

HORIZONS

Spring 2024



Save the Dates

Chargers for Change

APRIL 17, 2024

Next Board Meeting

APRIL 18, 2024

Adult & Family Advocacy

MAY 20, 2024

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Letter from the Superintendent



March proved to be a remarkably busy month as we celebrated Developmental Disability Awareness / Inclusion month. We form a committee made up of Crawford County Board of DD staff, individuals served, and providers of services to help spread awareness and inclusion throughout the county. We partner with the schools in Crawford County to hold a second-grade coloring contest and middle school poster contest and we just completed our 6th annual Unified Basketball game where we invite a boy and girl from each high school's varsity basketball team as well as members from the Crawford County Special Olympics basketball team to play together in a game at Bucyrus High School. At this game we were able to celebrate and introduce our very own Gabby Kozinski who recently won Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 2024 and support her with implementing her platform and competing in Ms. Wheelchair USA in August. The game also started off with Amy Ward nailing the National Anthem, and also included concessions, fundraiser for Chargers 4 Change (Self Advocacy group) and Special Olympics, helped replenish our food pantry, included the Bucyrus Pep Band, and lots of great memories. We are extremely appreciative of this community and the support you give. Our efforts would not be nearly as successful without such a great community.

Reminder that April is tornado safety month and ensure you identify and practice a plan on what to do in case of a tornado, unfortunately March weather got us thinking about this earlier than normal. Hopefully, April brings nicer and warmer weather.

Court Sturts

HOW MANY PINK FLOWERS CAN YOU FIND IN OUR NEWSLETTER?

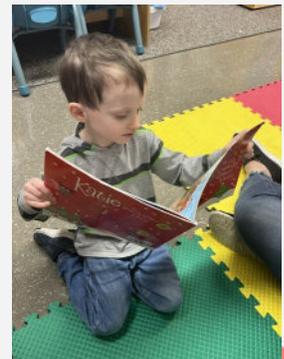




Fairway Rewind

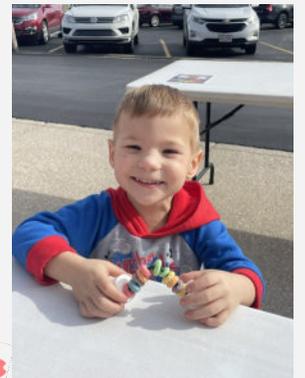
Important Preschool Dates-

- April 8- Solar Eclipse – NO SCHOOL
- April 10-12-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- April 16/17- Spring Pictures
- April 25- NO SCHOOL,
- May 9- MARK’s Ice Cream
- May 23-Preschool Stepping Up Program/
Student’s Last Day



Family Fun Night

Fairway Preschool is moving to Final Forms for the 24-25 school year and all enrollment and acceptance in to our program will be done through this platform. Please like our Crawford County Board of DD Facebook page to keep up on release dates.



How to Prepare for a Tornado

THE READER'S DIGEST VERSION

Monitor the sky

Watch for a dark or green-colored sky and large, dark, low-flying clouds.

Be on alert

If your area is under a tornado warning, seek shelter ASAP.

On the road?

Pull over, keep the engine running, put your head below the windows and cover your head with your hands and a blanket.



Warning!

Do not seek shelter under a highway overpass.

Secure potential hazards

Move patio furniture indoors, or secure it. Inside, move objects away from windows.

Know where to go

Head to a storm cellar, basement or windowless room on the lowest floor of your house.

Devise a plan

Create an emergency plan, and practice it with your family. Also put together an emergency kit, and keep it handy.

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Are you prepared?



Are you interested in becoming a volunteer?
 The Crawford County Board of DD is currently seeking volunteers that would be interested in reading to kids, or helping with fundraisers and activities, or Special Olympics.

