

# Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



## Superintendent's Report - May 2020

### Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

VGC staff are working together with the rest of adult services, residence staff, and many other Deepwood departments to ensure that the individuals are provided opportunity for activity and engagement in the residence while encouraging social distancing and safety precautions. We are all in this together to ensure that the individuals are well cared for and their needs are met during this unusual time.

The Imagine individuals are trying to stay busy at home throughout this time. Some of them have been working on their leisure skills, daily living tasks; such as, doing laundry, yard work, exercising, and even some cooking activities.

As we move to the end of this unprecedented 2019-2020 school year, the staff at Broadmoor School continue to provide the vital services necessary to keep our children safe and our families engaged:

- Ohio Early Intervention providers were recognized as national leaders using video technology to support families during the COVID-19 state of emergency. Our Early Intervention Staff to date, provided 254 virtual home visits. On April 6, in collaboration with Crossroads, our Early Intervention Staff resumed the initial evaluation process to determine eligibility using ZOOM as the virtual platform. Fifteen virtual evaluations have taken place, and 14 children were found eligible for services.
- The EI Speech therapist is holding Tidbit Tuesday with parents in the Early Intervention Program. This provides general communication strategies to support families during this time of isolation.
- Preschool teachers and staff have completed a total of 223 large, small, and individual ZOOM sessions with students and their families.
- A preschool “parents only” ZOOM session was held on April 23 at 7:30 pm with 11 parents attending.
- Over 165 instructional videos were made by our school age, LEEP and Adapted PE staff, as well as providing 54 individual and group ZOOM meetings.
- In addition to providing quality and innovative instruction, the Broadmoor staff took every opportunity to participate in professional growth training sessions.
- Early Childhood trainings included topics on Language Development, Tele-practice/Tele-intervention Language Disorders, Assessments, and Trauma.
- School-age trainings included topics on: employment, trauma, resilience, transition, technology and behavior.