



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING: DD AWARENESS MONTH

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. There are events scheduled each week of the month to celebrate. Also watch Facebook for DD Awareness Posts. pg. 3

TRANSPORTATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Scioto County Board of DD is offering a one-time grant to eligible providers. The funds are for vehicles that give greater access to services and the community. pg. 3

CONGRATS! NEW ROLES - NEW STAFF

Check out who is new to SCDD and who has new jobs. 5 staff are recognized: Copen, Horner, Snyder, Literal, Watkins. pg. 6



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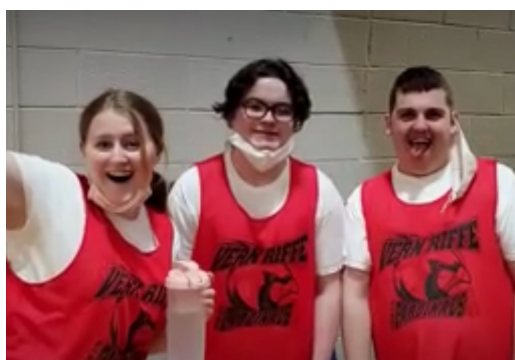
SCIOTO COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL



CARDINALS BACK ON THE COURT!

Members of the Special Olympics Cardinals team from Vern Riffe School was able to complete their first season back on the court since the beginning of the Covid Pandemic. The regular season was concluded with a celebratory lunch at Gattis Pizza. The Cardinals are led by coach Rita Arthur and spokesman Johnny Royalty.

The Cardinals will be back on the court at SSU on March 30th as they take on the staff in a special DD Awareness Month event.



VRS Cardinals

Colby Adkins
Jon Adkins
Gabby Collins
Maxwell Edwards
George Jewell
Zach Kigar
Michael Kirkendall
Gabe Martin
Lucas Mayberry
Andrew Meyers
Jon Mitchell
Logan Ratcliff
Robbie Scalf
Cameron Watson - Score Table
Brody Wyatt
Jasimine Yinger - Cheer

GET READY!

March is
Developmental Disabilities
 Awareness Month

3/2/22 Wednesday:

DD Awareness & Advocacy Day at the Statehouse. Self Advocates and Transition Aged students to attend virtually at VRS. Lunch is served compliments of Project Stir.

3/10/22 Thursday:

Commissioners' Proclamation of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Self-Advocates and transition aged students to attend meeting.

3/19/22 Saturday:

St. Patrick's Day Parade. All are welcome to line up with SCDD at 5th/Market Street in Portsmouth at 10am on 3/19. Parade will kick off at 11am and end at Tracy Park. Wear Green!

3/21/22 Monday:

Rock your socks for World Down Syndrome Day. Every year, on March 21, people all around the world come together to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day by wearing brightly colored, mismatched socks. March 21 is symbolic because people with Down syndrome have 3 copies of their 21st chromosome.

3/30/22 Wednesday:

The Cardinals will take on the staff of SCDD at the SSU Athletic Complex in a game to celebrate DD Awareness Month. Save the Date - More details to come!
 Also- Hardwood Heroes will return March of 2023 for an Epic 10 year Anniversary Game!!!!

Transportation Grant**OPPORTUNITY FOR HCBS
AGENCY PROVIDERS**

DEADLINE TO
 APPLY
 3.10.2022



The Scioto County Board of DD is pleased to offer the opportunity for providers to receive funding to expand transportation options within our county. This is a one-time 80/20 matching funds grant for providers to secure funds to purchase vehicles that will be utilized to provide Non-Medical Transportation for Adult Day and Employment Supports or to increase access to the community for residential agency residents. The funds are only available to Medicaid Certified Agency Waiver Providers at this time. Providers should send questions and/or completed proposals to Steve Sowkulech, Business Manager at ssowkulech@sciotodd.org

