

Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood Superintendent's Report – September 2025



Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

The Broadmoor Preschool Department is excited to announce a new collaboration with Starting Point & Catholic Charities. Together, they are developing enriching weekly programming and staff training sessions focused on nurturing the social-emotional development of preschool students. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to supporting our young learners and fostering a strong social emotional foundation for lifelong growth.

We had a fantastic turnout with over 30 individuals and their loved ones joining us for the Aktion Club Cookout and Membership Drive on Wednesday, August 27! It was a wonderful evening of building friendships and sharing what we love most about the Aktion Club of Lake County. Charlie, a member of Aktion Club since it first started in 2012, says he enjoys donating his time to the Community and stepping up to help others. Kevin, also a member since 2012, said being a member of Aktion Club makes him feel needed, and he enjoys stepping up to the plate. Looking ahead, our next volunteer event will be on Tuesday, September 24, to assemble care packages for Project Hope for the Homeless at Broadmoor School.

On Saturday, August 16, 2025, the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) made a spectacular appearance at the Mentor CityFest Parade, dazzling the crowd with their vibrant space themed float and infectious energy! Out of over 80 entries, LCBDD proudly took home the coveted Best in Show Award — a true testament to our creativity, spirit, and community pride!

But the excitement didn't stop there...

Deepwood Idol 2025 lit up the festival stage with 13 unforgettable performances in front of a large audience. Each act brought heart, talent, and passion, making it a truly magical afternoon. The judges faced a tough challenge, but after much deliberation, the winners were announced:

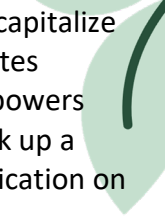
1st Place: *Charlotte Daprano*

2nd Place: *Breeanna Farley*

3rd Place (Tie): *Jordan Smith & Aiden Clark*

Congratulations to all the performers for sharing their incredible talents and making Deepwood Idol 2025 an event to remember. Their dedication and enthusiasm truly embodies the spirit of LCBDD and the joy of community celebration.





Due to our fantastic relationship with Today's Family Magazine, we were able to capitalize on an opportunity to run a free advertorial in their September issue which circulates across Lake & Geauga Counties. The story focused on how Early Intervention empowers families, highlighting Violet (and her parents) and Broadmoor School. You can pick up a print publication at a local Giant Eagle or Marc's Store, read it in their digital publication on www.TodaysFamilyMagazine.com, or access the article directly at <https://www.todaysfamilymagazine.com/2025/08/26/544045/early-intervention-empowers-young-children>. Violet is truly in full bloom with EI!

Special Events

The Early Intervention (EI) Department recently hosted its first dedicated Story Time at Mentor Library, which is designed specifically for children enrolled in the EI Program. We are thrilled that 12 families attended this first Story Time, which proved an engaging environment for early literacy and community connections.

Every year Willoughby Works (WW) provides coaching, support (and even make posters for the event) with individuals who want to perform at Deepwood Idol in August, and this year was no exception. WW had two individuals, Chris and Mindy, perform at this year's Deepwood Idol. They both did a fantastic job, and WW had a lot of fun supporting them through the process: from selection of talent to their day on stage. Congratulations Chris and Mindy!

School is back in session and WW chose a day in August for staff and individuals to wear their favorite school/team shirt. Look for pictures on Facebook and the Agency's monthly video.

VGC certainly enjoyed a wonderful summer ending with getting ready for fall and football season! They started up music therapy with Fine Arts for our fall and winter sessions. The individuals have been out and about with Recreation and Community Integration enjoying the splash park, movies, Karaoke, and story time. The Show Biz Kids and Banjo Dave visited VGC and played their wholesome good old American music and Folklore tunes.

Agency Resources

During the month of August, 24 children were evaluated for Ohio EI services with 22 of those children qualifying for services. Of these qualifying children, most of the children were assigned to work with Developmental Specialists as their Primary Service Providers based on the identified delays and needs from the family.

Broadmoor School and the Transportation Department started off the school year being trained on The Aegis System, Positive Behavioral Intervention Supports (PBIS), and annual training requirements. In the first nine days of school, fifty-three staff members were "caught" using adapted language and building the rapport of The Broadmoor Bobcat Way: Be Kind, Be Safe & Try Your Best.





Featured Success Stories

Congratulations to Alex L. who was nominated for the quarterly Deepwood Industries, Inc., Employee Award! WW will be celebrating Alex in September and will have a DI Board member come out to congratulate him, give a certificate, and a DI shirt.

Staff Development/Training

Broadmoor Intervention Specialist, Elizabeth Turcovsky, completed training on the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). She will be administering this important assessment in her classroom by the end of September, helping to ensure that each child's developmental progress is reviewed to ensure success for all Kindergarten-aged students.

The SSAs, QIDPs, and team leaders are attending DODD's office hours regarding the OhioISP trainings. Training focused on Quality Outcomes.

