a group utilizes the fitness center Broadmoor.

A few individuals attended two job shadows with CES and volunteered at McKinley Center with individuals from Willoughby Branch.

Individuals from VGC recently attended the play, "Oklahoma," put on by the talented students at St. Mary's in Mentor. The individuals loved interacting with the students after the performance.

Additionally, the individuals at VGC have been entertained every month with the interactive story time with Lisa Stevens. This month Dr. Seuss was highlighted with his book Green Eggs and Ham. Individuals also made bird feeders with pinecones to take care of our feathered friends during the last cold days of winter. Individuals also took part in candy making, in-house bowling, making pizzas for lunch, margaritas, and celebrated Mardi Gras with beads, crafts, and chocolate pancakes.

### **Special Events**

As part of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Broadmoor held its annual Grandparent's Day. Grandparents were able to visit the school, watch the preschoolers perform, and enjoy a snack/craft with their student.

To the preschoolers delight, Jungle Terry visited our preschool classes in February. Thanks to Flowers the Clown Entertainment for all of your great performances during the school year.

The students at Broadmoor School's Lake Employment Experience Program enjoyed learning more about Science, research methods, and how to present a topic of interest to their peers and special guests. Projects ranged from Egg Shell Geodes and Dancing Salt to Gyroscoping and Cornstarch Quicksand. Awards were handed out to each student by the LCBDD Superintendent, Elfie Roman, and Lake County Commissioner, John Hamercheck.

Soleil in Willoughby held a fundraiser to cover the cost of lunch for Broadmoor staff on February 27. A parent of a student and a staff member both work there and told the owner they should do something to give back for all of the hard work and dedication of everyone within the school community. They provided lunch, stocked the lounge refrigerator with food and condiments, and put fancy beauty products in the staff restrooms.

### **Staff Development and Training**

In February, members of the Early Intervention staff completed the Bayley 4, NAS, High-Quality Case Notes, Neurology & Neuroscience, Tongue Tie 101, and the Psychology Behind Behaviors training. The Preschool attended PBIS training put on by our educational partner, Painesville City School.

On March 3, staff attended the OACB Virtual Preschool Meeting focusing on Early Childhood, PBIS, and ODE licensing. The staff attended the OACB Virtual School Age Meeting regarding OCALI transition project and content standard alignment.