



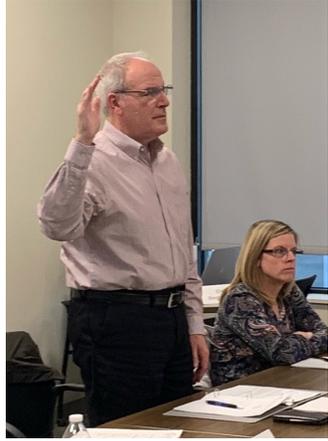
# Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Summer 2022 Newsletter

## CCBDD Board Member Shares Experience

*Written by CCBDD Board President, Kerry Brugger*

Over the past several years, Leigh Anne Wenning, superintendent of the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD), shared regular updates in an outreach column on the services and activities provided by CCBDD to those individuals in our community who qualify for assistance. While the dedicated



*(Board President, Kerry Brugger, taking the Oath of Office)*

staff evaluates needs, coordinates the wide array of service providers to meet those needs, and delivers the mission of the County Board, there is another key group of individuals working behind-the-scenes to support their activities.

The Governing Board of each county board of developmental disabilities within Ohio is comprised of county residents who serve in an oversight capacity to ensure the county board is providing the necessary services to eligible residents in a manner consistent with state requirements. The governing board for CCBDD is comprised of seven members, and typically meets at least 10 times each year. Each member of the board has a legal and ethical responsibility to ensure the organization provides the best services possible in support of its vision, mission and goals. As a board member, each person has an obligation to be familiar with the budget and finances of the CCBDD, review and approve all policies, make decisions regarding organizational issues, consider the organization’s work and value to the community, and remain current regarding the business of the organization and the developmental disabilities field.

Currently, the local governing board is comprised of Mr. Kerry Brugger (President), Ms. Laurie Stickney (Vice-President), Mr. David Sapp (Secretary), Ms. Amy Wilcoxon, Ms. Shelly Cushman, Ms. Malia Hughes, and Ms. Lori Rose. Each member serves as a member of at least one of the standing committees, which

include Finance, Personnel and Ethics. These committees convene as needed throughout the year to establish and review budgets, operating policies or address specific operation items of concern when they arise.

I believe I speak for each board member when I say that serving on the Governing Board of the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities is one of the most rewarding experiences we have experienced. In a world where there is so much turmoil, it is refreshing to witness the unselfish dedication and commitment each staff member displays to those in need, and it is an honor and a privilege to support the CCBDD mission, “We promote independence and a pathway to success.”

## Touch-A-Truck Event Returns

For the last several years, excluding time during the pandemic, Champaign Co Board of DD has organized a fun community event for all ages and abilities. Touch-A-Truck and Community Cookout brings families together for an afternoon of free fun and food.

On Friday, July 15, area businesses and organizations will gather their coolest vehicles in the parking lot in front of CCBDD offices. Families can see, touch, and climb inside many of the vehicles. Representatives will be there to help everyone get a first hand look and answer any questions.

Free Kona Ice will be available to the first 200 visitors. Visitors can also get a free snack from Dannon Yogurt. Plus, CCBDD staff members will grill hot dogs to hand out with chips and water!

**Friday, July 15**  
**10:00am - 2:00pm**  
**Champaign Co Board of DD**  
**224 Patrick Ave,**  
**Urbana, OH**



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# Top Things to Know About Ohio ISP

Have you ever wanted to know more about what the county board of DD does? If you have ever asked someone about county board services, you may have heard the acronym "ISP". And, in recent news, there is discussion about "OISP" or "Ohio ISP".

## 1. What is an ISP or OISP?

ISP stands for **Individual Service Plan** and Ohio ISP stands for **Ohio Individual Service Plan**. Every person who qualifies to receive services from the Ohio county boards of developmental disabilities is connected with a Service and Support Administrator (SSA). Aside from many other duties, the SSA facilitates a yearly meeting with each person served to create a life plan, or an "individual service plan".

## 2. Is Ohio ISP different from ISP? How?

Yes. Ohio ISP and ISP are different. While both are systems of creating life plans for individuals with developmental disabilities, there is one major difference. Currently each county has their own system/format for creating and maintaining ISPs. With Ohio ISP, all 88 counties will be using the same system. This will simplify processes and eliminate complications of living and working across different counties.

