



News from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

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DODD 'Division of Developmental Centers' restructures to become ...

1. The New Division of Residential Resources

The DODD Division of Developmental Centers is changing its name to the *Division of Residential Resources (DORR)*. This change is due to the expanded role of the Division, which will continue to operate Developmental Centers (DC's), and has added other key Department initiatives, including: Voluntary conversion of ICF/DD facilities; community and DC Capital projects; Health Policy initiatives; HOME Choice (Money Follows the Person grant); the Support Intensity Scale (SIS) initiative; and, the Developmental Center downsizing efforts.

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In announcing the restructuring this month, Whisman commented,

“The expanded role of what has been the DODD Division of Developmental Centers has prompted us to take a good look at what we can do to better identify these critical areas, and streamline overall operations. We feel that the Division of Residential Resources appropriately designates these efforts and identifies us as a community resource, beyond the more traditional Developmental Center-based services.”

As with most governmental entities, the Division of Residential Resources will be referred to, at times, by the acronym ‘DORR’, much as the Department of Developmental Disabilities is referred to as DODD. According to Whisman, “We found it interesting that the acronym is most easily pronounced as ‘door’ – and opening doors to residential resources is what we do.”

And Speaking of Developmental Centers ...

Southwest Ohio Developmental Center (SODC) Superintendent James Krumer reports that the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) completed a recertification survey for the facility in late July, and was found to be in compliance with all federal requirements – and, in fact – the survey was ‘deficiency free!’ The ODH acknowledgement letter stated, “Deficiency-free surveys indicate a significant effort on the part of the administration and staff of Intermediate Care Facilities for persons with intellectual disabilities. It is an accomplishment for which you and all your staff can be justifiably proud.”

Great Job, SODC!

DORR Health Policy Initiative Update

In the interest of providing helpful health-related information for individuals with developmental disabilities, Janet Winterstein, R.N., Health Improvement Policy Specialist within the Division of

Residential Resources provides this update: The recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have changed regarding *egg allergies and flu shots*. She notes, "If you have avoided flu shots in the past because of egg allergies you should discuss the new CDC guidelines with your primary care physician or healthcare specialist. *The new guidelines now recommend that people with egg allergy receive the flu shot, especially if they have only mild egg-allergic reactions such as hives.* The recommendation does not apply to the nasal spray influenza vaccine."

More specific details about people with egg allergies getting flu shots can be found at CDC at <http://www.foodallergy.org/page/cdc-recommends-seasonal-flu-shot-for-people-with-egg-allergy>

More information about Ohio's Developmental Centers is at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/residential/dc.htm>



2. Ohio FASD Steering Committee Notes Accomplishments

As reported in [Pipeline Volume 5 issue 19](#) recognizing the lifelong, detrimental effects caused by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and the high costs associated with the effects of FASD, Governor John Kasich has declared September 2011 *FASD Prevention and Awareness Month* in Ohio. FASD is an 'umbrella term' describing the range of physical, behavioral, and mental effects that can result from prenatal exposure to alcohol. Spending related to the care of persons with FASD can cost the state more than \$300 million every year.

The Governor's Resolution on *FASD Prevention and Awareness Month* was presented at the annual FASD Celebration of Accomplishments, September 7, at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium in Columbus. Attending on behalf of Governor Kasich was First Lady of Ohio, Karen Waldbillig Kasich, who presented the Governor's Resolution to members of the Ohio FASD Steering Committee.



At the podium, Ohio's First Lady Karen Waldbillig Kasich presents a Proclamation to FASD Steering Committee members, (l. to r.) Krista Allen (ODE), Dr. Jessica Foster (ODH), Director Orman Hall (ODADAS), and Director John Martin (DODD).

Tom Donaldson, president of the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS), also spotlighted Governor Kasich's service to the children of Ohio and the nation as a member of the NOFAS National Advisory Board. First Lady Karen Kasich accepted the recognition on the Governor's behalf, stating,

"You have our support and our passion behind you. The work you do to improve the health of Ohioans, and bring greater awareness to this 100% preventable health issue, is so very important."

