**MEMORANDUM**

To: Ohio Developmental Disabilities Leadership



From: Pamela Berry, Senior Policy Advisor

 Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)

Date: May 9, 2012

 Re: Statewide Leadership Forum – June 19 & 20, 2012 in Stark 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 attend the upcoming **free** Gentle Teaching training scheduled to be held in Stark 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. You may visit [www.gentleteaching.com](http://www.gentleteaching.com) for more insight into this method.

This training is scheduled for June 19th & 20th, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at:

**Holiday Inn**

**4520 Everhard Rd., NW**

**Canton 44718**

**330/494-2770**

***There will be a $13.14 charge for a buffet lunch together. Please plan to bring a check or money order made out to Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities. NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED.******More details will be sent with your confirmation.***

**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. It is recommended that you register early as space is limited.

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.