



The Messenger

The Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities

June 2011

“Assisting people to attain the quality of life they desire and can achieve.”

Calendar of Events-

- July 4—8
Program closed
- July 11—17 -
Logan County
Fair - visit
Instant Replay
booth in the
Merchants
Building
- Aug. 18—LCBDD
meeting at 5:30
Board offices
- Aug. 19—Staff
in-service at
First Church of
God, Brown St.,
8:00 am
- Sept. 5 -Labor
Day—Program
closed

RTC Industries, Inc. Begins Document Imaging

RTC Industries is proud to announce the opening of our new Document Imaging room! Document imaging is a process in which paper documents are scanned and saved as electronic images. These images are able to be stored in an electronic format that can be viewed on a computer. Electronic documents provide many benefits for our customers, such as the ability to store documents without dedicating filing cabinets, boxes or rooms for this storage. When the document is ready to be viewed, instead of remembering which file cabinet or cardboard box might contain it, the customer is able to perform an easy search on their computer.



Currently RTC has nine associates working in the Document Imaging room. The first step in the process is to organize the documents for scanning. The associates working on the prepping line receive the documents in their original form. While keeping the documents in order, they remove all staples, paperclips, or other hardware. They also make copies of any documents that are too small or the wrong texture for the scanner and add separator sheets where needed. Once the documents are organized and have been double checked for accuracy, they move on to one of the computer scanning stations.

The individuals doing the actual scanning have learned how to index the important fields on each page based on the way the customer wants to search for the electronic document later. Our software uses the ViewWise system to categorize the electronic documents. If customers do not have this system, a MiniWise system will be provided for them when they receive their documents in electronic format, which will enable them to search for the document they wish to view. Once all of the documents have been scanned and indexed, the work is once again double checked for accuracy. The last step is for the original documents to be returned to their original folders and the boxes in which they arrived. Depending on the customer's wishes, they are then ready to be returned to the customer or be destroyed by our shredding department.

Advantages for our customers are many. This process assists them in freeing up needed space and allowing them to go paperless. They also have the peace of mind that their documents are kept secure in our locked, confidential room and backed up into the ViewWise system. The individuals working in the Document Imaging room enjoy their employment and have the satisfaction of a job well done as they help others organize their important documents.



If you would like more information, please contact Helen Manns at 937-292-3027 or Heather Shotts at 937-292-3164.

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About our programs-

COMMUNITY SERVICES

SERVICE SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION (FORMERLY CASE MANAGEMENT)

Service Support Administration focuses on supporting and empowering individuals with developmental disabilities. Service Coordination, Service Monitoring, Eligibility determination, Individual Service Plan (ISP) development and quality assurance are program priorities.

FAMILY RESOURCES

Limited support may be available to families who care for their child in their home. Families may receive assistance with expenses such as respite care, home modifications, adaptive equipment, and other services for the person with a disability, which are not covered by other sources.

SUPPORTED LIVING

Supported living is a program that provides supports to individuals and assists them to live more independently in the community.

SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

EARLY INTERVENTION

Children birth through age two with a developmental delay or a diagnosis that places them at risk for a delay are served by this program. Evaluation services, home and center based services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language therapy, and family service coordination are offered.

PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The Discovery Center for Children is a preschool program for children, ages 3-5. Public Law 99-457, a federal law, requires that school districts provide special education services for children 3–5 who are experiencing significant delays in their development. The Logan County Board of DD provides and funds the majority of this program on behalf of the Indian Lake, Riverside, Benjamin Logan, West Liberty Salem and Bellefontaine school districts. Special education services provided by the Discovery Center Program include speech, occupational, physical and music therapies, physical education and transportation.

The Discovery Center is accepting applications for afternoon preschool classes, 2 day and 4 options available. Afternoon session hours 12:45 - 3:45. Tuition is \$88/month for 2 day class, \$176/month for 4 days. Applications available at Discovery Center front desk, 1973 S.R. 47 W. Open Monday-Friday, 8 to 4:30.