Please stop into the Crawford County Board of DD to fill out a postcard or Contact Mary Morton at 419-562-3321 ext. 120 or Email: mortonm@crawfordcbdd.org

Please check the areas you are interested in volunteering for:

- Reading to kids
- Helping with fundraisers
- Special Olympics
- Helping with activities
- Sharing my talents
- I am interested in employment

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Turn in to CCBDD, or for more information contact CCBDD at 419-562-3321



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with us! Your support makes a difference in our community. We will be in touch soon to discuss opportunities that match your availability.



Early Intervention



Meet your Early Intervention DS: Shannon Lear

Shannon Lear has lived in the area her entire life. She graduated from Wynford High School and then attended The Ohio State University in Marion where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. Shannon taught preschool students at OHCAC Head Start, here in Crawford County, for 11 years. In July of 2019 the Crawford County Board of DD was pleased to welcome her to our team. She originally was a Seasonal Early Intervention Developmental Specialist and not only served families in Crawford County, but also supported families in Morrow County. As caseloads in Crawford County increased CCBDD needed more of Shannon's time. Shannon moved to a full-time Early Intervention Developmental Specialist in August of 2022.

Shannon and her husband, Chad have a daughter, Remi and a son, Raiden. Their family also includes two dogs, Kyrie and Meeka. When Shannon is not working and has free time she enjoys reading.



Meet your Early Intervention DS: Ashley Hale

Hello! My name is Ashley Hale. I've been teaching for 14 years and worked as a one-on-one aide for 3 years. I am from Bucyrus originally, but graduated from Huron High School after moving there for my senior year. After high school, I received a scholarship to play volleyball at West Virginia State University, where I received my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an endorsement in Special Education and a certification in Autism. All 17 years since college graduation, I have worked with students with developmental disabilities. It's my passion!

I have 4 boys ranging from 4 to 15. We enjoy watching football, listening to music, playing outside, swimming in our pond, riding four-wheelers and dirt bikes, family movie nights and spending time with family. My youngest is a preschooler at Fairway.



Welcome



Second Annual Pie in the Face Challenge.

A representative from each agency will receive a pie to the face. The agency who has raised the most money received a “golden” pie. Who do you want to see receive a pie in the face? Remember to save your loose change for next years contest.

All proceeds for this fundraiser went to support the food pantry at the Crawford County Board of DD.



RNI
Judy Greanya



Fairway Preschool
Kim Pittman



Waycraft
Larry Stinchcomb



OSS Transportation
Colby Bright



Chrysalis-
Mandi Moran



Special Olympics -
Kelly Hufford

You did it!
Congratulations

We would like to extend a thank you to everyone who donated for the pie in the face event this year. This year the golden pie was received by Fairway Preschool.

Fairway Preschool brought in a donation of \$53.06. In total, we raised 100 dollars.



CCBDD
Becky Teynor - SSA

MARCH AWARENESS



In March, we sponsored a coloring contest for second graders in Crawford County schools. The schools were supplied with a sheet for the children to color depicting three children with disabilities and our theme “Better Together.” After the children colored the sheet, they were returned to CCBDD and then judged by Chargers for Change.



Coloring Contest Finalists:

1st: Bria Ruth, daughter of Matt and Kim Ruth

2nd: Marabel Kepler, daughter of Mike and Miranda Kepler

3rd: Bexlee Rittenour, daughter of Monica Sack and Ken Rittenour



Hannah Crawford Elementary won the ice cream treats by submitting the most countywide classroom entries.

We also sponsored a poster contest for 6th - 8th Graders in Crawford County schools. The students were able to design a poster depicting “Better Together.” After the students completed their posters, they were returned to CCBDD and judged by Chargers for Change.

Poster Contest Finalists:

1st: Violet Rossman, daughter of Jim and Holly Rossman

2nd: Lily Pittman, daughter of Josh and Alison Pittman

3rd: Logan Laipply, son of Kyle and Emily Laipply



The County Board of DD would like to thank Wag’s Trophy House (Bucyrus), Mahek Trophies & Awards (Shelby), A-1 Printing (Bucyrus), Walmart (Bucyrus), Suburban Lanes (Bucyrus), Bucyrus High School, Bucyrus Pep Band, Bucyrus High School Softball Team, Vasils 2.0 (Bucyrus), Klontz Photography (Bucyrus), and Volunteers Cindy Wallis, Carol Porter, and Lynn Hagerman for helping support CCBDD in the month of March with our celebration of Disabilities Awareness Month.



