



## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## ADAM SYLVIA PROMOTED TO SSA MANAGER

Sylvia, who has been in the SSA department for nearly 12 years was promoted from SSA Team Leader to SSA Manager pg. 4

## PHIPPS & WALLACE ATTEND CAREER EXPO

On March 29th, SCDD set up at the Marshall University Career Expo for staff recruiting purposes pg. 4

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH IN APRIL

The month where we celebrate Autism is right around the corner. The Autism Project of Southern Ohio has some fun events planned! pg. 5



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SCIOTO COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

# CARDINALS VS SCDD STAFF

FACE OFF AT 11 AM



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022**  
**AT SSU ATHLETIC COMPLEX**  
 DOORS OPEN AT 10AM - NO ADMISSION FEE

🏀 Can the staff keep up with the Cardinals? 🏀 Winner takes all in a Pizza Party at VRS following the game!

**A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH EVENT!**

This is a private event at SSU for the VRS /SCDD Community

**Join us in March 2023 for the return of the public event: Hardwood Heroes Celebrity Basketball Game!**

Special Thanks to Shawnee State University Athletics






On Wednesday, March 30th the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities celebrated the conclusion of DD Awareness month with a students vs staff basketball game. Shawnee State University's Men's and Women's basketball team hosted the two teams as they headed off at the SSU Athletic Complex. Teams were comprised of the Scioto County Special Olympics VRS Cardinals and staff of SCDD who volunteered their athletic skills in attempt to take down the undefeated cardinals. Both teams were pumped to be on the court, but the VRS Cardinals, coached by Rita Arthur, prevailed crushing the staff team with a 55-point lead.





## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 2022

It was a great day to have a parade! On Saturday, March 19th, the return of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade brought joy to Portsmouth. SCDD Volunteers, adorned in Irish green, marched the parade route in honor of DD Awareness Month.



Self Advocate & Board Member Bill Adams strolls through the Parade Route



Self Advocate Sherri Adams looks very festive in her Irish apparel. Sherri expressed having a good time.



Superintendent Matt Purcell pulls the wagon filled with goodies through the parade.



VRS staff, Baillie Seek volunteered with her family in the parade. She brought her nephew to join in the fun! .



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Once again, I am blown away by our little community. Last Friday I had the idea to do a little fundraiser to sell some tie-dyed socks for World Down Syndrome Day on 3/21. I figured we could raise a little money for prom for our students, our kids could practice some vocational skills, & we could Rock our Socks on 3/21. I thought we might sell 50-60 pair of socks, so I ordered socks & dye from Amazon on Saturday. Monday & Tuesday the orders flooded in. And... this is how I ended up going to nine stores between Portsmouth & Ashland Tuesday after school to fill 300 sock orders... and buying more dye. I cannot thank everyone enough for the support... whether you helped donate socks, \$, ordered socks, rolled socks, sorted orders, bagged orders, or assisted students with helping with this project. It could not have been accomplished without all of you. You all rock!



Thanks to Melissa Gampp, VRS Teacher for coming up with a great idea for a VRS prom fundraiser that also helped everyone Rock their socks for World Down Syndrome Day!





## GREEN HAT STAFF

### Eddie Davis



March  
Green Hat Award



### Bailee Seek



March  
Green Hat Award

Eddie was nominated for another green hat award by a coworker stating that he has stepped up to cover several on call shifts throughout a time of great need in the SSA Department with staff shortages. Thanks Eddie, your support is appreciated

Bailee Seek is a new staff working as a 1:1 Aide with VRS. Bailee has shown a great attitude and is willing to help out in the classroom and has jumped right into participating events this month. Keep up the good work Bailee! We love your Green Hat attitude

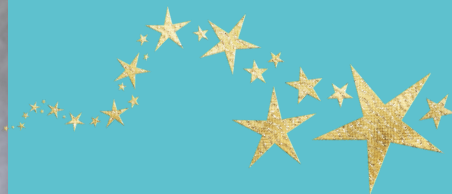


## Marshall University Career Expo

SSA Director Chad Phipps and Early Childhood Director Erica Wallace attended the career expo on March 29th where they shared information about SCDD and discussed career options and current job opportunities.



## PROMOTED!



### Adam Sylvia SSA Manager

Adam Sylvia was chosen to be the new SSA Manager for the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities on March 18, 2022. Adam has been an employee at SCDD since 2010. He was first hired to be a Service and Support Administrator (SSA) and later became an SSA Team Leader. Prior to working at SCDD, Adam was an SSA in Franklin County. His expertise in person-centered planning, services, and supports have made him a leader in the field of developmental disabilities. Congratulations Adam on your new role!

## Upcoming April Staff Birthdays

Cassie Clark  
Eddie Davis  
Tammy Guthrie  
Hayley Horner  
Sharon Malone  
Andrea McClellan  
Tyler Smith



## Upcoming April Work Anniversaries

20 yrs: Joy Copen 4/1  
16 yrs: Lana Brown 4/11  
9 yrs: James Davis 4/4





**April  
is  
Autism  
Acceptance  
Month**



## GET READY! UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

### 4/2/22 Saturday:

Autism Acceptance Day event by the Autism Project of Southern Ohio at Adam's Flying Pig Coffee House in Wheelersburg, OH from 1-4PM! There will be informational booths and sensory activities.

### 4/9/22 Saturday:

Bob's Memorial Project is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at Earl Thomas Conley Park  
10AM -Ages 0-9 years old  
10:30 -All ages for individuals with disabilities

### 4/9/22 Saturday:

Monthly Autism Project of Southern Ohio meeting at 6pm (1018 Waller Street - Portsmouth). Theresa Rowland, Outreach Coordinator will be speaking about transition-aged student services.

### 4/30/22 Saturday:

The Autism Project of Southern Ohio will be concluding Autism Acceptance Month with a BANG with a Ride for Autism on April 30th from 11AM-4PM Bike run registration at 11AM with kick stands up at 12PM, but returning to Tracy Park with plenty of time to enjoy some Cheezy Street and Woody's Pork Rinds, train rides, vendors, raffles, a live auction, and a FREE CONCERT BY Josh Stewart Band LLC! Be sure to mark your calendars for an au-some day! 100% of the proceeds from this event benefit local autistic individuals and their families.

## Contact Us!

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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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