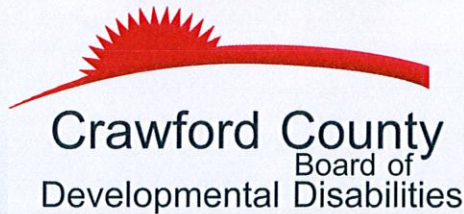


HORIZONS

Fall 2022



Save the Dates

UTC Dinner	DECEMBER 16, 2022
Chargers for Change	DECEMBER 19, 2022
Fairway Program	DECEMBER 21, 2022
Next Board Meeting	JANUARY 19, 2023

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Letter from the Superintendent

As my family has recently achieved some time related milestones, I am reminded of how quickly life moves forward. Milestones that seemed to be way off in the future have come and now passed. Time flies and if we are not careful to enjoy the little moments, we will be wondering where they went. I want to take a moment to remind everyone to enjoy the moments in life and make the most out of each day.



Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) has been working to wrap up the yearend and prepare for 2023. We are excited to share that over the past year we have spent a lot of time putting together a technology room that is set up similar to a small efficiency apartment and was created to allow anyone interested to come and see technology in person and experience how it can provide support. Sometimes it is difficult to understand and even trust technology only seeing it on commercials or hearing about it. Our efforts with this room are to allow people to come and try it out and experience it first hand to see if technology can be a support. If you have any interest visiting the technology room and experiencing how technology can be a support or support a loved one, please call your contact at CCBDD or the main number 419-562-3321 to talk to someone about it and schedule an experience.

I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Fairway Rewind

Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch

Fairway Preschool and the county board joined schools, early care centers, colleges, hospitals, and other organizations across the Great Lakes Region states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio in the eighth annual Great Lakes Great Apple Crunch.

Fairway would like to thank Evelyn's family's orchard: Jeff and Laura Burrer, Spring Hill Fruit Farm in Shiloh for their generous donation of apples



Fall brings many different things, whether it be the falling of leaves, carving of pumpkins or the simple gathering to give thanks. For Fairway it brings those things and so much more.

ACRES OF ADVENTURE -The students and staff were able to experience fall through sight, smell and sound as they visited Acres of Adventure.

FALL FESTIVAL - The hallways were spooky and the music was set, all in good time for the parade to be met. The students then paraded with costumes on display and gathered their candies too excited to stay.

THANKSGIVING MEAL - What's better than delicious turkey, mashed potatoes and sweet corn? It isn't the pumpkin pie with extra whipped topping. No, it is the many laughs and sweet conversations that were had around the table







Helping children and families wherever they choose to live, play, and spend their day.

What is Early Intervention?

Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children (ages birth to three) with developmental delays or disabilities. EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings.

Early Intervention builds upon and provides supports and resources to assist parents and caregivers to enhance children's learning and development through everyday routines. It is a collaborative, home and community-based system where you and a team work together to provide ongoing support to your child.



Shannon Lear working with a local Early Intervention family in their home

Every family served in EI will have a local EI team that consists of a Help Me Grow service coordinator, Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention service providers, and your family. Evelyn Franklin and Shannon Lear are Crawford County's Early Intervention Developmental Specialists.

Early Intervention receives their referrals through Help Me Grow, who determines a child's eligibility for developmental services. Early Intervention Services are free and voluntary for families in Crawford County that have an infant or toddler who are determined to have delays in one or more areas of development. The team provides strategies for families to implement at home to improve the child's specific area of delay.

