

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Superintendent's Report - January 2025

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations



The LEEP Program donated this beautiful Gingerbread House to the Willoughby Branch (WB) in December. They have been enjoying this beautiful creation for several weeks now and it smells like cookies too!

On December 19, Broadmoor's LEEP classes enjoyed their annual Holiday Brunch. The event featured a delicious meal prepared by the school's Food Service Department and a festive holiday movie screening.

Once again, MK Photography beautifully captured the smiles and joy of Broadmoor students this school year.

Luke Farrell, a Jacksonville Jaguars player and alumnus of Ohio State University and Perry High School, selected Broadmoor School and the Deepwood Foundation as his "My Cause, My Cleats" beneficiaries. Luke wore custom green cleats featuring the Broadmoor School mascot and Deepwood Foundation logo. He also generously made a personal donation of \$2,000 to Broadmoor School.

Several ARC individuals shared a Thanksgiving dinner at the Mentor United Methodist Church.

Special thanks to the Burnt River Brown's Backers Club, the Deepwood Foundation, the Mentor Firefighters Union, and the Hooley House – several ARC individuals with staff attended the charity raffle event.

Special Events

The Early Childhood Department and Recreation Department hosted their first Winter Concert on December 6, 2024. The event was enthusiastically received by families and the community. The event was a resounding success, with both the children and audience members clearly enjoying the performances.

The Broadmoor Family Network sponsored a full-day "North Pole Experience" for all students on December 20. Led by volunteers and the Adapted Physical Education staff, the event featured a variety

of holiday-themed activities in the gym. Students rotated through age-appropriate activities, ensuring everyone had a wonderful time celebrating the last day before winter break.

The ARC Thanksgiving dinner and family meeting was attended by the individuals and 26 family and friends. The Food Service department put on a wonderful feast! Also, the ARC Christmas Party was well attended with 47 guests, including Santa.

The Willoughby Branch (WB) got into the holiday season from the start: Christmas tree decorating and hot cocoa, Christmas caroling and a building wide stocking exchange. WB had a holiday luncheon on December 18 (courtesy of one of the DI customers, Baker Bands). Rob from Baker Bands came dressed in red, ready to serve up delicious spaghetti and meatballs and pizza. The Executive Director of the DI Board, Mitch Berman, came out to join the festivities as well. It was a very Merry December.

VGC closed 2024 with the celebration of Hallothanksmas. Individuals visited A-bldg., taking pictures with Santa Claus, his elves while receiving presents and snacks. We celebrated our Christmas party with a grand gourmet breakfast by LaVera. We spent time with Community Integration on sensory story time and a visit to Candyland at Penitentiary Glen. Individuals enjoyed caroling from our Service and Support Administration and a visit from Dave and the Banjo Band with good ole American music. VGC will be geared up to bring in 2025.

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

Eight ICF Managers participated in a three day Medication Administration Training with NEON. Also, one RSM completed the Trainer Certification curriculum for the Aegis Crisis Prevention system.

Agency Resources

During the month of December, 25 children were evaluated for Early Intervention Services. Of those evaluated, 23 qualified for services.

Featured Success Stories

Rosie and her family are doing great thanks to the support of Early Intervention. Learn more about her story: <https://lakebdd.org/2024/12/rosies-life-is-rosier-with-early-intervention/>

On November 20, 2024, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities conducted a licensure survey at ARC. The results of the survey found the program to be in full compliance with no deficiencies. ARC was issued a three-year license. At the exit, the surveyor concluded with the following comment: "ARC is a standard that others should follow."