

Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood

Superintendent's Report – October 2025



Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Broadmoor completed its semi-annual Active Shooter Emergency Alert Radio Test in collaboration with Mentor Police Dispatch. Broadmoor administrators participated with the Mentor Police Department gaining insight into how emergency alerts are received and processed by dispatch. Meanwhile, the test at Broadmoor School was conducted using the active shooter alert system that was installed last year. This coordinated effort continues to enhance emergency preparedness and strengthen communication between the school and local law enforcement.

Therapy dog handler, Joe Trask, who visited Broadmoor School for decades with five different therapy dogs & positively impacted the lives of hundreds of students, passed away in September. In his memory, a memorial brick – donated by the Broadmoor Family Network – will be placed in Deepwood Foundation's Paver Garden at the Clarke Family Activity Center.

In February 2025, LCBDD hosted an ICF Regional Training at VGC with Milestone Autism Resources partnering with DODD on the best practices for implementing the OISP for ICFs and QIDPs videotaping the full day training. In September of 2025, Milestone Autism Resources featured the videotaping of LCBDD on their website. On the Milestone Autism Resources website, there are two parts of the OISP training that was held at VGC in the Training Room with an additional Administrator Training video. LCBDD was featured as the spotlight. Here is the link: <https://www.milestones.org/services/ohio-isp>

Special Events

For Direct Support Professionals week, Willoughby Works (WW) celebrated by providing a breakfast that included sandwiches, coffee, and a homemade apple pie. We truly appreciate our DSPs and all the care and support they provide to the individuals at Willoughby Works.

Many individuals from WW attended the Deepwood Industries, Inc., Summer Picnic at Veterans' Park. There was bingo, outdoor games, a wood-fired pizza truck, and an ice cream truck. What a beautiful day and such a fun time!

Thanks to the generous donation from The Deepwood Foundation, WW had a visit from The Bubble Lady/Zap Enterprises, LLC. Sue, the Bubble Lady, provided lots of fun experiences with bubbles while she was there. Look for pictures from the event on social media.

Bowling at The Roll House started this past Friday, and WW has several individuals attending every Friday at that community location.





In September, the Silly Fun Saturday Event offered families in our Early Intervention and Preschool programs a fun-filled day at the Cleveland Zoo, organized by the Recreation Department.

Mentor & Willoughby-Eastlake libraries have begun offering monthly story times for our preschool students at Broadmoor School. Early Intervention also held their monthly story time at Mentor Library, with five families in attendance.

On September 19, the annual Wheel, Walk, Run event was held with support from 30 Riverside High School junior and senior volunteers and 10 Broadmoor Family Network volunteers. The event raised over \$6,000 to support activities and events at Broadmoor School. Second Sole generously donated the inflatable finish line and medals for all participating athletes.

The Broadmoor Bobcats are kicking off their 2025-2026 season this October! Games will remain open to friends and family of players & cheerleaders. However, community providers who plan to attend must register in advance to ensure adequate seating is available.

CES hosted a summer picnic for all the Deepwood Industries employees at Veteran's Park in Mentor on September 18. Approximately 125 people attended for the fun provided by the Recreation Department staff, the food trucks, and just hanging out with their peers. A fan favorite was the employee gifts—logo chain pendants. Afterwards, the employees continued to sport their “bling” at work.

The JCR Imagine Program hosted an Open House and 10-Year Anniversary celebration on October 8. Pictures spanning the decades, an activity to commemorate the event, and refreshments along with a wonderful group of attendees made the celebration one to remember.

VGC is enjoying our beautiful Indian summer. Individuals are attending music therapy with Fine Arts for the fall and winter sessions. Individuals have been out and about with Recreation and Community Integration enjoying walks in the park, watching movies, doing Karaoke, and having story time. Banjo Dave and friends visited VGC and played their Folklore tunes.

Agency Resources

The LCBDD Transportation Department recently conducted a Bus Safety Program for Broadmoor Preschool students, helping them learn important safety procedures in a fun and engaging way.

Students at Broadmoor School are enjoying the use of an Oculus Virtual Reality headset recently donated to the school. So far, they've explored immersive experience like touring the English countryside, witnessing a mountain rainstorm, and enjoying the sights of fall in Vermont.

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Employment First

The Job and Resource Fair and Hiring Event was held on October 15 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the Mentor Paradigm. During the meet and greet, tables filled with seven different resources available to job seekers. Seven employers interested in inclusive employment were visited by job seekers looking for employment opportunities. At the same time, Giant Eagle and Winking Lizard held onsite interviews with the goal of onsite job offers.

Featured Success Stories

Kaden's Mom, Ashley, shared how Early Intervention and the support from Developmental Specialist, Melissa, have brought both progress and fun to therapy. Initially hesitant about having Early Intervention visit her home, Ashley quickly saw the benefits after meeting Melissa. Thanks to her engaging and supportive approach, Kaden now speaks ten times more words than before! Ashley expressed deep appreciation for the Early Intervention team's help and shared that Kaden was thrilled to be the feature success story this month.

Staff Development/Training

The SSAs, QIDPs, and Team Leaders are attending DODD's office hours regarding the OhioISP trainings. Training is on the importance of the team process, incorporating outside assessments, and supporting complex needs in OISP.

