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DODD Update

Friday, August 26, 2011

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IN REVIEW

Monday, August 22, 2011

- Director John Martin spoke at the Richland County all staff in-service meeting regarding the Department's initiatives that support a person-centered culture.

Thursday, August 25, 2011

- Deputy Director Ginnie Whisman spoke at the Ohio Association of County Boards SSA Forum and discussed developmental center reduction and noted that Angie Hannahs will be coordinating this effort. Additionally, Whisman noted Troy McCollister will head up the Department's developmental center and capital projects. Department RN Janet Winterstein provided an update on health policy initiatives.

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- DODD received a three-year-federal grant for its partnership project with several organizations—REAL Action in Ohio: Resources, Education, Alignment, and Linkages. The grant will help support improving service for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Read the announcement [here](#).



NEXT WEEK

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

- Director John Martin will visit the Lowe's Distribution Center in Findlay. This facility is one of 3 Lowe's distribution centers selected to provide individuals with disabilities the opportunity to work in an integrated environment. This project now employs 20 individuals. After initial training is completed individuals earn more than \$11 per hour and will receive full benefits.

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

- Director John Martin and Deputy Director Monty Kerr will meet with Hamilton County Developmental Disability and Services staff and tour two day programs.
- Director John Martin will speak at the 2011 Autism Leadership Reception and provide brief remarks regarding ASD issues, successes, and potential partnerships.



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