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Scioto County Developmental Disabilities

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SCDD at the Scioto County Fair

It's one of the biggest cultural events of the year in southern Ohio, and Scioto County Developmental Disabilities was there.

The agency has had a presence at the fair for years and staff members welcomed fairgoers in its regular spot in Building 4. This year's giveaways were drawstring backpacks and

Jolly Ranchers candy.

In addition to the agency fair booth, Vern Riffe School also had a display to enjoy in the School Exhibits building, complete with photo displays from the past school year.

WNXT's Sam McKibben did a live broadcast from the SCDD fair booth Friday afternoon,

featuring Superintendent Matt Purcell and SSA Director Chad Phipps.

Many thanks to the staff members who took shifts at the SCDD fair booth this year. Special thanks to Tara Rodino, who helped with setup of the agency booth and school display prior to the fair's opening.

Help Me Grow moves to Carousel Center

Once housed in the South Central Ohio Educational Service Center, the Help Me Grow program moved to the Carousel Center on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

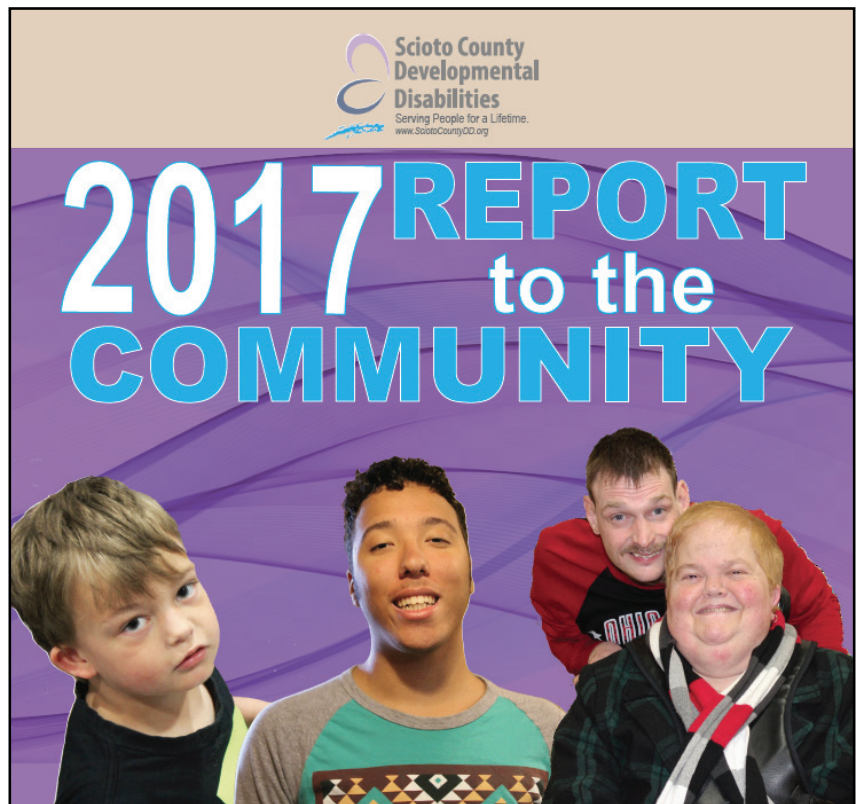
Help Me Grow is a family-centered program aimed at assisting young children and families gain and utilize skills that assist children in reaching their developmental milestones. One way the program interacts with Scioto County Developmental Disabilities is through the Intake process, as children younger than 3 years old must be referred to SCDD by the Help Me Grow program. Having the Intake, Early Childhood, and Help Me Grow programs in a single location will allow them to work together more efficiently.

"It's a natural evolution of change," said Tammy Nelson, SCDD's director of Intake and Early Childhood Services. She will oversee the move and the Help Me Grow program at Carousel.

Five Help Me Grow staff members will be housed at the Carousel Center. Nelson said families won't feel the change, but the program will work more efficiently as staff with Help Me Grow work more closely with SCDD Developmental Specialists, who do home visits with children and families eligible for services.

