

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Superintendent's Report - May 2025

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Leadership Lake County's Junior Leadership Program collaborated with the Broadmoor Family Network to host a successful annual field day on April 30. High school students from across Lake County planned and led activity stations alongside Adapted PE staff, resulting in a joyful event evidenced by the students' face-painted smiles.

The Agency had their annual United Way Food Drive and as usual the Willoughby Works (WW) family provided many items. WW had five boxes of collected food items to give to those in need. Thank you to everyone for your support of United Way!

VGC has acquired some Translator Pens to assist individuals with reading some books/magazines of interest – quite a fun gadget.

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

VGC continues to keep busy with daily walking. Now with the nice weather upon us, VGC has more opportunities to walk outside for some fresh air. Speaking of walking – our Easter walk over to A Building was fantastic as always. Thank you A Building!

VGC's sessions of Music Therapy with Fine Arts is coming to an end with the hopes of starting a summer session.

Craft Club is becoming very popular with many VGC individuals joining in – they are very talented you know!

Everybody at VGC had lots of fun jammin' away with Banjo Dave and the one and only Show Biz Kids. We have Grill Master Charlie's First Annual BBQ coming up for Memorial Day, which means fun and food for all!

Special Events

The Fine Arts Association has continued to provide Willoughby Works with music therapy sessions throughout the year and they had a special music experience recently by hosting a group called "Show Biz Kids" who came out to sing and entertain us. They were wonderful and everyone was singing along to the oldies but goodies ☺ Thank you to Ashley Cozzens for setting up this very entertaining group of folks!

In celebration of Earth Day, WW provided flower and vegetable seeds to individuals and used some of our donated ceramics to create seed pots that they could take home and add to their spring garden. Hopefully, there will be some fruits for their labor.

WW continues to support our beloved Cavs and their winning streak by donning Cavs apparel on a regular basis. GO CAVS!

VGC individuals will soon be visiting the Larry Allen Tech Suite for a one-on-one tour with staff. It should be interesting to see each person's favorite gadget.

In June, VGC will be taking a fun trip out to Madison to Pet-The-Trucks. Sponsored by the Madison Library.

Agency Resources

During April, Early Intervention services were recommended for 39 of the 42 children evaluated.

Featured Success Stories

<https://lakebdd.org/2025/04/emrett-is-thriving-with-early-intervention/>

“Our son Emrett is 26 months old. We started EI when he was 13 months old as he was struggling to meet his gross motor milestones due to significant hypotonia. Through the bi-weekly physical therapy sessions and communications with Jill, Emrett went from army crawling to walking by 18 months. He is now physically thriving. He loves to run, jump, climb and hop! We signed him up for the Lil’ Kickers program and he is having a blast! Emrett was not the only one who benefited from EI. As first-time parents, we were overwhelmed in the beginning. The support and encouragement from Jill gave us the confidence to help our son reach his goals. We will be forever grateful for this program.”

Broadmoor's LEEP program will celebrate the graduation of 5 students on Friday, May 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please RSVP to Mary Elshaw, if you plan to attend.