The Ohio FASD Steering Committee urges women who are pregnant, thinking of becoming pregnant, or who are nursing babies, to not drink any alcohol - *not a single drop*. FASD, causes irreversible damage and has lifelong implications. ODADAS Director Orman Hall added emphasis, stating,

"FASD is the leading cause of preventable birth defects in Ohio, as well as in the nation. Increasing awareness about FASD is critical to the health and well-being of future generations."

Also highlighting the event were presentations from a family perspective regarding how the work of FASD Steering Committee members has helped them, and presentations of awards to Ohioans who have dedicated themselves to educating others about the detrimental effects caused by FASD. Among the honorees was Kathleen Bevaque, who shares her early intervention expertise with families in Northeast Ohio, and was named the FASD Advocate of the Year.



Working to help families in Northeast Ohio's developmental disabilities community, Kathleen Bevaque was named the FASD Advocate of the Year. Here, DODD Director John Martin takes a moment to congratulate her on earning this honor.

Several members of the Steering Committee's Leadership Team spoke on the subject of their commitment to the Ohio FASD Initiative. DODD Director John Martin noted,

"I've had the personal experience of seeing a family support specialist go into a household affected by a child with FASD, and I cannot stress enough how much the entire family unit can be helped by these efforts to reach out and educate. I am proud to be a part of the FASD Steering Committee and see how this initiative can truly make a difference in affected children and their families."

Ohio FASD Coordinator Melinda Norman observed that the Steering Committee was founded in 2004 to increase awareness of the dangers of consuming alcohol while pregnant, help reduce the number of alcohol-exposed pregnancies, and expand the availability of services for individuals already affected by FASD.

She also explained that the Committee is comprised of the following state agencies: the Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS); Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD); Department of Education (DOE); Department of Health (DOH); Department of Aging (ODA), Department of Job and Family Services (DJFS), Department of Mental Health (ODMH), Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC); and, Department of Youth Services (DYS) -- as well as OCALI, county Family and Children First Councils, local providers, and parents and caregivers of children affected by FASD.

In particular, Norman noted, "The families represented on our Steering Committee have been so important to us. They have helped us to focus on things that can truly make a difference to children and families now, and in the future." One such family spoke at the September 7 event -- Cheryl Kyser and her adopted daughter, Sarah, from Northwest Ohio.

Sarah's words rang loud and clear in the Statehouse Atrium, "I am now a self advocate for people with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, and I help other people to understand what I went through when I was younger, being diagnosed, and how my adopted family has helped me. Now, at age 30, I am helping others to be successful and build a network of support."

Sarah's mom, Cheryl Kyser, concluded,

"That's the most important thing to me, that Sarah is here today at the Statehouse, speaking to you – and doing so well. She is having success in her life, and that is entirely possible for others with FASD."



Providing a family perspective on FASD was Sarah Kyser (center), her Mom, Cheryl, and Dad, William.

Also in September, A Related Item ...

Governor John Kasich and ODADAS also have joined forces in observing September 2011 as *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month* in Ohio. In a resolution designating

September as *Recovery Month* in Ohio, Governor Kasich urged all Ohioans to, “rally around this year's theme: ‘*Join the Voices of Recovery: Recovery Benefits Everyone.*’ ”

ODADAS Director Orman Hall also observed, "Substance abuse and addiction exact a huge personal, societal, and economic toll on Ohioans. Recovery Month reminds us that effective treatment is available and offers hope for a brighter future for those struggling under the weight of this disease."

Recovery Month is a nationwide celebration sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Communities across the nation are hosting local awareness events designed to remove societal stigma and other barriers to treatment.

For more information: www.ocali.org/view.php?nav_id=152

*Additional information also at www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/notasingledrop.aspx and <http://www.fasdcenter.samhsa.gov/>



Spotlight on Direct Support Professionals

3. In September, DSPs Will ‘Sing, Shout, Get the Word Out!’

The week beginning Sunday, September 11, designated as *National Direct Support Professionals Week*, and sponsored by the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), recognizes the important contributions that Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) make in every community, every day. Here we share a few items related to the celebration of these important professionals in the developmental disabilities field.