"It is a pleasure to partner with SCDD to ensure that the families in Scioto County are served with the programs and resources that are available," said

Now Online



The 2017 Report to the Community is now available online at www.SciotoCountyDD.org. The publication offers information about the services made available to individuals with disabilities living in Scioto County during the 2017 calendar year, including statistics, program information, and Scioto County Developmental Disabilities financial information. The Board approved the publication at its July meeting. The report will be available in print form in the near future.

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Board Notes

The Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities met at 4:45 p.m., Thursday, July 19. In addition to routine business, the Board took the following actions:

- Approved the 2017 Annual Report
- Approved the 2018/2019 VRS bus route schedule and the retention of one additional route
- Rejected a bid on the STAR bathroom project because it was more than 10 percent of the published estimate
- Approved increasing the estimate for the STAR bathroom project and accepting new bids
- Approved moving forward with the bus garage bathroom expansion
- Approved payment of an overage in the STAR contract for June 2018
- Approved a one-time payment to be given to STAR to aid in the privatization transition for use in building maintenance, vehicle maintenance, and for individuals who need transportation

The next regular Board meeting will be conducted 4:45 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 16, at STAR, Inc., 2625 Gallia St., Portsmouth OH 45662. An ethics committee meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the same place if there is a need.

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive session.

Calendar

Monday, Aug. 6-Saturday, Aug. 11

- SCDD at the Scioto County Fair, Building 4.

Thursday, Aug. 16

- SCDD regular monthly board meeting; 4:45 p.m. at STAR, Inc. An ethics committee meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the same place if there is a need.

Tuesday, Aug. 21-Wednesday, Aug. 22

- VRS all staff training

Thursday, Aug. 23

- VRS open house, 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23-Friday, Aug. 24

- VRS full-time staff training

Monday, Aug. 27

- Students' first day of classes at VRS

Saturday, Sept. 1

- Portsmouth River Days Parade

Monday, Sept. 3

- Labor Day holiday/SCDD closed

Work Anniversaries

August 2

Erica Wallace

August 3

Lynne Webb

August 16

Daniel Halstead

August 17

Missi Wolfenbarker

Teresa Franz

Tammy Guthrie

Kim Messer

Melissa Oiler

August 18

Bill Pennington

August 19

Lorie Montavon

August 20

Lori Snyder

Dana Jones

Tracy Smith

August 21

Trisha Schmidt

August 23

Sharon Malone

Tammy Bolton

Rodney Cummings

Amanda Adams

August 24

Cindy Coriell

Nancy Sand

Tom Koch

August 29

Brenda MacDonald

Jayne Stone

Birthdays

August 1

Adam Sylvia

August 16

Megan Killingsworth

Brenda MacDonald

Carla White



August 20

Dana Jones

August 21

Amanda Adams

If you have a birth, adoption, marriage, graduation, or other major life announcement you would like to share, please email info and photos to lmcnelly@sciotodd.org

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SCOESC Superintendent Sandy Mers. "Having Tammy Nelson's leadership and collaboration will strengthen the services that we can provide."

While the people doing home visits may change, those who receive services through the Help Me Grow program should notice no changes to actual services.

"No services stop," Nelson said. "The program's intents and purposes can create lifelong changes for children, that's what it should be about."

SCDD Superintendent Matt Purcell said the shift is a commonsense one and that service to

children and families is the top priority.

"Tammy and the staff at the Carousel Center will provide a quality level of service that will continue to improve the lives of the children and family of Scioto County, and their commitment to helping children reach developmental milestones is unparalleled," Purcell said. "Having the programs in one building will provide opportunities for partnership that will benefit the children and families of our county, and Tammy, her staff, and the Help Me Grow program staff are an important part of that."

The Quincy Chronicles

Kitten found abandoned at VRS now has a home, sisfurs, and all the noms

His name is Quincy, and he has a home.