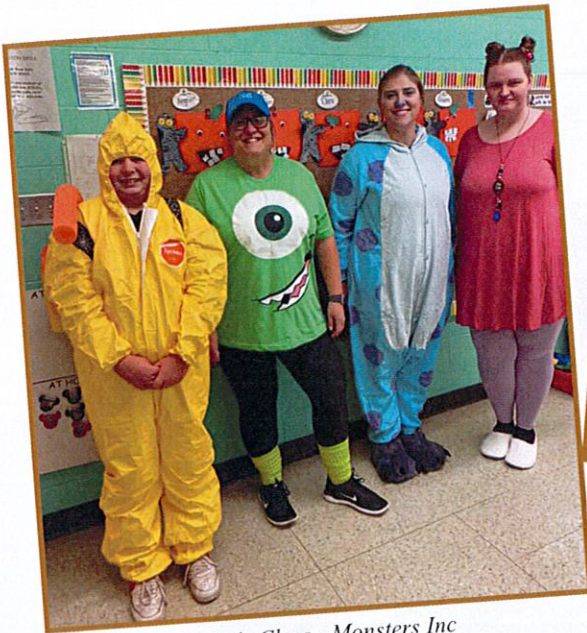
What should I do if I suspect that my child has a significant developmental delay?

Anyone can make a referral. If you have a concern, call 1-800-755-4769 or complete a simple, online referral via the Ohio Early Intervention Website.



FALL CELEBRATIONS AT THE CCBDD

Miss Jennifer's Class – The Potato Head Gang



Miss Kylie's Class - Monsters Inc



*Miss Kim & Miss Faith
The Fairway Hippies*



*Miss Tonya's Class – A classic
s'more*

The students at Fairway weren't the only ones having fun during the fall festivities. The staff participated and celebrated Halloween with their own costumes, ending the day with a friendly costume contest. The best group costume went to Miss Kylie's class with their Monsters INC. group costume. Great job everyone!!



*Miss Amy's Class - A Barista & her
Latte*



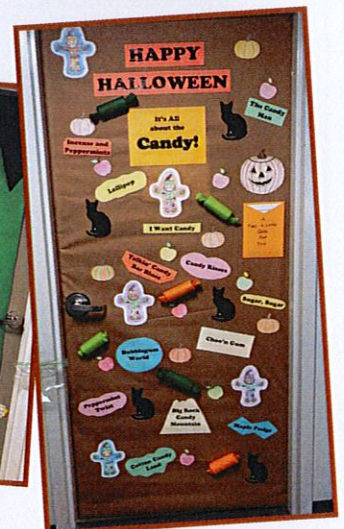
Miss Katie's Class – Incredibles



FALL CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED...



The Community Services Dept/SSA's were in the holiday spirit and decided to have a door decorating contest. The preschoolers then came over and voted on their favorite! It was a close count, but the cat won in the end.





The Handsome Cowboy

By: Elaine Kithcart

Owen Stanforth might appear to one when they first meet him, as a young man who just sits in a wheelchair and does not lead a very exciting life. However, once you get to know him you will find out that just is not true. Though nonverbal Owen can communicate and answer yes and no questions with his eyes, or expressions. He loves to laugh

and to be called a handsome cowboy because his favorite thing to do is getting to ride the horses during equestrian therapy. Now that he is a man with his own wheels just getting his first electric wheelchair that he is learning to control with head control technology. He has been leading horses for several years with assistance of someone pushing his wheelchair, but he is now going to be able to lead the horses around the arena on his own. When I say Owen likes horses and cowboys, one only needs to look at Owen's room, his cowboy boots and hat. He does a great job of

looking authentic in his role when on the horse.

Let's not stop there, Owen also has a new look for his new wheelchair everything in neon green including even his glasses. Did you see him recently out wheeling around in the streets in Galion during the recent Octoberfest? You certainly could not miss him doing wheelchair circles on the street looking very fetching in everything neon green. If you see Owen out on the streets wheeling around stop and say hi, and if you call him a "handsome cowboy," you might even get a smile.

Owen is proof that no matter what your situation is in life you can find a way to make the best of it and to be happy. He does not let his limitations slow him down and with the help of his mother, he is maturing into a great young man.



CBD SHOWCASE

Making Changes

By: Becky Teynor

Chris Hysell is a huge fan of video games, especially Immortals Fenyx Rising and Dragon Ball Z Xenoverse, and he also likes to create YouTube videos of himself playing these games, but it is also a fact that he is making some fantastic changes in his life in other ways!

