

ACBDD's 2017 Annual Report released

Dr. Kevin Davis, Superintendent, recently presented the 2017 ACBDD Annual Report to the Athens County Commissioners. Commissioners Chris Chmiel, Lenny Eliason and Charlie Adkins are pictured with Dr. Davis. Commissioner Eliason was especially impressed with the report, stating it was the best one he had ever seen. Last year was filled with a long list of significant accomplishments, which are highlighted in the report. A digital version of the report can be found here: <http://bit.ly/ACBDD2017AnnualReport>



Superintendent's contract extended, Asst. Supt. appointed

We are happy to announce the ACBDD Board recently voted to extend Dr. Davis' contract through November of 2022. The ACBDD has seen tremendous growth under Dr. Davis' leadership. We are grateful the board recognized and appreciated that and rewarded him with a contract extension. Also, Arian Smedley has accepted their offer to become the Assistant Superintendent. She will keep the current duties of the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and will accept additional Assistant Superintendent responsibilities as assigned. Please join us in congratulating both Dr. Davis and Arian.



SSA Division to be re-homed at Harper Street location

After a long, thoughtful, and thorough process, we have selected our building in The Plains as the future home of the SSA Division. Before the official move, we will first complete some renovations. The renovations will include new furniture, fresh paint, updates to bathroom and doors, and a newly paved parking area. Once complete, all SSA staff members will be housed in one facility. We appreciate the hard work of the Facilities Division for coordinating these plans. We also appreciate the SSA Division for being so patient.



FREE TRAINING on Sexual Health & Wellness in DD

In August, ACBDD is offering two free training opportunities on sexuality in the DD field. One training is for parents, guardians, and family members. The other training is for SSAs and Providers. Details are below.

For parents, guardians, family members, individuals

Wednesday, Aug. 8, 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Beacon School: 801 W. Union Street, Athens

To register, visit ACBDDSexEdForParents.eventbrite.com or call Bethany at (740) 541-9631.

For SSAs and Agency & Independent Providers

Thursday, Aug. 9, 9 a.m.—noon

Beacon School: 801 W. Union Street, Athens

To register, visit ACBDDSexEdForProviders.eventbrite.com or call Bethany at (740) 541-9631.

About the Instructor

Richelle Frabotta, MSED



Richelle is a Certified Sexuality Educator and has 25+ years of professional experience in the field.

Forum highlights ACBDD work on statewide project

In addition to having several staff members attend the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD SSA Forum, we also had two staff members participate in a presentation. Autumn Brown and Davey McNelly shared their experiences working on the first-ever multi-county Good Life Concepts, Principles, Tools Pilot Program. They have done an amazing job with the rest of our "Good Life" team, and we are proud to share their great work with the rest of the state.



New FANS Coordinator joins COMCorps & ACBDD

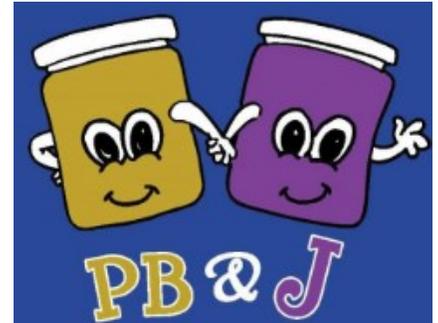
We are excited to announce Sara Brumfield is our new FANS Coordinator. The Friends, Allies, and Neighbors (FANS) initiative is made possible through a partnership with Ohio University COMCorps, an AmeriCorps program. In her role, Sara will help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities make friends and establish other genuine connections in their communities. Given Sara's experience, we are confident she is perfect for this role. Please join us in welcoming Sara.



All ACBDD locations serving as PB&J drop-off sites

We are once again serving as a drop-off location for the annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Project, sponsored by Athens County Children Services. Jars of peanut butter and jelly can be dropped off at any of our locations, which are listed below. We will be collecting supplies until July 26.

Our Locations	
Administration/Beacon School 801 W. Union Street	ATCO 21 S. Campbell Street
Employment Options/PersonnelPlus The Market on State 1002 E. state Street, Suite 4	Service & Support/Transportation 9033 Lavelle Road



Service project with ACCS another great success

We wish to thank Athens County Children Services for once again allowing staff of ACBDD and our friends at ATCO to help distribute food to families in need at Trimble Elementary/Middle School. It is important to us to find opportunities to give back to our community. The Peanut Butter & Jelly Project is a perfect way to do that. The PB&J Project provides an incredibly important service to children and families in our region. We are honored to support this effort, the staff of ACCS, and the people of Athens County.



Integrate Athens forum set for August 30

The second annual Integrate Athens Forum will be 5:30 p.m. on August 30 at the Athens Community Center. This year's event is being planned collaboratively by both ACBDD and the Athens City Disabilities Commission. Together, we will be developing the agenda and providing information and education to the community about integration efforts. We hope you can join us.



ACBDD meets with new county treasurer

We wish to thank Ric Wasserman, the newly appointed Athens County Treasurer, for coming to Beacon School and the ACBDD Administration office to learn more about what we do, who we serve, and our overall operations.