Quincy was found alone in the parking lot at Vern Riffe School the rainy morning of Wednesday, Aug. 1 by SCDD IT guru Darrell Jividen, who then contacted resident cat whisperer and VRS Principal Tammy Guthrie. Guthrie took the kitten for a visit to the superintendent's office, work space of more cat ladies. SCDD Community Relations Coordinator Lori McNelly has adopted Quincy, who was the worst single-day intern ever and did no work at all. His name was suggested by Carla White, executive assistant to the superintendent.

"There were a lot of people in and out of my office the day he was found; I think this little kitten has already touched many folks in his own tiny way," McNelly said. "Whoever abandoned him is missing out on a great little cat with a feisty and fearless purrsonality."

After a trip to the veterinarian, where he had a bath and was pronounced a healthy 6-week-old kitten, Quincy joined his new sisfurs, Maggie, 13, and Spotty, 5, at home.

So far, Quincy enjoys eating lots of food, having the zoomies, and laying on any humans available. The only time he's not purring is when he's asleep.



Quincy the kitten hangs out in his favorite spot in his new home with SCDD Community Relations Coordinator Lori McNelly. He was found abandoned at Vern Riffe School on Aug. 1. Mr. Quincy is settling in to his life as a housecat and learning how to cat from his big sisfurs.

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An advertisement for Friends of Scioto DD. It features two men in white shirts with red trim. The man on the left is smiling. In the top left corner is the Friends of Scioto DD logo. The text "FRIENDS OF SCIOTO DD" is overlaid in large white letters. Below it is a quote: "As a 501c3 organization, Friends of Scioto DD works to fill the gaps where urgent monetary intervention is necessary for people served by Scioto County Developmental Disabilities to remain independent and active in their community."

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www.FriendsOfSciotoDD.com

2018-2019 SCDD Calendar

AUGUST

- 6-11: Scioto County Fair
- 16: SCDD Board meeting
- 21-22 VRS staff training
- 23: VRS open house (4-6 p.m.)
- 23-24: VRS full-time staff training
- 27: VRS 1st Day of School

SEPTEMBER

- 1: River Days Parade
- 3: Labor Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 14: Walk-A-Thon
- 20: SCDD Board meeting
- 21: All-staff inservice at SSU

OCTOBER

- 6: World Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day
- 8: Columbus Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 18: SCDD Board meeting
- 25: Fall-O-Ween Carnival

NOVEMBER

- 12: Veterans Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 13: VRS Parent/Teacher conferences
- 15: SCDD Board meeting
- 19: VRS Parent/Teacher conferences
- 21-23: VRS Thanksgiving break
- 22-23: Thanksgiving Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*

DECEMBER

- 18: VRS holiday program
- 20: SCDD Board meeting
- 21-Jan. 2: VRS holiday break
- 25: Christmas/*SCDD Closed*

JANUARY

- 1: New Year's Day/*SCDD Closed*
- 3: VRS Classes resume
- 17: SCDD Board meeting
- 21: MLK Jr. Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*

FEBRUARY

- 18: Presidents Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 21: SCDD Board meeting
- 28: Rare Disease Awareness Day

MARCH (DD Awareness Month)

- 16: Portsmouth St. Patrick's Day Parade
- 21: World Down Syndrome Day,
SCDD Board meeting
- 25, 27: VRS Parent/Teacher conferences
- 29: VRS / NO SCHOOL
(*March 2019's The Hardwood Heroes
Celebrity Basketball Game and
the Rivals Game dates TBD.)

APRIL

- 2: Autism Awareness Day
- 18: SCDD Board meeting
- 18-22: VRS Spring Break/ NO SCHOOL

MAY

- 10: VRS Prom
- 16: SCDD Board meeting
- 24: VRS graduation
- 27: Memorial Day holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 29: VRS students' end of year awards/
last day of school
- 30: VRS teachers' last day

JULY

- 4: Fourth of July holiday/*SCDD Closed*
- 19: Special Olympics Birthday Party and
2nd Annual Awesomesauce Challenge

*All regular monthly SCDD Board meetings begin at 4:45 p.m., and are conducted at STAR, Inc.

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