In Ohio

Governor John Kasich will recognize the vital role of Direct Support Professionals play in enhancing the lives of individuals with disabilities of all ages, with a Proclamation spotlighting their dedication. Around the state there will be many events illustrating the positive impact of DSPs within Ohio’s developmental disabilities community. One such event, the second annual Ohio Direct Support Professionals recognition event, “*Sing! Shout! Get the Word Out!*” is coordinated by the Ohio Alliance of Direct Support Professionals (OADSP) and slated for tomorrow. For more information contact Lisa Barnes at lisab4dsps@yahoo.com.



September 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
at the Xenos complex, 1340 Community Park Dr., Columbus
For more information: www.ohiopaths.org

Recognition by Service Providers

Around the state, REM Ohio, headquartered in Akron, is among the many providers of services to adults with developmental disabilities that believes all people should have the same rights and opportunities to live, work, and learn in the communities where they live. For many individuals with DD, their ability to live fulfilling lives is dependent upon the support they receive from Direct Support Professionals in their home, work, and learning environments.

REM Ohio (www.rem-oh.com) recognizes the important role DSPs play in supporting the independence and inclusion of people with DD into their communities and neighborhoods, and in honor of National DSP Week, the organization has chosen six employees from statewide nominations received, to recognize as their *2011 Outstanding Direct Support Professionals and Supervisors*. They are:

- Outstanding Direct Support Professionals, Northern Ohio Region:
Willa Edwards, Direct Support Professional; *Kay Erbes*, Program Coordinator
- Outstanding Direct Support Professionals, Eastern Ohio Region:
Cindy Squire, Direct Support Professional; *Linda Hahn*, Program Coordinator
- Outstanding Direct Support Professionals, Central Ohio Region:
Janet Stoneking, Program Coordinator; *Joy Kerek*, Area Director

REM Ohio Executive Director Carla Parker notes, “These six employees are shining examples of advocacy, teaching, and development of life-long friendships with the individuals to whom they provide services. These employees have provided life-changing opportunities to the individuals they serve. While this is a shared mission of all DSPs, some truly excel in their dedication and level of service to others.” She adds,

"Our DSPs provide services to more than 1,000 individuals with disabilities and their families everyday, throughout the State of Ohio. National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week is but one way we all can demonstrate gratitude for what they unselfishly do for so many,"

Guiding Community Involvement

Direct Support Professionals may have any number of ‘working titles,’ but regardless of the terminology, the link between them all is the basic direct support they provide to individuals with developmental disabilities in their daily lives every day, around the clock. Recognizing that important work, and the care and dedication required every day is what DSP Week and similar recognitions are all about. Examples of DSP involvement in the lives of people they serve are numerous, and we will share several in the next issue of *Pipeline*. Below, we see Columbus Developmental Center DSPs in action, with their ‘activist’ friends at the Ohio Statehouse.



Actively participating in their community ...

Steve Hopkins (left) took a vacation day from work to honor the first responders and other 9/11 heroes. Dwight Stockwell (center) also attended, and helped to make signs. Dorreetha Irby rounds out the trio with a little guidance for the gentlemen, and Duane Perrine in the background to the right, is visiting with other attendees. Hopkins and Stockwell are residents at Columbus Developmental Center, and Irby and Perrine are staff there -- Direct Support Professionals providing avenues for community involvement to the individuals they serve. Their joy in doing so is apparent.



A Celebration in Hamilton County

4. Cheryl Phipps' Four Decades of Service

As retirement events go, the September 2 celebration for Cheryl Phipps had a lot going for it. After a collective 40 years in the developmental disabilities field, there was much to be praised, much to be remembered, and much to be acknowledged.

As might be expected of one who served as Superintendent of Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services (HCBDDS) for the past several years – and, earlier in her career, in the same position in Licking County - Cheryl had many opportunities to effect change in the field ... and she clearly was effective! In addition to the Superintendent roles, Cheryl has led and served on *countless* committees, task forces, boards, teams, and various other catalyzing groups and organizations. More than that, as DODD Director John Martin noted at the retirement event,

“What stands out in my mind is the number of people Cheryl has mentored over the years. Mentoring is definitely one of Cheryl's greatest gifts. Standing here in this room right now are several dozen people who have been mentored by her, and there are hundreds more around the state who have been directly and positively affected by her leadership and example. I can't imagine what could be a better legacy.”