Night to Shine- Upper Sandusky



Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 2024 - Gabby Kozinski

Submitted by Gabby Kozinski



Hello everyone,

Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 2024 Gabby Kozinski here and I gratefully earned my title March 3rd. Since then, I have been super busy trying to reach out to multiple news outlets and radio stations to try to talk about my experience and platform, "Knowledge is power", which emphasizes the importance of teaching people, especially children, how to interact with individuals with disabilities. Some places I reached out to did respond, like my first news article (Crawford County Now published an article on March 7th).

I was fortunate enough to get to have a meeting with my local mayor on March 14th about more accessibility within my town of Bucyrus in regard to more recreational activities for children with disabilities, ramps for businesses, better sidewalks, more accessible bathrooms, and a comfortable lift for the public pool.

Next, on the 15th I spoke at Bucyrus Elementary about the importance of inclusion and how to engage with others who may appear different from them, and how everyone should be treated like anyone else. The experience went really well.

Third, I was asked to be a part of a couple podcasts that will take place in the future.

Fourth, I had the wonderful opportunity to speak at Sacred Heart in Shelby about the program, my platform, and my testimony about my life.

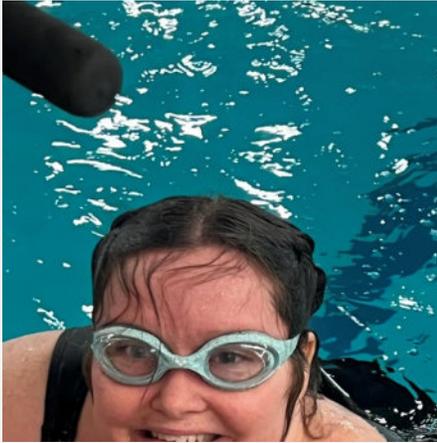
Finally, this past Friday I spoke at my unified basketball game a little bit about my platform, introduced Amy Ward who sang the national anthem, and I was honored with half of the proceeds from the throw for dough that will go towards my national competition.

Thank you and stay tuned for next month's entry, (if anyone wants to help me get to nationals in August, I have a link where you can purchase items that have my name, title, platform name and the cerebral palsy ribbon on them. Please consider helping, even if it's a simple donation. <https://printhappier.com/collections/ms-wheelchair-ohio-2024-gabby-kozinski> here is the link to my fundraiser and there will also be a raffle for different prizes Mother's Day weekend.

Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 2024, Gabby Kozinski

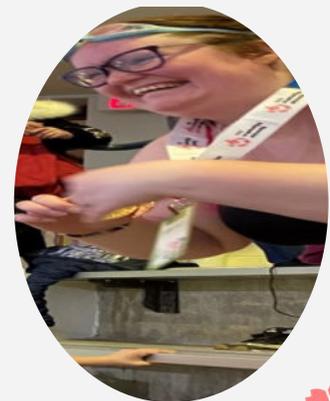


CBD SHOWCASE



LOOK OUT MICHAEL PHELPS, HERE COMES MORGAN FOOTE!

Morgan is a proud member of the Richland County Special Olympics Swim team where she has accumulated twenty-three medals, three of which are gold. Morgan's personal goal is to have as many medals as Olympic Swimmer Michael Phelps. With the medals that she has already accumulated, Morgan only needs five more to achieve this goal and we believe that it won't be long until she sets a new goal. Though swimming is very important to Morgan, it is not the only thing that brings her joy. She enjoys spending time with her fiancé, Chris, and collecting Funko Pops and enamel pins (especially ones that are Disney theme). Morgan is also a great friend and is always willing to help others (by giving rides when someone is in need). Family is also very important to Morgan as she enjoys being an aunt to her two nieces and two nephews and traveling with her grandparents. She has traveled to many different states including Arizona, Michigan, Oregon and even Missouri to see the St. Louis Arch. Morgan has plans this March to travel to Arizona, Idaho, and California to visit family. If you happen to see Morgan, take a minute to ask her about swimming and her medals, she is very proud of everything she has accomplished and likes to talk about her future goals.



