Meetings now only once per month – First Thursday of every month
Next conference call will be December 3, 2020 at 10am

DODD COVID-19 Guidance Page
DODD has revised their COVID-19 Guidance Page. What was once a long list of resources, now is split up into four categories so it is easier to be guided to information that applies to you

To see the new guidance page click here

Dr. Laura Sorg Medical Moments
Dr. Laura Sorg is the Medical Director for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Dr Laura joins the department with over thirteen years of experience as a family physician. Throughout her career, Dr. Laura has had a special focus on care throughout the life span, rural medicine and caring for those with intellectual disabilities. Her goals are to expand awareness of preventative care to the over 90,000 Ohio citizens with developmental disabilities in the state, as well as education to those health care professionals serving them.

Germ Free is the Way to Be
Mask Up!
The Flu and You

Surge In Cases- Guidance for Exposure/Positive Cases
Recently there has been a surge in cases and people exposed in our community. We have seen this increase in both staff and individuals. Below are some resources and guidance. We will also be sending out detailed guidance soon.

1. If you are working with someone who has been exposed/tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you please let the Service Coordinator know. This is to help our staff take the necessary precautions when entering homes
2. LTSS Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit Guide Page
3. Actual Toolkit
4. Companions Guidance for using Toolkit
5. What LTSS Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit Means for DSP’s
6. LTSS Pre-Surge Planning Toolkit FAQ’s
7. Provider notification-
   a. Make sure you are making the proper notification to all providers on the Team. Your responsibility is to make notification to all other providers on the plan of each of the individuals exposed.
   b. Make contact with the Health Department
   c. Make contact with all families and guardians as applicable
8. Contact Tracing
   a. 15 minutes total of exposure counts as exposed
   b. Contact Tracing Plan

Community Life Engagement Team
The Community Life Engagement, or CLE, project managers are an expansion of the Employment First and Technology First teams at the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, or DODD. Their
primary focus is to ensure that people eligible for services through Ohio’s developmental disability system will have increased opportunities to live, work, and thrive in their homes and communities through state-of-the-art planning, innovative technology, and supports that focus on their talents, interests, and skills.

The primary focus of a CLE project manager is to support the transformation of current adult day and employment supports away from facility-based services toward a community-minded emphasis and practice by working with teams to increase the use of technology in-home and community-based services. Focusing on the talents, interests, and skills of people with disabilities, along with supporting stakeholders, CLE project managers will develop a system of continuous innovation and responsiveness, through both the Employment First and Technology First initiatives.

To see the map of the regions and more information click here

**Technology**

Delaware County is hosting a Technology First Conference on November 18th from 9 am to 12:30 pm. This conference will be on Zoom and Facebook Live. To register and find out more information please click here

**Provider Relief Fund**

The FAQ page for Provider Relief Funds has been updated, particularly the Use of Funds questions. See the full FAQ page here. The last day to apply is 11/06/2020.

**Governor DeWine Requests Bureau of Workers Compensation Send $5 Billion Dividend to Ohio Employers**

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine was joined by Lt. Governor Jon Husted today to request the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) send up to $5 billion in dividends to Ohio employers to ease the continued financial impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. This was tentatively supped to be voted on during a special meeting on 11/02/2020. We have not heard an update on this and will let you know as soon as we do. To see all of the information on this, click here.

**Home Relief Grant Project**

Starting November 2, 2020, the state of Ohio, working with local Community Action Agencies, will help eligible Ohioans who are behind on rent, mortgage, and water and/or sewer utility bills catch up on past payments back to April 1, 2020 and provide additional assistance through December 30, 2020.

Ohioans will be able to apply for assistance through their local Community Action Agency starting November 2, 2020. A list of local Community Action Agencies can be found at the bottom of this page.

Ohio households with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for assistance. Here is the annual income by household size.

See all of the information here

**Going Back to Work Webinar**

Due to popularity, DODD has issued an encore showing of the Going Back to Work Webinar. This will be on November 16th from 10am to 12 pm. To register click here
Public Health Advisory System
Warren, Butler, Greene, Montgomery, Hamilton, Clermont counties are all in the Red according to the Public Health Advisory System. Clinton, Brown, and Preble are all in the Orange. Make sure you are keeping up to date with the Public Health Advisory System, that is updated every week, and that you are following all protocol for your specific county. To access the Public Health Advisory System click here.

If you are in need of supplies, please email melissa.stall@warrencountydd.org

If you need staff or have staff in need of work, please reach out to our Provider Development Coordinators at providerdevelopment@warrencountydd.org

If you need BCI/FBI background checks completed, the WCBDD is offering them by appointment only. Please email william.caplinger@warrencountydd.org to schedule an appointment.

Please visit our COVID-19 resource page at https://warrencountydd.org/covid-19-wcbdd-resources-and-support