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SUPERINTENDENT'S LETTER

Major accomplishments of the Sandusky County Board of MR/DD during the second half of 2008:

- ✓ We expanded day activities available to adults with developmental disabilities through our Adult Services program.
- ✓ Early Intervention staff implemented a new standardized, data based developmental assessment system.
- ✓ We held two Family Information events for families of individuals with disabilities.
- ✓ Our "Early Intervention Description of Services" was selected as a model for other County Boards of MR/DD throughout the state.
- ✓ We provided a Social Work internship site for a Terra Community College student with disabilities.
- ✓ We hosted an informational table at a "Focus on disABILITIES" conference held at Terra Community College.
- ✓ We collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce to host a "Business After Hours" event in our facility.
- ✓ Our school was awarded the Buckeye Best Healthy School Bronze Award recognizing achievements in the area of wellness.
- ✓ One of our self-advocates served as an officer on the state People First Board, one of our staff persons was appointed as an Advisor to the state People First Board, and three of our self-advocates served as officers with Region I People First.
- ✓ Three area businesses that employ individuals with disabilities who are served by our Board received Crystal Apple Awards from the Northwest Ohio Placement Association.
- ✓ We began offering 30-hour seminars required by ODMR/DD for all staff at our site, tailored to the needs of our employees and taught by our personnel.
- ✓ A pre-school on site survey was conducted, and we were found to be in full compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
- ✓ We held Open Houses that were well attended at both our Clyde and Fremont sites.
- ✓ We joined the newly formed Sandusky/Seneca Autism Task force, which is part of the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence statewide initiative.
- ✓ Board member Charlotte Urban completed twelve continuous years of service on our Board.
- ✓ Five individuals secured competitive community employment and seven new enclave sites (thirteen positions) were added.
- ✓ We co-sponsored a Senior Parent Information Night at Fremont Ross High School with the North Central Ohio Educational Services Center and Fremont City Schools.
- ✓ The outdoor recreational area in front of Sandco Industries was expanded.
- ✓ The Clyde Life Enrichment Center and the Sandco front lobby were painted and new flooring installed.
- ✓ An additional school bus and vehicle were acquired.

We sincerely thank you for your support in enriching the lives of those whom we serve.

Cheryl Cotter
Superintendent

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