In addition, we met recently with County Auditor Jill Thompson to provide updates to our budget situation and to discuss new programs. We are happy to report that for the third concurrent year, ACBDD will not need to go before the budget commission this summer. ACBDD will continue to operate transparently and be good stewards of public dollars.

We are grateful for what these two public servants do for our county, and we appreciate their support of what we do.



Staff members focus on their health & wellness

Several staff members recently took advantage of free biometric screenings provided agency wide. We appreciate the staff of Ohio University's Community Health Programs for helping with this initiative. This is one way ACBDD has invested in our staff by helping them to identify potential health risks and increase their awareness of a healthy lifestyle.





Last Day of 17-18 School Year

Pictured below is one of our favorite traditions at Beacon School. As students left on the last day, our staff stood in the center of our parking circle, waving good-bye and rattling noisemakers, as the buses circled around them. This is a fun tradition that is intended to mark the end of another successful school year. We hope everyone is having a fun and safe summer break!



Kids on Campus at Beacon School going strong

Kids on Campus is going strong for a second year at Beacon School. This year, we have nearly 40 students participating from all five school districts.

We thank everyone for making this such a successful community collaboration. It has been a great summer so far. Students have had days full of fun activities, positive social interactions, meals, and even transportation. It has been a joy to see them enjoy their summers. This partnership between ACBDD and Kids on Campus is a great opportunity for the students and their families.



Already gearing up for 18-19 School Year

Even though it is still summertime, things are picking up at Beacon School. Our staff is busy getting ready for the first day, which is less than a month away on August 16.

We are especially excited to welcome our new teachers. Leslie Lazio will be in the Intermediate I classroom, Carissa Trunzo will be in the Intermediate II classroom, and Susan Cablish-Kristofco will be in the Primary I classroom.

Please join us in welcoming them to the ACBDD. It is going to be a great year!





Youth Employment Programs create great experiences

As you may know, ACBDD’s Employment Options Division offers a long list of supports for individuals to find and keep a job. What you may not know is that some of their programs are geared specifically toward high school students. Employment Options offers 3 distinct programs to transition age youth.

Pre-Employment Transition Services

ACBDD is 1 of just 5 counties and the only one in Southeast Ohio participating in this program. This program focuses on educating the participants in five areas of education, development, and skill attainment.

Summer Youth Work Experience + ED Week

The Summer Youth Work Experience program begins every year with Education Week, or ED Week. During this time, the students met with Transition Coordinator Amy Goldsberry to learn, among other things, about the importance of work and motivations for working. The students are then assigned to a worksite, based on their preferences. This year, we had students placed at Hugh White Honda and Sweet Arts Bakery. With the assistance of a Job Coach, the students get hands-on experience. Employers also get the benefit of extra help completing tasks. Thanks to the generous donations from Brennen’s Café, Donatos Pizza, and the Civitan Club, we were able to cater the students’ lunches for the duration of the program.

Summer Youth Career Exploration

In this program, teens learn the basics of employment and research their own interests. For this year, students have selected Joint Implant Surgeons and Sweet Arts Bakery as locations for informational interviews. The goal of the program is for the participants to



Lexa and Samantha baked and took orders at Sweet Arts Bakery.



Rachel spent her summer detailing cars at Hugh White Honda.



Students are pictured here taking a dancing break during Education Week. This was a fun activity that was also a great bonding experience.

identify a career goal. Once again, thanks to a generous donation from the Civitan Club, we are able to provide snacks to the participants.



PPAAC Summer Picnic brings out quite the crowd

Despite the rain, we still had a great turnout at the PersonnelPlus Advocacy Advisory Council's Annual Summer Picnic at the community park in The Plains. The PPAAC is a local advocacy and advisory group, and they are actively recruiting new members. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the council, contact Julie Jones at jjones@athenscbdd.org or (740) 541-9652.

At right, Dr. Kevin Davis, ACBDD Superintendent, poses with Dara after catching up a bit on her work. Dara is our Governor-appointed representative on the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (or DD Council).



Below, "Ms. Rufus" (Deb) welcomes Rufus to the picnic. Deb is the self-proclaimed biggest Rufus fan.



Employment Options Director presents to Sunrise Rotary

Doug Mitchell, Director of Employment Options, work up bright and early to present to the Athens Sunrise Rotary Club. In his presentation, he focused on tapping into the talents and experiences of workers with disabilities with the help of PersonnelPlus. PersonnelPlus currently has well over 80 workers placed in 50+ businesses throughout Athens County. At right, Doug poses with Micah Covert, Sunrise Rotary President.





Athens County man nominated for APSE Award

Dale, who landed a job at Texas Road House with the help of PersonnelPlus, was recently nominated for the National Association of People Supporting Employment First (APSE) in the category of Personal Achievement.

