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Name changes, but services remain the same

In one stroke of his pen on July 7, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland signed into state law Senate Bill 79, thus changing the name of the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities — or DODD as it will now be called.

The law also requires all County Boards of MR/DD to remove the phrase ‘mental retardation and’ from their titles as well. Therefore, we will now be known as the Madison County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The law went into effect statewide October 5, 2009.

The most important thing to note in this process is that individuals will continue to receive the same quality services they are accustomed to receiving through the organization formerly known as the Madison County Board of MR/DD.

There is an amendment to the law that allows County Boards to use all of their existing letterhead, envelopes, etc. before purchasing ones with the new title.

In conjunction with the impending name change Ohio Public Images — a statewide advocacy and information organization — has begun its ‘Disable the Label’ campaign. According to the Ohio Public Images website, the ‘campaign is designed to recognize the abilities of everyone rather than defining groups of people with a label. This theme not only focuses on the label of mental retardation, but can also apply to all derogatory names given to individuals who have a disability.’

An ‘Amazing’ Large Victory in Idol

With her rendition of ‘Amazing Grace,’ Diana Large earned the Superstar Award at the recent Madison County Idol Contest. Donna Blentlinger was the Idol Star with Kenny Rogers’ ‘Through the Years.’

Others are listed with the award they won following in parentheses. First place awards went to Jamie Gordon (best dressed), Haley Graves (hip-hop and r/b star), Terry McClain (rock star), Dale Jones (gospel star), Shaundra Sayre (Nashville star), Dan Burchnell (Christian rock star), Penny Powers (jukebox gold star), Marlyn Zeeck/Waymond Harris (country star), Kenny Stischok (most romantic), and Rebecca Bell (most improved).

Second place ribbons went to Brian Farris, Keith Farris, Jerry Brown, and Paul Hiles.



Thanking Golf Outing Sponsors

For the fourth year in a row, the scramble had a \$400.00 Tournament Sponsor – Cogent Systems, Inc.

Several local businesses showed their support of Madison County's MR/DD program through beverage, contest and hole sponsors. These \$200 Beverage Sponsors included Flax Law Firm, LLC — Midland Title West; One Source Lawn Care; Schorr & Associates; Madison County Tire; Downing Lawn Service; Ernie's London Apothecary; Blaine & Cathy Brockman, and Dillion Realty

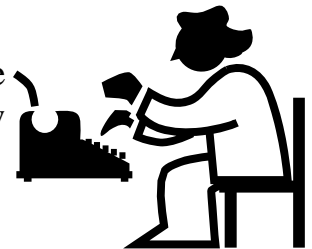
The \$100 Contest Sponsorships included Murry & Edwards Marathon; Mike Quilter; Dan Ohler; Wilson Printing & Graphics of London, Inc.; Andrix & Herman Insurance; Peg Johnson; American Asphalt & Seal Coating; Barker's Towing; Boyd's Garage Doors; Buckeye Ford; Muffler Brothers; Advantage Bank; Madison County Hospital; Landrum News Agency; MATCO Services, Inc.; Jim and Melissa Canney; Nelson & Ball Heating and Cooling; O'Connor's Printing; BST; Green & Sons, Ltd — Kubota Dealer; A-1 Able Pest Doctors, and Stanley Electric

The \$50 Hole Sponsors included Eberle-Fisher Funeral Home; Murry & Edwards Marathon; Mary and Mike Hopkins; Chaney & Thomas Insurance Agency; United Landmark Propane; Jessica, Ashley & Bruce Thompson; Bruner Corporation; Madison Lawn Care, Ltd.; Hoey Enterprises, Inc. DBA Creative Carpets & Interiors; Gary and Ruth Peters; Medicaid Consulting Group; Ohio Health Consortium, Inc.; Gary, Donna & Randy Hay; Best One Tire & Service; Creative Carpet; Home Carpet; Madison Community Housing; Sims Construction; Downing Lawn Service; The Keaton Family; Chris Brown, Attorney; Slanker Drainage; State Farm Insurance; Creamer Metal Products; Peters Photography; Betsy and Ted Hankins (In memory of Eric Hankins); Madison County Tire; Nancy Morcher; Dwyer Hardware; Joe and Sue Mosier; Don and Terri Hawkins; Merchants Bank, and The Brand Family

In addition, more than 100 raffle prizes were donated by close to 50 business and individuals including the Columbus Crew; Anne & Tony's Restaurant; Newport Aquarium; Columbus Museum of Art; Cleveland Browns; Columbus Blue Jackets; Chakeres Theatres; Cincinnati Bengals; Dave Wheatley; The Wilds; Sheffield Veterinary Hospital; COSI; Cincinnati Reds; Madison County Tire; Muffler Brothers; Dunlap Insurance; The Greenskeeper; Creative Carpet; Jeff Gates; Dick LeBeau; The Madison Press; Starr Trophy; Merchants Bank; Gabrielle of London; Green and Sons Ltd; Cleveland Cavaliers; London Florist; JD Equipment; Picadillies; Phat Daddy's; Subway; Dwyers Hardware; Mabe's; Mike's Pizza; Metro Nails; Curves of London; Bob Evans; Betsy Hankins; MATCO Services, and Madison County Special Olympics.

