

Hello!

BUTLER COUNTY
Board of
**DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**

We send out e-newsletters periodically

informing you about Board events and

other important news. Please consider forwarding this email to your friends who are

also served by our Board and ask them to join our mailing list.

In today's newsletter:

- Link to 2018 Strategic Plan
- Community Recognition Dinner & 50th Anniversary Celebration of BCBDD
- Fix the List Effort Update
- March: National Developmental Disability Awareness Month
- Upcoming Local Events, plus News and Information



STRATEGIC PLAN 2018

Our mission: to support individuals so they can successfully
live, work and *learn* in the *community*.

This fall we gathered input from individuals and families we serve to update our next three-year strategic plan. A brief survey was developed and face-to-face interviews with a random sample of individuals served were conducted over the summer months.

The Board approved the new strategic plan at the Jan. 11 board meeting at the Janet Clemmons Center in Hamilton.

We are pleased to announce that our 2018 Strategic Plan is complete. The plan contains the goals and actions steps that will be taken to better serve the individuals and their families. You can view our 2018 Strategic Plan and action steps by visiting [2018 Strategic Plan](#).



Community Recognition Dinner & 50th Anniversary Celebration

On April 19, 2018, Butler County Board of DD will host its **24th Annual Community Recognition Dinner**.

This is a special night held to recognize individuals, organizations, businesses, families and volunteers who have made an impact in the community for individuals with developmental disabilities. **This year, the dinner will be particularly memorable, as the board will be celebrating its 50th anniversary!**

Community members who have exemplified excellence in inclusion, employment efforts, advocacy, support and volunteer work will be honored during the event.

We are now accepting nominations through March 12. If you would like to nominate someone, click here for the [nomination form](#).

Additional details about the dinner will be shared later this month.



As you may know, there is currently a waiver waiting list in Butler County.

Last year, a group from Ohio, including individuals and families, guardians, county boards and providers came together to look at the current Waiting List Rule.

On July 1, 2018, the rule will change. County boards will begin assessing every name on the list and determine which are in "immediate need."

The following factors may affect whether individuals will remain on Butler County's waiting list:

- If you currently live outside Butler County
- If you currently reside in an ICF
- If you are currently dis-enrolled from services in Butler County
- If you have any other waiver or funding source (besides an Individual Options Waiver)

In an effort to clear up any confusion surrounding these changes, we encourage you to review the flyer below.

FIX THE LIST.

The waiting list is broken. It's time to FIX THE LIST.

Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families have made it clear: our state's waiver waiting list needs work.

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council joined a coalition of people with developmental disabilities, family members, and organizations representing guardians, county boards, and providers who believe it's time to **Fix The List**.

Ohio's waiting list for **Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS)** waivers is overly complex and in need of simplification. The current waiting list confuses people with developmental disabilities and their families, misleads advocates, and hinders efforts by policymakers to direct resources to where they are needed most.

Resources for Individuals and families

Are you a person with a developmental disability, a parent or a family member who has questions about how Ohio is planning to **Fix The List**? [Click here](#) to see a list of groups that can answer your questions, and visit FixTheList.info for up-to-date information.

For the latest information and updates visit the **Fix the List** website at www.fixthelist.info.

We encourage you to follow our progress:

- Website: www.fixthelist.info
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FixtheList/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fixthelist>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fixthelist/>

This is a state wide initiative



Celebrate



COMMUNITY

March is **National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month** and Butler County Board of DD invites you to join us in celebrating all the individuals served.

Each week in March will be centered on a different theme:

- Week 1, March 1-9: [See Me as Your Classmate](#)
- Week 2, March 12-16: [See Me as Your Coworker](#)
- Week 3, March 19-23: [See Me as Your Neighbor](#)
- Week 4, March 25-30: [See Me as Your Friend](#)

The goal for this month is to create awareness about developmental disabilities, teach the importance of inclusion within every aspect of life and to share the stories of individuals with a disability to show that a successful life is possible!



Community Events

COOKIES AND CONNECTION



We are hosting another Cookies and Connection event on March 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Redeemer Church, located at 3431 Hamilton Middletown Road in Hamilton. Join other families and caregivers in this fun networking event. Discuss issues,

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE



Dance instructor, Brianna Connelly, is teaching a free 30-minute dance class on March 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Fairfield Optimist Club, located at 194 Joe Nuxhall Way in Fairfield. Wear your green gear and come dance!

wins and accomplishments, find a mentor or become a mentor. All age groups are welcome and child care will be provided. RSVP by March 2 to Jenny [by email](#).

RSVP to Bri [by email](#) or by phone: (513) 785-2884.



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DRUMS ALIVE!



On Wednesday, April 18, you're invited to Drums Alive, a group fitness experience inspired by music and rhythm! The event will be held at Miami Middletown's Verity Lodge, located at 4200 N. University Boulevard in Middletown from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Dr. Susan Miller's students from her Introduction to Disabilities Studies course will be joining! This event is a collaboration between Miami University Middletown, Melodic Connections and the Butler County Board of DD. Sign up by contacting Bri Combs [by email](#).

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