

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Superintendent's Report - October 2020

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

The Imagine individuals continue to participate in virtual Groovy Garfoose Music therapy sessions and really enjoy this each week.

Some of our individuals at the VGC have taken part in virtual art therapy through the Fine Arts Association in conjunction with Deepwood's Community Integration Specialist. The individuals have enjoyed decorating their areas for fall and Halloween and look forward to some socially distant Halloween fun! Also, individuals created Halloween cards for people in nursing homes, hoping to brighten their day.

The Imagine sensory room is all set up and enjoyed by the individuals who have used it. We have brand new equipment that was added to the space (bubble wall, liquid floor tiles, fiber optic waterfall, and more seating options) from the Western Reserve Junior League Grant. We are very excited about this new space!

The Imagine Program started making their Pieces of Imagination dog treats again. We are excited to have this up and running again. Please contact Rachael at 440-918-1717 or via email at Rachel.urbanek@lakebdd.org, if you would like to place an order.

Broadmoor Early Intervention is hosting a CWRU Speech and Language Pathologist student during the fall semester. She will be shadowing the Broadmoor Speech Therapist and creating communication resources for caregivers. The intern's background is extensive, including designing a communication app.

The Preschool II Class partnered with a Yoga Instructor to bring children's Yoga into the classroom virtually.

Sounds of Life Hearing Center & Family Eye Care partnered with our Preschool Program to complete our annual hearing and vision screenings. We thank both businesses for their commitment to our community and school.

Broadmoor's School Age Supervisor and the LCBDD Director of PR/Volunteer Services are working together with the Unique Like Me store in Painesville, to structure a continued partnership that will offer more vocational opportunities for our LEEP students.

Broadmoor utilized a donation from the Knights of Columbus to purchase a 16 x 20-foot tent that will be used for outdoor classes and give our students the opportunity to safely enjoy the beautiful outdoors.

Mentor Rotary completed the third of three projects that they adopted for the Agency's Day of Caring. Students will now be able to use specially designed peg boards in the Vocational Room to learn a variety of sorting tasks.

After Deepwood Industries received 50 masks for COVID protection from Ohio Department of Health, they were forwarded to the Willoughby branch. Willoughby held a "Tie Dye" party and all of the individuals designed their own personal masks according to color and design preferences.

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

September EI Trainings included: Many Faces of Autism, NAS 12-18 months, and Parents Rights.

Early Intervention referrals have returned to pre-COVID levels with 34 evaluations completed in September and 31 eligible for Ohio Early Intervention Services.

Broadmoor's LEEP Program and the SSA Department teamed up to strengthen the transition process so options for life after graduation will be clearer to parents of students at transition process age.

Special Events

On September 3, the Imagine individuals enjoyed ordering lunch from Scooters.

Broadening Abilities individuals have been learning and having fun through activities that encourage fine motor skills, gross motor skills, and sensory awareness. During the beginning of fall, we spent lots of time doing nature walks and scavenger hunts. We made peanut butter pinecones for our friendly squirrels and birds. We made hedgehog crafts and bat clothespins. We had coffee with pumpkin spice to celebrate International Coffee Day. Some liked it and some did not. We decorated scary scarecrows outside. One of our families participated by creating a special needs scarecrow named David, who happens to be in a wheelchair. We celebrated National Custodial Day with treats and cards for our custodians who are working so hard. We celebrated Egg Day with brunch and National Pasta Day with individual spaghetti lunches for the individuals. A Browns tailgate party was held in the MH room with pizza and an opportunity to take a picture with a huge Browns inflatable. It has been a great month so far, as we look forward to some Halloween fun ahead!

Agency Resources

The Willoughby Branch has been actively participating in the monthly recreation "Boredom Buster" packets on Wednesdays and have completed some incredible art and holiday projects. Many happy individuals!

Willoughby Branch is having their first ever "Hallo-Fest" party, complete with a scarecrow decorating contest and pumpkin pie and apple cider. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes as well.