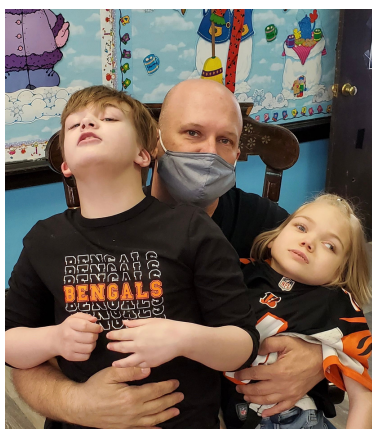
**BOARD MEETING:
NEW LOCATION -
NEW TECHNOLOGY**

Beginning on February 17, 2022, The board members of SCDD began meeting in a new location. Monthly board meetings are now being held at the Carousel Center, 1112 Gallia Street, Portsmouth. The board meetings are also streamed live on the SCDD Facebook page. A new device called the OWL was utilized to air the live stream.



SCDD & FRIENDS ROOT FOR THE BENGALS!!

The Cincinnati Bengals made it to the Super Bowl and the SCDD community was pumped. To celebrate, SCDD Staff, VRS Students, Transportation, and providers participated in an SCDD community wide spirit week leading up to the big game!



WHY DEY SPIRIT WEEK

MON-DEY: JOE COOL DAY- WEAR SUNGLASSES

TUES-DEY: WEAR ORANGE

WEDNES-DEY: SHOW YOUR STRIPES!

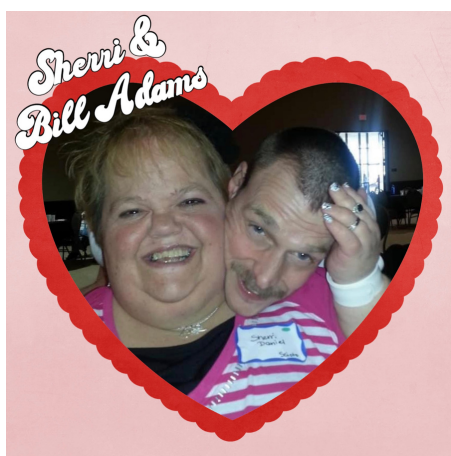
THURS-DEY: WEAR BLACK

FRI-DEY: BENGALS DAY- WEAR YOUR BENGALS GEAR/COLORS!



LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

February is a month associated with love. Let's take a moment to recognize 3 couples who have beaten the odds and sustained long term Relationships/Marriages.