In honoring Cheryl, the Board has re-named the headquarters' Support Center offices at 1520 Madison Road in Cincinnati, “The Cheryl Phipps Support Center.” They also created an award

in her name to be presented at the agency's annual banquet in March. It will be named, "The Cheryl Phipps 'Speaking Up' Award." A fitting tribute to her progressive and positive style of management, the award will be presented to an individual with disabilities served by Hamilton County DD Services, a contracted partner, or other community organization that has accomplished an act of advocacy that has significantly and positively impacted laws or policies, service delivery, community perceptions, families, or staff.

In addition, at the event the Board presented Cheryl with a unique print by *Visionaries & Voices* artist Courtney Cooper, who uses a black pen to create – by memory – large and tapestry-like maps that offer a detailed and bird's eye view of Cincinnati. *Visionaries & Voices* is a non-profit arts organization that assists artists who have developmental disabilities, offering them a professional studio to work in that allows them to grow both professionally and personally. (See more at <http://www.visionariesandvoices.com/content/vv-courtney-cooper>.)

Those who know Cheryl Phipps will not be surprised to learn that her comments at the retirement festivities gave most of the credit for her years of success to the "... many wonderful staff with whom she has had the pleasure of working over the years." And it also will be no surprise to learn that those same people directed the credit right back to where all the vision, energy, and drive to get things done actually originated.

Congratulations, Cheryl! And thank you.



A Succession of Super Superintendents!

Cheryl Phipps (left) with Margaret Rost (seated, former Superintendent), Alice Pavey, who succeeds Cheryl in the post, and Tom Kidd, who preceded Cheryl.



Friends and Family All.

Cheryl, flanked by self advocate Diana Mairose, and Marlene Maes, mother of D.J. Maes, a Hamilton County self advocate who passed away in 2010.



5. National Preparedness Month Honors First Responders

"A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare."

The theme for *National Preparedness Month 2011* encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies.

As Ohio honors the nation's First Responders during *National Preparedness Month*, a special event was held at the Ohio Statehouse last Friday, September 9, in remembrance of September 11, 2001. The event included many heartfelt comments by First Responders who were in New York on that day and the difficult days and weeks that followed, as well as tributes to their service by Governor John Kasich, Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, and Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman.



On 9-9-2011, the Ohio Statehouse lawn observed an annual transformation to the Memorial Field of Flags – a highly visual display of 2,999 American flags arranged to signify the outline of The World Trade Center and The Pentagon. The flags represent the lives lost on September 11, 2001. See video at www.dispatch.com/content/pages/video.html?video=/videos/2011/09/08/911-flags-of-remembrance.xml

The national theme, "*A Time to Remember. A Time to Prepare,*" seeks to transform awareness into action by encouraging all Americans, including those with developmental disabilities, to take the necessary steps to ensure that their homes, workplaces, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of all kinds. Events planned across the state include safety training drills in residential settings, and assuring that individuals have a personal 'preparedness kit' ready with essential items including any needed medication, in the event of an emergency.

A New Internet Resource, Get Tech Ready

A new online resource, [Get Tech Ready](#) includes a [Ready Family Emergency Plan](#) to help educate individuals and families to use new technology to help them prepare, adapt, and recover from disruptions brought on by emergencies or disasters.

A recent American Red Cross survey showed that the internet, including online news sites and social media platforms, is an increasingly popular way for Americans to gather emergency information and let loved ones know they are safe.

According to FEMA Administrator, W. Craig Fugate, "As technology becomes more a part of our daily lives, people are turning to it during emergencies as well. We need to utilize these tools, to the best of our abilities, to engage and inform the public, because no matter how much federal, state and local officials do, we will only be successful if the public is brought in as part of the team."

More information at www.ready.ohio.gov
See video, "I Remember September 11."