APSE, founded in 1988, is the only national organization with an exclusive focus on integrated employment and career advancement opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Dale, who is visually impaired, has been working with Texas Roadhouse for about a year. His nomination letter, written by our very own Julie Jones, states, "Dale embodies the essence of Employment First and truly has achieved so much personally in his life in these last 4 years since his graduation. Never once did he give up on his dream of working and contributing to his community even when it may have seemed like he was getting nowhere. Through his perseverance and continued sense of hope he has been able to accomplish this dream and now looks forward to accomplishing many more." We are proud of you, Dale! Keep up the good work.



ATCO friends head to Clippers game

Our friends at ATCO recently had a great outing to a Columbus Clippers game at Huntington Park in Columbus. Apparently, the ATCO folks gave the Clippers good luck, as they won the game 2-0. As a thank-you, Clippers asked someone from ATCO to run the bases after the game. Before heading home, they stopped at IHOP and munched on many pancakes. Everyone said they had a great time on this trip.



SSA Division now has its own logo and Facebook page

The Service & Support (SSA) Division has recently launched its very own Facebook page. This page will help educate the community about this particular division and feature stories about individual/families that are achieving positive outcomes. We will also share information from other sources that may be useful to the community. We hope this page will be considered a valuable resource to those we serve. Be sure to “like” the page to stay up to date.



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Please welcome our organization’s recent hires!



Anna Dailey– Custodial Worker

Anna started with the agency as our new Custodial Worker earlier this month.



Susan Cablish-Kristofco — Instructor for Primary I, Beacon School

Many of you already know Susan, as she has been with Beacon as a student teacher for about a year. She will start as a full-time instructor in the Primary I classroom this school year.



Carissa Trunzo – Instructor for Intermediate II, Beacon School

Many of you already know Carissa, too, as she also has been with Beacon as a student teacher for about a year. She will start as a full-time instructor in the Primary I classroom this school year.



Leslie Lazio – Instructor for Intermediate I, Beacon School

Leslie will start at Beacon School’s Intermediate I instructor this school year.



Sara Brumfield – COMCorps FANS Coordinator

Sara will start as our COMCorps FANS Coordinator later in the summer.

Welcome, everyone! We are glad to have you.

Community Events

Special Olympics athletes take torch down Court Street

We are grateful to everyone who joined us for the annual Special Olympics Ohio Torch Run/Walk. The event in uptown Athens began at Ohio University Baker Center at 9 a.m.

Special Olympics athletes and friends marched the Olympic torch up Court Street, ending at Carpenter Street near the Armory. What a great way to kick-off this annual event!



Special Olympics Bowling Team earns 10 medals, 3 ribbons

Congratulations to the county's Special Olympics Bowling Team for another successful competition at the summer games in Columbus! Team members walked home with 10 medals and 3 ribbons.

We are incredibly proud of all of these athletes. Well done!



Community Events

Brian presents, performs at Boogie on the Bricks

Our friend Brian joined Tina Wilson to do a community presentation at Boogie on the Bricks. Being a regular presenter is one of Brian’s hopes and dreams. His presentation has a beautiful way of showing his gifts and talents. He followed up his presentation with a jam session with his musician friends. Well done, Brian!



ACC Singers Patriotic Concert



There is no better way to get into the patriotic spirit than by attending the annual Patriotic Concert, put on by the Athens County Community Singers. This year, they hosted their event in a new venue, at the First United Methodist Church in uptown Athens. The ACCS is a choir for “all voices.” Thank you all for sharing your talents! We look forward to your next concert.

Cookie & Canvas



Our Superintendent, Dr. Davis, recently took advantage of a Cookies & Canvas event at Passion Works Studio. Sarina took the lead on this particular night and helped inspire these two creations. Well done leading the group, Sarina.

ACBDD in the news

Beacon School honors 2018 graduates

The Athens Messenger—May 31, 2018

ACBDD notes increase service in 2017

The Athens Messenger —July 6, 2018

Moving from ACJFS to ACBDD

The Athens NEW—July 11, 2018



July Birthdays:

Heather Clemons —July 4

Kris Dunlap —July 9

Julie Jones —July 13

Angela Carter —July 18

Tristin Lawrence —July 19

Dick Suehrstedt — July 21

Heather Buckley —July 24

Tina Wilson —July 30

Gwen Brooks —July 30



July Work Anniversaries:

Cindy Rector —19 years

Kathy Radcliff —4 years

Grace Holland —19 years

Karen Hynes—10 years

Carol Janes-Tinkham —38 years



Employment Opportunity at ACBDD / Beacon School

Adapted Physical Education Instructor, PreK-12

Some qualifications:

- Ohio Department of Education Licensure K-12 with Adapted Physical Ed endorsement.
- Lifeguard certification or willingness to obtain certification.
- Knowledge of physical education & health; child development; characteristics & needs of children with DD; operation and maintenance of equipment and teaching methods for children with DD.

Job duties include, but are not limited to:

- Assesses developmental levels of students, plans and implements physical education, athletics, swimming, recreation/leisure and other adaptive physical fitness activities.
- Maintains an environment that is conducive to learning and is free of health and safety hazards. Keeps daily lesson plans prepared well in advance. Provides direction, guidance and training to assigned assistants and volunteers.



To see full job description, visit athenscbdd.org.