Family & Adult Advocacy

The Family & Adult Advocacy group was previously known as the 411 Parent Group. This parent group was created to provide support and spread awareness to families of individuals with I/DD and to adults with I/DD. Each meeting will focus on a certain topic of interest. Our next meeting will be May 20, 2024 at the Bucyrus YMCA from 5:30 pm to 7. Follow our Crawford County Board of DD Facebook for more information on our upcoming events.

Are you interested in receiving more information on our Family & Adult Advocacy group? Would you like to be a part of the group and have a topic of interest to suggest?

If you interested in receiving more information about the group or have any questions, please contact:

Elaine Kithcart at 419-562-3321 ext 132 or email:
kithcarte@crowfordcbdd.org

Clarissa Ankney at 419-562-3321 ext 110 or email:
ankneyc@crowfordcbdd.org

Family & Adult Advocacy
Information Sign up



Chargers 4 Change



At the end of 2023 the Chargers 4 Change Self-Advocacy group held a drive to collect food items, hats, scarves, gloves and blankets for BORN.

The food items collected will be used to help stock the Blessing Box, located on Swigert Street (beside the BORN Center located at 222 E. Rensselaer St. Bucyrus, Ohio 44820) The Blessing box is available 24/7 for persons in need of food.

The warm items will be distrusted to those in need throughout the winter season by BORN. BORN is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to is to provide non-sustaining emergency assistance to residents and/or transients of Crawford County Ohio who have financial, physical, emotional, educational, and/or spiritual needs by networking with churches, agencies and individuals to promote effective and efficient use of community resources.



CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF DD

Assistive Technology Learning Lab

Join the Crawford County Board of DD
& Wood County Board of DD
June 11, 2024 from 10 A.M to NOON

Trillium Event Center
1630 East Southern Ave
Bucyrus OH 44820



What are the learning objectives?

Define remote supports and assistive technology

Identify 5 assistive technology solutions for independent living.

Share 3 benefits of assistive technology

Are you interested in attending this event?

Please complete the registration form by

Contacting your SSA

Scanning the QR Code

Using the link Below

<https://forms.office.com/r/bYPPVMjeUk>



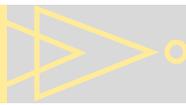
Any questions please contact Kim Kent
at 419-563-9291 kentk@crawfordcbdd.org

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Spring Word Search

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BUNNY
 EGG
 GARDEN
 GREEN
 GROWING
 PUDDLE



Crossword

ANSWER
 1 flower 2 rabbit 3 sun 4 chicken
 5 brush 6 ears 7 carrot 8 egg
 9 bee 9 basket

To Individuals & Families:

The Horizon's Newsletter will be distributed only to families who request a copy. We are now offering the newsletter via email, on the Facebook Page, the CCBDD Website, and a physical copy to be delivered. If you are interested in receiving the Crawford County Newsletter, please complete the Newsletter Sign Up.

Thank you,
Erika Alspach
 Secretary | CCBDD

Signup Horizons Newsletter -
 Crawford County Board of DD



There are 38 pink flowers

Calendar Of Events

APRIL

8 Solar Eclipse—Fairway Closed
 17 10 AM Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)- Trillium
 18 5:30 PM Board Meeting

MAY

15 10 AM Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)-Trillium
 16 5:30 PM Board Meeting
 20 5:30-7PM Parent & Family Advocates Group - CCBDD
 23 Fairway- End of Year Program
 23 Fairway- Last Day of school
 27 **Memorial Day— Programs Closed**

JUNE

11 5-7 PM Parent Advocates Group - CCBDD
 21 10 AM Chargers for Change (Self-Advocacy)-Trillium
 21 5:30 PM Board Meeting

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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