SOCOG Training Opportunity

6. Focus on Shared Functions Between County Boards

Exploration into the sharing of certain key administrative functions across two or more County Boards of Developmental Disabilities will be the topic of discussion at a training opportunity in Chillicothe, on Friday, September 23. Sponsored by the Southern Ohio Council of Governments (SOCOG), superintendents, county board members, and county board staff are encouraged to attend and learn more about effectively sharing resources. Rising costs and decreasing revenue continue to dictate the need for greater efficiencies within the system of support for Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

This training is designed to begin conversations regarding how the sharing of superintendent functions, and/or sharing other administrative functions and services across county boards, can create greater efficiencies while preserving quality operations.

The training will be led by Monty Kerr, DODD Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Strategic Direction, who was the first Ohio superintendent to serve three county boards during his years of service at the local level. Joining him will be Holly Weatherson, who managed a Shared Functions demonstration project that created the Belmont-Harrison-Noble Alliance -- the collaboration between those three county boards in southeast Ohio. Holly, the Human Resources

Coordinator for the BHN Alliance, will provide an overview of the areas of operation in which they have most successfully collaborated.

The September 23 training is approved for two CEUs, and will be held at 150 E. Second St. in Chillicothe, from 10 a.m. until noon. The fee is \$20 per person.

Please make reservations no later than September 19 by calling (740)775-5030, or email Lori Lippert at llippert@socog.org



News from the Disability Housing Network

7. DHN Offers Housing Funding Symposium

Housing Funding Symposium
October 13, 2011
The Xenos Complex, 1340 Community Park Drive,
Columbus, Ohio 43229

The Disability Housing Network (DHN) is bringing together housing professionals to present information about various funding sources for new housing development, and weatherization for existing housing.

For registration information: <http://www.click here to register>

The program agenda will include many professionals from Housing and Urban Development, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency, the Ohio Capital Corporation for Housing, and other related agencies. In addition, executive directors of various Housing Corporations will discuss their experiences in accessing funding sources including: HOME; HUD 811; CHIP; the Neighborhood Stabilization Program; Tax Credits, and Weatherization. Contact for the symposium is Jacalyn Slemmer at the Disability Housing Network, (614) 595-4110.

More About Housing

DHN recommends that non-profit housing corporation boards develop a strategic plan by regularly reviewing their organization's mission and vision, and working together to establish goals, objectives, and action plans. And, for maximum effectiveness within that plan, it is also important for each county to consider completing a County Housing Plan at least every three years, with annual updates.

The DHN technical assistance program can provide a trained facilitator available to guide an organization's Board members and staff through a planning process that could include a stakeholder assessment, consideration of organizational strengths and weaknesses, and the changing business environment. For more information about this kind of planning, contact Cathy Allen at cathyallen@disabilityhousingnetwork.org.



Reminder

8. Register NOW to Vote in the November General Election

If you are in a position to help someone with a disability register to vote, or to help them otherwise understand their voting rights, please keep this information in mind. Thanks to the Ohio Secretary of State's Office for the following reminder.

In order to vote in the upcoming Ohio general election, individuals must be registered to vote at least 30 days before the election. The deadline to register for the upcoming November 8th general election is *October 11, 2011*. For citizens already registered, early voting begins on October 4. A listing of all ballot issues, including the Ohio County Boards of Developmental Disabilities that will have levy issues to be voted on in November, will be confirmed and available in early October at www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections.aspx and reported in *Pipeline*.

The OLRs website at <http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/vote-register> also features general information regarding voting rights, and includes a link to the [Voter Registration Form](#).



Pipeline PostScripts

NEW INTERNET TRAINING ON DUAL DIAGNOSIS FOR THERAPISTS

A new Internet program will train psychotherapists and clinicians on how to treat individuals who have both mental illness and developmental disabilities (a 'dual diagnosis'). The effects of trauma, the risk of suicide, and other important themes and issues in psychotherapy are presented for use in practice. To register/ for more information, go to: www.ocali.org/a_midd. Developed by the Mental Illness Developmental Disabilities/Coordinating Centers of Excellence (MIDD/CCOE), a joint project of DODD and ODMH, this training is user-friendly and immediately applicable in therapeutic settings. ODMH offers one free CEU hour upon completion of the course. For more information and educational material go to <http://www.midd.ohio.gov/>.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING TO RECOGNIZE ELDER CAREGIVERS

The Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) has issued a *Call for Nominations* for its annual *Elder Caregiver Awards*, recognizing outstanding individuals who have the responsibilities of caring for a friend, loved one, or neighbor, while also balancing other work and family responsibilities. To be eligible, either the caregiver or care recipient must be age 60 or older. One also must be a current resident of Ohio, and *the caregiving for which the individual is nominated must not be job-related*. The nominated individual, or a representative if he or she is unable, must consent to the nomination.