SERVICES FOR ADULTS

PERSONAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Each eligible individual participates in the development of a plan to develop/enhance important personal and vocational skills. For those who are unable to travel, home based services may be provided. Community based recreation programs focus on social and leisure skills.

SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT

RTC associates perform meaningful work, and develop skills through sub-contract work with local industry. *

* "RTC Industries is a 501-C-3 Corporation."

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT

RTC Employment Services provides various supports for individuals with disabilities seeking work in the community. Individualized plans may include services such as job shadowing, job developing, and on-the-job training. RTC Industries also offers ongoing on the job support. This coordination of job-related services helps to ensure mutual satisfaction by the employee and the employer.

SENIORS' PROGRAM

Seniors is a retirement program providing social interactions and community involvement for Senior Citizens with developmental disabilities.

Logan County Board of DD slates public hearing on grants-

The Logan Co. Board of DD conducts a public hearing on the Early Childhood Special Education IDEA grant from the Ohio Department of Education during its regular meeting at 5:30 pm, Thursday, August 18, 2011.

For fiscal year 2012, the agency will receive \$38,296.44 for the Early Childhood Special Education IDEA grant. The grant will be used to help finance the salaries of an instructor, instructor assistant, and of the adaptive physical education teacher. The grants will be available for review at the Logan Co. Bd. DD office, 1851 St. Rt. 47 West, Bellefontaine, O. Contact Andrew Kinder at 937-292-3031 for information.

Cheryl LeMaster Retires-



Cheryl's New Adventure

Cheryl LeMaster has graced our Discovery Center programs with her talent and skill for the past 26 years. Cheryl is a speech and language therapist. She has coached parents of infants and toddlers in Early Intervention and worked with preschool children in the classrooms. I asked her what she liked most about her job and her list was very long. She said, "First, I love my profession. I have relatives with disabilities which led my heart to become a speech language therapist. I love working with people and seeing them progress, opening their worlds up with better communication skills either through speech, signing or a device. I love working with this staff. I also appreciate the administration here and how supportive they are both professionally and personally, making it clear that our families are a priority. The hardest thing about having this job is leaving it!" We wish Cheryl all the best as she changes paths and sincerely hope to see her often in the future. Thank you Cheryl from the bottom of our collective heart for sharing your talent, being our colleague and our dear friend!

Susan Jones, Assistant Superintendent

2010 ANNUAL REPORT

From the desk of the Superintendent. . .

I am pleased to share the 2010 Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities annual report with our community.

As we continue to strive for program excellence, we also consider efficiency a top priority. We believe the persons we directly serve deserve the very best programs and services available and that Logan County taxpayers also deserve the most efficient use of their tax dollars. While our programs are top notch, expenditures per person served are 17% below the state average. This means that we rank among the most efficient county boards in the state of Ohio. (based on the 2008 cost reports compiled by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities) During the past 22 years, we have only had 2 levy increases; one in 1992 and the other in 2005. This is quite remarkable considering the impact of 22 years of inflation and a more than 100% increase in persons served. In addition we have constructed two state of the art facilities; the Discovery Center and the RTC Industries buildings. This is a track record in which all Logan County citizens can take pride.

Looking ahead, the new state budget cuts will have a negative impact on our program; specifically, the loss of the state's reimbursement for the transition from the Tangible Personal Property Tax (TPPT) to the Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) that was enacted in 2005. The state replaced the locally collected TPPT with the Commercial Activity Tax that is collected at the state level. For the past five years the state has reimbursed local government entities for the loss of levy funds that were approved by Logan County citizens. The proposed state budget will phase out the state's reimbursement over the next eight years if approved in the coming budget cycles. The TPPT payments represent roughly 20% of the levy funds collected each year or \$744,000. The Board will additionally lose another \$44,000 from state reimbursements for SB3 which deregulated electric utilities. This loss of revenue will result in a reduction of services in the coming years. If the phase out proceeds for the next eight years, the Board will cumulatively lose \$4.4 Million in revenue. In order to address the projected revenue shortfall, a plan to address the revenue shortfall must be developed. The plan will include cost sharing by the local school districts. The DD Board currently provides and pays 100% of the Discovery Center preschool program. Since the school districts are legally responsible for 100% of the costs associated with special education services for children three to five years of age with developmental disabilities they would be asked to pay a portion of the net cost. The Board projects that after this plan is fully implemented by the 2013-14 school year, the DD Board would still be paying the majority of the total net costs associated with the preschool program.