Chris has taken more control of his health and has been making his health a priority. He has the support of his fiancé, Morgan as well as his family and friends in this endeavor. He would like to have more stamina to do more things that interest him, like going to Cedar Point and getting back to playing with the Crawford County Chargers basketball team. So, he recently reached out to his SSA, Becky Teynor, telling her that he would like to start attending a vocational habilitation provider. They set out on a couple of tours of local "voc hab" providers, and he chose Waycraft to be his provider. He starts attending in December and will have many opportunities presented to him to be successful on this new-found journey, and we are all rooting for him!



A Dream Come True



In Ohio we are trying to make advancements through technology so everyone can be as independent as possible. This technology includes devices that can help with communication, provide instructions and can even help someone to live on their own. Using different types of technology once was a dream for some is now a possibility.

Take Richard Heineman, he came to Crawford County a few years ago. When Richard came here, he had an around the clock homemaker/personal care staff who helped with cooking, cleaning, shopping, etc. One of Richard's dreams and goals was to be able to not have staff with him around the clock. He wanted to be more independent, to live on his own and have the freedom to go shopping by himself. It took time and a lot of work, but Richard made that dream a reality. With a lot of hard work and the help from Richard's team and technology, Richard now has no personal care staff and has the independence that he once thought would only be a dream for him. Congratulations Richard on a job well done. Keep up the good work and continue to work hard toward your goals.



Help Us Extend a Warm Welcome



The CCBDD would like to introduce our newest Service Support Administrator, Cindy Carver. She joined the Crawford County Board of DD in September of 2022. Prior to coming to Crawford County, she worked at the Richland County Board of DD for 5 years as an SSA and the residential manager.

Cindy loves gardening, cooking, reading, and listening to music. She also enjoys playing the piano & violin. When she's not at work, she can be found spending time with her family: whether they are traveling, attending sporting events or just relaxing at home watching movies.

We are all excited for her to join our team!

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for donating a glider to Bryan Thoroughman. Bryan was very excited to show off how he used it and didn't hesitate to share his joy with anyone that came along.



A huge thank you to the Elks Club for providing Bennett Maurer and his family with a gait trainer. It has already improved his daily life at home. He is able to build strength and skills that he needs to walk independently, while also helping him be up off the floor, engaging with his family and friends. Bennett loves being in it and Bennett's family is thankful to the Elks for purchasing the item.



411 PARENTS ADVOCACY GROUP



Meeting December 12, 2022

Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Location: Fairway Preschool Cafeteria 1650 E. Southern Avenue Bucyrus, Ohio

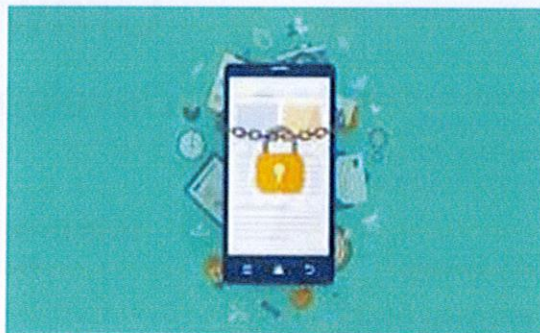
Topic: Social Media Safety for People with Intellectual Disabilities

Virtual Zoom link offered upon registration

To register please contact Elaine Kithcart

419-563-2132 or email: kithcarte@crawfordcbdd.org

Please register prior to day of event for zoom link





Happy Holidays

Calendar Of Events

DECEMBER

12	5-7 PM	411 Parents Advocacy meeting
19	10 AM	Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)
21	10 AM	Fairway Preschool Christmas Program
23-31		Christmas Break - Programs Closed

JANUARY

2		New Years Day - Programs Closed
9	5-7 PM	411 Parents Advocacy meeting
16		Martin Luther King Day-Programs Closed
21	10 AM	Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)

FEBRUARY

13	5-7 PM	411 Parents Advocacy meeting
17	7 PM	Board Meeting
20		President's Day - Programs Closed

If there are emergencies that occur after normal business hours, please call 419-563-9292 and a Service Support Administrator will assist you.



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