

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **March, 2018**

#### **Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations**

April is Autism Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Save the Date - March 26 is the Broadmoor Bobcats vs. Lake County Coaches Basketball game at Mentor High School at 7:00 pm. This is a fundraiser event for Broadmoor's Adaptive Physical Education Program and American Cancer Society, specifically for breast cancer.

St. Mary's Girl Scout Troop has worked hard to raise funds to pay the DJ and photo booth for the Lake County Special Education Prom, which will be held on Saturday, May 19 at Lakeland Breakers.

On March 19, the Willoughby Eastlake School of Nursing will begin their field observations at Broadmoor School.

The Early Childhood Supervisor was a facilitator at the Youth Leadership during their Professional Career Day and Collaboration and Team program days.

Twenty five individuals at Broadening Abilities had the opportunity to enjoy the Beauty and the Beast production at St. Mary's School. Individuals and staff raved about the musical production and portrayal of Belle and cast.

Park visits and music concerts were the community activities of choice for the individuals at Broadening Abilities. Despite the cold weather, individuals enjoyed scenic visits and soothing sounds at Trinity Church.

Recycling plastic bottles was also a priority and individuals from Hab 1 at Broadening Abilities were spot on with delivering materials to recycling bins in Mentor.

#### **Departmental Program Enhancements/Updates**

This month everyone at VGC expressed their thanks to the kitchen staff, for all they continually do to assist us with special events to enrich our lives, by personally presenting cards of appreciation at a Valentine's Day lunch. We recently celebrated the Chinese New Year with festive decorations along the main hall of VGC; educational materials and a parade was enjoyed by other programs in the building as well. We all participated in a Tailgate Luncheon, complete with apparel, to support our favorite team even if they didn't make it to the Super Bowl this year! Larry the Saxophone Man was gracious enough to share his talents with us again and his visit is something we always look forward to. We also kicked off the Olympics with our own torch run and games to participate in, such as corn hole competitions, as well as periodically keeping up to date on the televised Olympic Games.

The Preschool teachers will be completing the second administration of the Early Learning Assessments for all preschoolers with special needs, which is given two times during the school year.

Broadening Abilities received three plaques with the names of thirteen staff who have been with the agency for 20, 25, and 30 years. These plaques are a symbol of the commitment, professionalism, and experience that Broadening Abilities staff demonstrate. We are proud of our staff and grateful for the opportunity we have at Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood.

### **Agency Resources**

The Marcus Lantern Foundation offered grant applications to all Broadmoor teachers for up to \$300 each classroom for instructional material and equipment.

### **Special Events**

Broadmoor Bobcats played the following basketball games with area high schools: Willoughby-Eastlake North Girls and upcoming, rescheduled CVCA away game on April 23.

Broadmoor provided the following special events: Preschool Grandparents Day and Shaun's Bag pipe Performance. Upcoming events include: Chardon Polka Bank and Mentor Pop Up Library.

Broadening Abilities celebrated Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesday with purple and green beads, as well as paczki's and orange juice for breakfast. Not to be out done, strawberry smoothies were served for Valentine's Day, compliments of Hab 3.

Flowers were a special treat and Broadening Abilities sold many carnations this Valentine's Day, adding \$350 profit to our fundraising account. A warm thank you to Bleil's Secret Garden for supplying the carnations.

February was the month for contests at Broadening Abilities. Hab 1 sponsored a "guess the baby" baby picture contest.

To promote health and fitness, a lap walking contest was held at Broadening Abilities. MH 2 individuals and staff won, totaling 623 laps - almost twice as much as any other group. The group will receive a Subway luncheon for their awesome efforts.

### **Employment First Initiative Update**

On March 14, three of the LEEP Students attended the (LCEN) Lake County Employment Network training event at Lake Erie College. Graciously included by Bob Fratino, CES Director, they also attended the Lake County Employment Network, (LCEN) hiring event at Lake Erie College on Friday, March 16.

On March 20, Broadmoor sponsored a School to Work Parent Information Meeting for all Lake County families with children with developmental disabilities 14 years and older.

### **Waiver News**

A couple “Save the Dates” to include on your calendars:

When: **March 28, 2018 6 PM**

Learn about STABLE ACCOUNTS

with Nick Hancart from the State Treasurer's Office

Where: VGC Building – 8121 Deepwood Blvd., Mentor

*No registration necessary*

When: **April 18, 2018 6 PM**

Learn about GUARDIANSHIP

With Judge Mark J. Bartolotta

From the Lake County Probate Court

Where: VGC Building – 8121 Deepwood Blvd., Mentor

*No registration necessary*

### **Featured Success Stories**

A LEEP Student attended a one day custodial college, interviewed with the Madison School Superintendent and obtained a custodial work experience internship at Madison High School. He will also train at Broadmoor with our first shift custodian and upon graduation he will apply for a possible custodial substitute position with the LCBDD/Deepwood. Another example of county boards empowering individuals with disabilities into competitive employment opportunities in the community!

### **Staff Development/Training**

Van Training on the larger van continues for VGC staff to assist in increasing community integration.

The Early Intervention Staff participated in an all-day training receiving technical assistance with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities EI Consultants. The training included guidance on writing functional outcomes for families and effective coaching techniques using the Primary Service Provider Model in Early Intervention.

The Early Intervention Staff attended a training on Effective Childhood Mental Health Consultative Services.

The Early Childhood Speech Therapist attended trainings on Suspected Apraxia and Early Intervention and Early Communication Development.

On April 19, Preschool Teachers will be attending the Regional Vision and Hearing Screening training, in order to meet our Step Up to Quality requirements of screening all preschool children within 60 days of enrollment in the preschool program.

On April 20, all of the preschool staff will be attending the Early Childhood Spring Regional Conference.