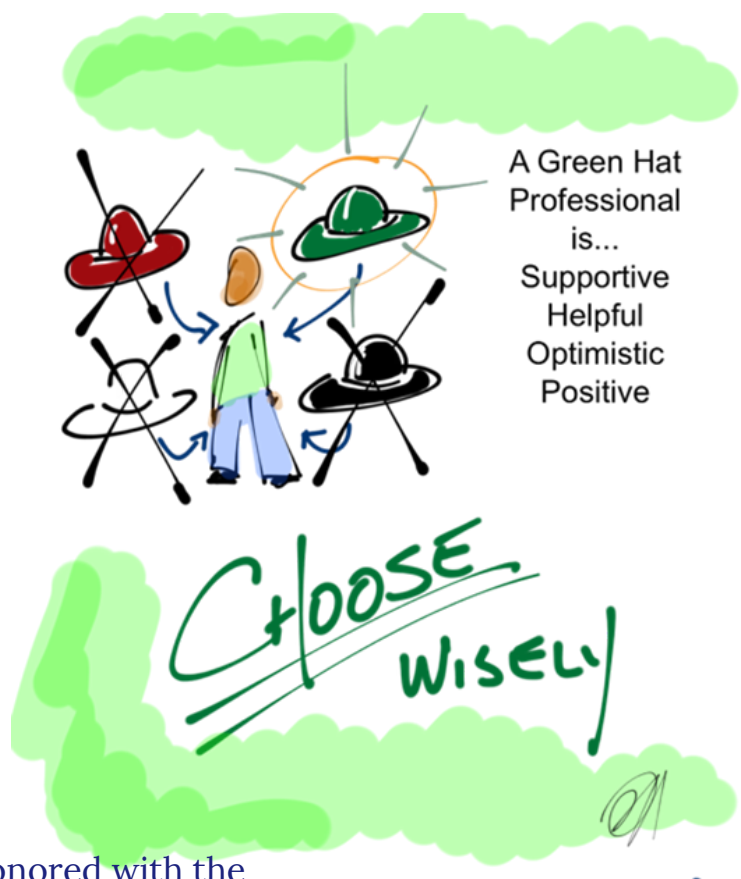
Sherri & Bill Adams

John Roth & Connie Cline



Susie & Wayne Edwards

GREEN HAT STAFF



Each month, at least one staff will be honored with the Green Hat Award. A green hat staff is someone who shows a lot of positivity in their work. Green hat professionals are seen as helpful, optimistic, supportive, and focuses on strengths, abilities, possibilities, solutions, and success.

February's Green Hat Award goes to Tom Koch – A Vern Riffe School 6th year teacher.

Tom was chosen due to his consistent willingness to assist with implementing new teaching strategies. His students are always involved in special projects that assist with the functional education VRS provides. One example of the many projects include making some race tracks out of guttering. Several transition students made sleds and snowboards to race!

Tom is assigned a transition class, and over sees the Graduation Ceremony. He currently serves on the LPDC committee and Resident Educator Program. He has a bachelors degree in High School Social Studies and Master Degree in Intervention Education. His hobbies include collecting and restoring classic cars and model trains. Tom and his wife Courtney reside in Wheelersburg, Ohio. Way to go Tom for wearing a Green Hat!!

Upcoming March Staff Birthdays

Jeannette Ferguson
Sharon Gamp
Jeff Horner
Justin Isaac
Tracey Lunsford
Lori Morton
Bill Pennington
Tom Sherman
Erica Wallace
Alma Whitt
Kayla Wilder



Upcoming March Work Anniversaries

16 yrs: Teresa Seidel 3/23
9 yrs: Jason Chaffin 3/18
9 yrs: Jeff Horner 3/18

Congratulations!! New Roles - New Staff



JOY COPEN
INTAKE/SSA SUPPORT
MANAGER

Joy is coming up on 20 years at SCDD filling roles as SSA, Lead SSA, SSA Manager and now Intake/SSA Support Manager. Her new role will lend to strengthening our SCDD intake process and supporting SSAs with new and ongoing training needs.



JEFF HORNER
POSITIVE SUPPORT
FACILITATOR

Jeff has been a part of Team SCDD for 9 years working in the classroom as a 1:1 Aide and also driving a bus route for the students and adults receiving services for the past decade. Jeff's experience coming up with positive solutions will aide in this role.



LORI SNYDER
POSITIVE SUPPORT
FACILITATOR

Lori has worked as an independent provider for 21 years. and has worked at SCDD for the past 19 years filling roles in the classroom. Her new role as PSF will be enhanced by the direct experience she brings to the table!



AMANDA LITERAL
FISCAL
CLERK

Amanda became a part of team SCDD on February 7, 2022. She comes to us with several years of working in accounts payable roles. She has quickly become a vital help in the Fiscal/HR Department. Welcome to the Team Amanda!



CHELSEA WATKINS
TEACHER'S
ASSISTANT

Chelsea has been on the SCDD Team for the past 2 years as a 1:1 Classroom Aide at VRS. In February, she assumed the role as Teacher's Assistant in Melissa Gampp's classroom. Her skills will be an asset as she assists in a broader capacity.

Contact Us!

Intake Number:
740-353-8448

Main Number:
740-353-0636

Transportation:
740-353-0667

24-Hour Number:
740-353-4677

SCDD has three facilities,
all in Portsmouth,
Ohio.

Vern Riffe School
Building
2619 Gallia Street

Transportation Garage
2623 Gallia Street

The Carousel Center
1112 Gallia Street

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