As the economy challenges all of us in the months and years ahead, rest assured that the Logan County Board of Developmental Disabilities will continue to provide top quality programs and services in the most efficient manner possible.

Joseph F. Mancuso, Ph. D.
Superintendent

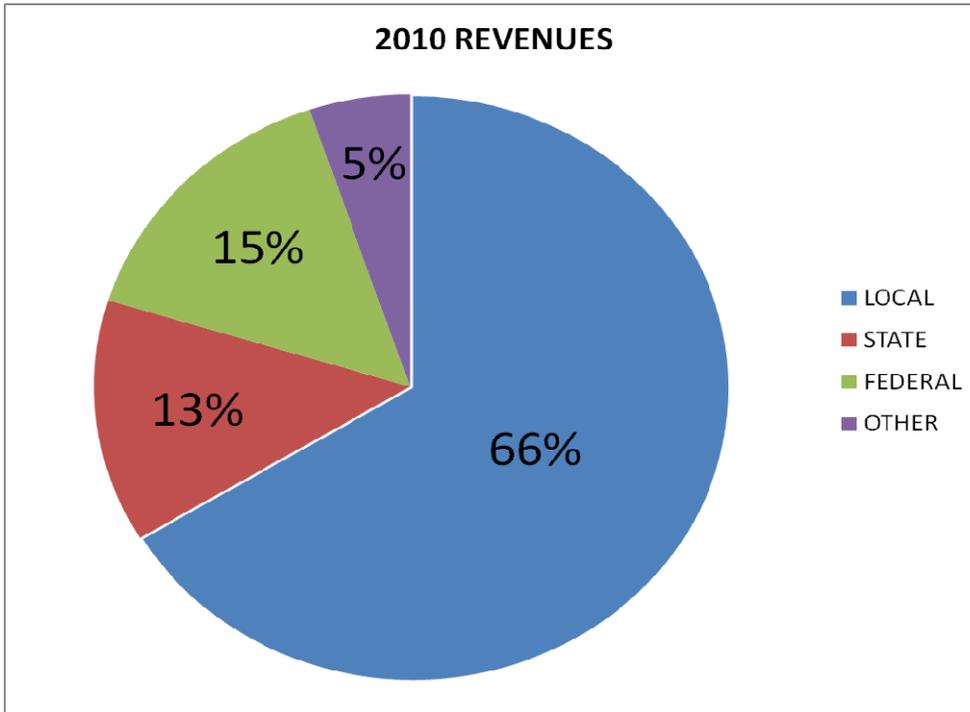
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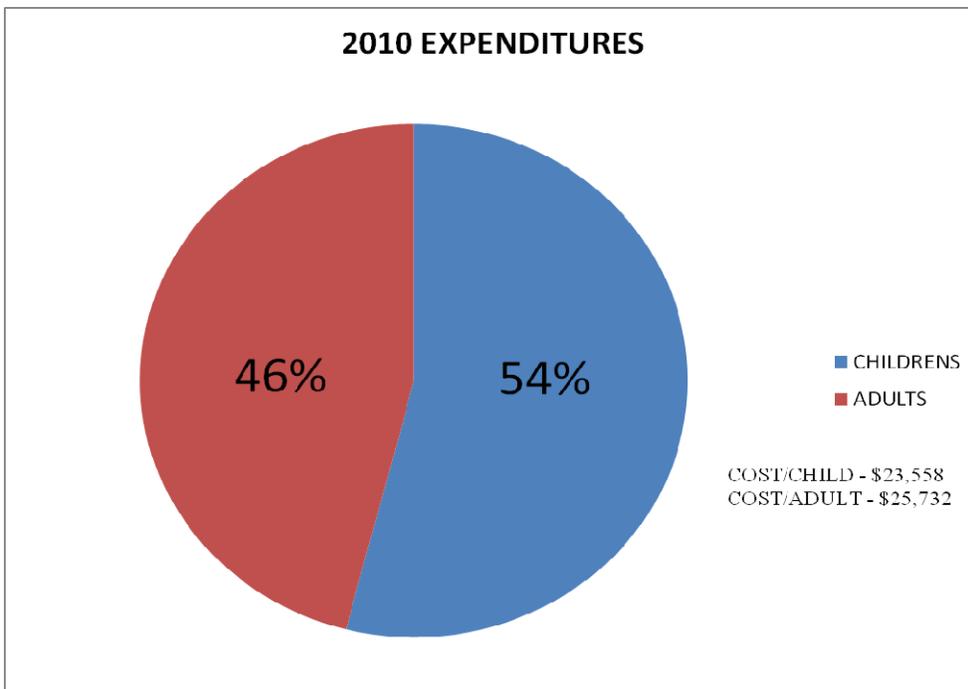
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Revenues

