**MEMORANDUM**

To: Ohio Developmental Disabilities Leadership



From: Pamela Berry, Senior Policy Advisor

 Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)

Date: March 22, 2012

 Re: Statewide Leadership Forum – April 10 & 11, 2012 in Madison Co.

 Positive Culture Initiative - Gentle Teaching Methodology

As part of the Positive Culture Initiative, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities offers training on positive strategies utilizing a variety of methodologies and techniques. These training opportunities have been provided in various locations throughout Ohio. One of the positive strategies offered is Gentle Teaching Training with John McGee.

You and members of your staff are being invited to participate in the upcoming Gentle Teaching training scheduled to be held in Madison Co. As an attendee, you will be presented with an introduction to DODD’s Positive Culture Initiative and the key elements of the Gentle Teaching Methodology.

This training is scheduled for April 10th & 11th, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at:

**Der Dutchman**

**445 S. Jefferson Ave.**

**Plain City, Ohio 43064**

**614/873-3414**

***(Please plan to bring $11.79 in cash or check made out to Der Dutchman for lunch which includes a sandwich buffet, tossed salad, homemade buns, potato chips, condiments, beverage, pie, tax and gratuity). Coffee and pastries are available for purchase in the bakery.***

**Participants may register for one *or* both days**. The material presented each day will be similar, but not a duplication. Five Continuing Professional Development Units will be offered in the areas of Adult Services/Day Habilitation, Early Intervention, Investigative Agent, Service & Support Administration, Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent (Services/Programs/Supports Stream), and County Board Members. Registration for this training opportunity can be accessed on the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Website (<http://dodd.ohio.gov>) by following the Training and Registration Links. **The handout to accompany this training will be sent with your email registration confirmation.**

Thank you for your continued support of the Positive Culture Initiative and for all the work you do to assist people in your communities to live safe and satisfying lives every day.