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Help Us Keep the Flu Bug out of our Schools and Workplaces

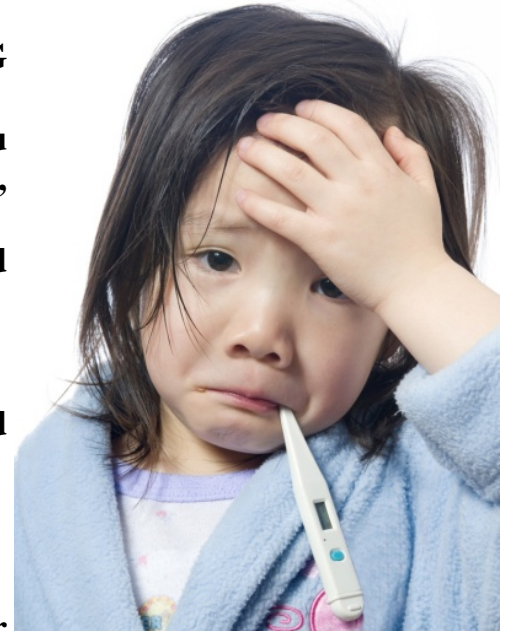
By Anne Slanker, Health Services Coordinator

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF FLU?

- ★ Fever — cough — sore throat — runny nose — body aches — headaches — chills — fatigue. May also include vomiting — diarrhea

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT GETTING THE FLU?

- ★ Cover nose and mouth with tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or sleeve
- ★ Wash hands often with soap and water (use hand sanitizer IF soap and water are not available)
- ★ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- ★ Try to avoid close contact with sick people
- ★ Take advantage of recommended seasonal and special flu vaccines



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU GET SICK?

- ★ Stay home if you have symptoms of the flu
- ★ Stay at home for a least 24 hours after your fever is gone
- ★ Try to avoid contact with family members or others while you are sick
- ★ Contact your family doctor for advice about treatment
- ★ Seek medical treatment immediately if flu like symptoms start to improve and then get worse

WHAT EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS IN CHILDREN REQUIRE URGENT MEDICAL CARE?

- ★ Fast breathing or trouble breathing — bluish or gray skin color — not drinking enough fluids — severe or persistent vomiting — not waking up or interacting — being irritable and not allowing someone to hold them — flu-like symptoms improve and then return with fever and worse cough

WHAT EMERGENCY WARNING SIGNS IN ADULTS REQUIRE URGENT MEDICAL CARE?

- ★ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath — pain or pressure in chest or abdomen — sudden dizziness — confusion — severe or persistent vomiting — flu-like symptoms improve, but return with fever and worse cough

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**Madison County Board of DD
Monthly Board Update**

by Betsy Dodds

- The Regular Monthly Board Meeting was held Thursday, September 17, 2009 at the Administrative Office. Board members attending were Tonya Keaton, Blaine Brockman, Julie Brand, Sue Mosier, Mary Hopkins, and Beverly Headings
- The Board approved the revised the Children Services 2009-2010 Program Calendar as presented
- The Board agreed to send a signed resolution to the Pickaway County Board of MR/DD, and also to Randy Beach, for his assistance to the Madison County Board of MR/DD in Jim Canney's absence
- The Board approved the agreements with the Local School Districts (London, West Jefferson, Madison-Plains, Jonathan Alder, Hilliard) for 2009-2010
- The Board was informed that MATCO Services has been approved as a certified Medicaid Provider for services including — Adult Day Supports, Vocational Habilitation, Supported Living, and Transportation
- The next Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Madison County Board of DD will be held Thursday, October 15, 2009 at the Administrative Office at 4pm



A Perfect Way to Spend the Day

Article and photo submitted by MATCO Services

September 15th turned out to be beautiful for the second of two MATCO Fishing Day Events at Madison Lake. A total of 31 consumers participated in the two day event. MATCO Services would like to thank the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife for this opportunity. We would also like to thank all of our instructors and volunteers whose support helped make this an educational and exciting leisure activity for everyone.

Roy Austin and John LaCivita enjoy a relaxing day of fishing at Madison Lake