Local	\$ 4,576,065
State	\$ 926,424
Federal	\$ 1,038,926
Other	\$ <u>356,183</u>
Total	\$ 6,897,598



Expenditures

Children	\$ 3,745,674
Adults	\$ <u>3,190,759</u>
Total	\$ 6,936,433

Cost Per Child
\$23,557.70
Cost Per Adult
\$25,731.93
Total
\$49,289.63

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Discovery Center children having a fun day the last day of school!



Tree planted in memory of friend and colleague, Charlie (Rink) Strait



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Photo above shows friends of Charlie “Rink” next to the sunset maple tree planted in his memory. Staff at DD and other agencies partnering under the early intervention and preschool building donated money to purchase the tree. Charlie worked as a custodian at the Discovery Center until he passed away in March. Charlie always took a special interest in the children and they all enjoyed interacting with him.



Instant Replay
334 E. Columbus
Avenue,

Bellefontaine, O.

Store Hours:

Thursdays and
Fridays

2:00pm to 7:00pm

Saturdays

8:00am to 3:00pm

*Can't stop by during
 these hours?*

Come in anytime the
RTC Employment
Services building is
open Monday—
Thursday from
8:00am to 5:00pm
(9:00am on Friday)
to shop or to drop
off donations.

RTC's Instant Replay is a used sporting goods store used as a training facility for individuals with disabilities in Logan County. Every item in the store is donated and resold at a low price to assist the members in our community in accessing affordable sporting goods and equipment. All proceeds are used to pay the wages of individuals working at Instant Replay.

While working in the store, these individuals are learning skills to help them find permanent employment at other local area businesses. Examples of these skills include operating the cash register, performing customer service, practicing organization skills, answering the telephone and gaining overall independence.

Instant Replay offers a variety of items such as exercise equipment, bicycles, golf clubs, soccer balls and cleats, and much more. Come see us at 334 East Columbus Avenue, next door to Dollar General.

Thanks for your support!



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony through Chamber of Commerce in May.

Directions to Instant Replay-
Take Columbus Avenue East past Chattan Loch and Rath Information Systems, Instant Replay is located in the next block at 334 E. Columbus Avenue next to Dollar General Store.



Relay for Life—June 17th
 A group of friends gathered for survivors lap at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. Survivors left to right include: Bryan Krehn, Don Oswald, Kim Rodabaugh Roby, Robin Hollinger, Ruth Miller, Nancy Evans-Donley, and Lonnie Cox. (survivors in purple shirts)

Logan County Braves team heading to Columbus June 24th to take part in the 40th annual Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games. (photo at right)



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