Individuals and organizations interested in nominating a neighbor, colleague, family member, or friend may submit a nomination online or download a nomination form at www.aging.ohio.gov

The Ohio Department of Aging will accept nominations through Sept. 30, 2011.

Those chosen will receive the award in Spring 2012.

ODA will select honorees from across the state, and nominations will be evaluated for the impact on the caregiver and his or her family, unique or innovative approaches to caregiving, sources and types of care assistance used, special circumstances or barriers, impact on the care recipient, the severity of the recipient's condition and the difficulty of care provided.

PEOPLE FIRST ANNOUNCES 'CALL2ACTION' PLANS

Several *Employment Call to Action* regional forums, led by people with developmental disabilities, and representing all *People First of Ohio* members, are being held around the state. At the forums, self-advocates will serve in the role of 'Employment Promoters.' See the schedule below, and *for more information contact Sadie Hunter, Executive Director, People First of Ohio, (740) 397-6100.*

October 17 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Athens Community Center
701 East State Street
Athens, Ohio 45701

October 20 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Ability Center of Greater Toledo
5604 Monroe Street
Sylvania, Ohio 43560

November 3 6:30-8:30 p.m.
S&H Products
435 South Stolle Ave.
Sidney, Ohio 45365

FREE SELF-STUDY COURSE AVAILABLE VIA [DISABILITY.GOV](https://www.disability.gov)

A free self-study course to help people with developmental disabilities build practical skills to find jobs is now available via [Disability.gov](https://www.disability.gov). The course will help individuals understand the hiring process, supported and competitive employment, and how to identify personal strengths and skills and how they might translate into a career. This information was recently updated. To learn more, visit https://www.disability.gov/employment/career_planning/career_planning_tools.

TENTH ANNUAL BUDDY WALK, SEPTEMBER 18

The 10th annual Buddy Walk will take place on Sunday, September 18th at Columbus Crew Stadium. The one-mile walk will begin at 10 a.m., and registration begins at 9 a.m. The Buddy Walk is sponsored by the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO) to promote acceptance and inclusion of persons with Down Syndrome. For more information, contact DSACO at 263-6020.

SAVE THE DATE: PAR/OSDA First-Ever Joint Conference, October 5-7

Professionals, Advocates, Resources (PAR) and the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) have scheduled their first-ever annual joint conference this year, October 5-7, in Dublin, OH. Many agencies have used the annual PAR Conference as a key element in their staff development plan, and this conference will offer a group discount to DD agencies across the state to encourage participation by as many staff as possible. The conference agenda will include self-advocacy seminars by OSDA, as well as guest speakers including Peter Leidy and Nick Scott. *For more information: Kathy Rader, krader@crsi-oh.com, (937) 776-0502; or Mindy Garverick, OSDA (614) 679-0194. Visit www.par-ohio.org.*

OHIO SIBS CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 11-12, SAVE THE DATES!

Ohio SIBS, a non-profit organization supporting siblings of adults with developmental disabilities, hosts an annual conference to bring together siblings across Ohio to gain information and resources to improve the health and well-being of their siblings who have a disability. This year, the *11th Annual Ohio Adult Sibling Conference* will be Friday-Saturday, November 11-12, at the Columbus Marriott Airport Hotel.

[Click: SIBS Conference Brochure](#)

To learn more about Ohio SIBS, visit www.ohiosibs.com. For questions about the conference, the organization, or to request printed brochures, contact Michelle Truby, truby.5@osu.edu; (614) 571-4542.

DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, and other possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free: **1-866-313-6733**. Please note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances it is important to remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

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