## 3. What information is in an Ohio ISP?

The Ohio ISP assessments are grouped into 7 categories. Communication, Advocacy & Engagement, Safety & Security, Social & Spirituality, Daily Life & Employment, Community Living, and Healthy Living. The individual receiving services, the

SSA, and all other team/family members who support the person on a regular basis discuss and answer questions together. The questions in each of the 7 categories are designed to assess the person's goals, capabilities for completing the goals, and what areas the person might need additional supports.

## 4. When will Champaign County Board of DD start using the Ohio ISP?

According to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD), there are approximately 98,000 people receiving services from county boards across the state. Additionally, there are 88 counties all using different systems. As you can imagine, getting everyone to learn and use a whole new system takes an extraordinary amount of time. However, several counties have already transitioned and are using the new

Ohio ISP successfully. Once staff are all trained and software is updated, SSAs can start implementing the new assessment at scheduled meetings with individuals served and their teams.

Information is already being made available to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families/team members, so they will be prepared for a change to their future meetings.

The topic of Ohio ISP has been discussed at several self-advocacy groups, including the April Regional Advocacy meeting hosted in Shelby County. Also, DODD provides a wealth of resources on their website: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/compliance/oisp>. Visit the DODD website or contact CCBDD if you have more questions about the upcoming change to Ohio ISP.



Representatives from Creative Foundations attended the Regional Advocacy meeting in Shelby County to hear about the new Ohio ISP. After the presentation from Scott Marks, everyone worked on creating dream boards to help make a visual plan of goals, needs, and wants.



CCBDD coordinated with Champaign County Library to create a Technology Club. In this club, individuals served by the County Board and other community members come together to use the Imagine Lab and learn new technology skills.

Previous CCBDD newsletters featured providers of services for people with developmental disabilities. This time the feature is about other ways that CCBDD collaborates with organizations and members of the community. The job of the County Board is not only to find places for people to receive daily care. The real goal is to help individuals with DD live full and productive lives.

People with developmental disabilities want to lead lives just like everyone else. They want to live independently, spend time with friends, contribute to the community, and join the workforce. Sometimes they just need a little help in achieving those goals. But CCBDD cannot act alone in helping people with DD. As the saying goes, it takes a village.

The most obvious CCBDD collaboration is with service providers like Creative Foundations, PCS, Downsize Farm, CRSI, and more. The County Board regularly contacts these providers to help individuals with DD find everyday care, living options, employment training, and life skills training. CCBDD also assists the providers themselves by recruiting Direct Support Professionals and coordinating other needs.

What the public may not know is that several staff members and people served by the County Board spend time collaborating with many community programs. They join clubs like Kiwanis (Aktion Club), Salvation Army, Lawnview Industries (EVERYbody Plays Inclusive Playground Project), and Lions Club. Participating in these organizations allows the County Board and our people to contribute to the community and create inclusive activities.

Another little known collaboration is between CCBDD and Champaign County businesses. Not only do area businesses and the County Board work together to fill needed positions and find employment for individuals with DD, but they also work together to create opportunities like Touch-A-Truck (See page 1), summer camp at the YMCA, and meeting places for CCBDD social clubs.

Even more collaboration happens between CCBDD and county



*First Responders Lunch is an opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities and emergency personnel to form positive relationships. First Responders also benefit by learning best practices for safe interactions with community members who have differing abilities.*

run departments. Department of Job and Family, Mental Health & Recovery Services, the Arts Council, first responders, public school systems, and public library systems generously share time, ideas, and support with the County Board of DD. When they all work together great things happen, including improvement of student IEPs, fundraising for an inclusive playground, development of classes for better health and safety, and positive relationships between first responders and people with developmental disabilities.

The work of Champaign County Board of DD would not be what it is today without the help of all the community partners. These collaborations help people with developmental disabilities live independently, socialize, work, volunteer, and celebrate the abilities that make them an integral part of the Champaign County community.



*Mental Health, Drug, & Alcohol Services Board joined a CCBDD in-service meeting to present information on trauma informed care. They also shared ideas with CCBDD on how to incorporate trauma informed care with current processes and evaluations.*



*Kiwanis Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities. The Champaign County Aktion Club builds and maintains Little Free Libraries around the county, provides free books to children at YMCA Healthy Kids Day, assembles and distributes sensory bags for first responders to use during emergency calls, and much more.*



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# Touch A Truck

## and FREE Community Cookout



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