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### **ALL PROGRAMS WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:**

October 10—Columbus Day

October 28-Professional Day

November 11-Veteran's Day

November 24 & 25-  
Thanksgiving Break

December 23-January 2—  
Christmas Break



## Latest News

Written By: Laura Zureich, Superintendent

### **County Boards Share Administrative Services**

Several months ago, the Shelby County Board of Developmental Disabilities was approached by the Champaign County Board of Developmental Disabilities regarding the possibility of sharing two of our administrative positions between the counties. In Champaign County, the long-term Superintendent, Dee Dee Kabbes, was nearing retirement. Champaign County Board Members thought that her departure offered them a unique opportunity to consider sharing Superintendent services with a neighboring county. In Shelby County, our long-term Business Director, Kristi Marcum, was also nearing retirement. This presented an additional opportunity to share business services.

In these tough economic times, local governments must work together to do whatever we can to reduce costs while maintaining the high quality of services that our communities have come to expect. Both the Champaign and Shelby County Boards have been doing so in many areas over the past few years. With this goal in mind, both Boards met and decided to reduce overall expenses to both programs by sharing these positions. The sharing of administrative positions allows both programs to participate in what is becoming a growing trend across the state.

As a result of the Board's discussion, I began working as Superintendent of both Shelby and Champaign Counties on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Elizabeth Wagner, Business Manager in Champaign County, graciously agreed to assume the business position in both counties. Liz brings a wealth of experience to this position and we are thrilled that she is joining our team.

Both Liz and I are excited at the prospect of serving individuals with developmental disabilities in two counties and are honored to be asked. Along with the staff members in both programs, we look forward to continuing to provide the highest possible quality services in both the Shelby and Champaign County communities.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at:  
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*Laura Zureich*

Written By, Wee School Team

## **Parenting Survival Tips!**



*Screaming, running away, crying, whining, hitting, biting; sound familiar? Welcome to the world of toddlers where tantrums can take on many forms. Whatever your child's tantrum may look like, here are a few tips to help you get through this unavoidable stage.*

- 1) During a tantrum, parents have only one responsibility: to keep their child and others around them safe. During the middle of a tantrum is NOT a teachable moment; it is the worst time to intervene with the expectation of actually getting your message across to your child. It could be said that reasoning with your child during a tantrum would be like blowing onto a fire; it just gives it oxygen to burn!
- 2) Timing is everything. For example, if you know your child cries at the store to get a toy, talk ahead of time about the toys you already have at home and tell them that you will not be buying anymore today. Or, avoid the toy aisle all together and tell them ahead of time that we will not be visiting that aisle today. This strategy does, of course, need to be adjusted according to what your child understands.
- 3) Stick to your guns! Is the "rule" no candy before supper or is the "real rule" no candy before supper unless your child asks four times and starts to cry?
- 4) Be what you want your kids to become: patient, positive, calm, obedient, happy, and you will help your child be the same.
- 5) As much as possible, tell your child what you want them TO do (Put the cars in the bucket. Walk.) instead of telling them what NOT to do (No throwing. Do not run.). Until kids are about 3 years old, they do not fully process the words not, no, and don't to follow directions.
- 6) **Take care of yourself!** Schedule time for family fun so you can enjoy your child. Educate yourself about how children learn and mature so that your expectations for your child's behavior are realistic.

These are not magic solutions but if you are consistent with your child it will pay off!

October 26th & 27th—Pumpkin Party

November 23rd—Closed

November 21st & 22nd—Turkey Party

December 22nd—Closed

# Shelby Hills ECC

Written By: Toni Custer, Director

## **Back to School!**

The preschool classrooms are filled with children as the start of the school year begins. This year we have new staff members serving children in a variety of settings. At Jackson Center Elementary, Melissa Albers will be the paraprofessional in the preschool special education classroom located in their district. Marlean Ohwiler joins the early childhood staff as a preschool itinerant teacher delivering services to children in community preschools throughout Shelby County. Diantha Walling and Shelli Gooding can be found at the Shelby Hills Early Childhood Center assisting children in the role of paraprofessionals. New to the occupational therapy department, Joanna Homan, occupational therapy assistant, will provide support to children with fine motor and sensory needs. Kaylin Flannery, preschool special education teacher, is fulfilling a long term subbing position. It is exciting to have new faces both in the form of children and staff that create an environment for wonderful things to occur!



Melissa Albers, reads a story to the Jackson Center classroom.



(Left to Right) Marlean, Joanna, Shelli, Kaylin, Diantha



Owen, Miah, Tessa, Ella, and Jackson hard at work in Ms. Laura's classroom



Ethan, Landon, Keith, and Chance work on a block project.

November 21st—Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 PM

November 22nd—No Classes: Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30AM-7:00 PM

November 23rd-CLOSED

December 22nd-CLOSED

Written By: Lisa Slonecker, Director

## Summer Adventures

The children in the Wilma Valentine Creative Learning Center had quite the summer of adventures thanks to a grant from The Community Foundation of Shelby County. Outings included parks, pool, movies, zoos, fairs, and more! What fun!



Fair Food, Fun, Rides, Tractors, Animals! WAHOO!



We took a trip to the Columbus Zoo and got to take our time seeing all the animals!



We enjoyed visiting the Cox Arboretum and Englewood Metro Park!



## Service & Support Administration

Written By: Lisa Schulze

### Essential Needs Grant (ENG) 2011 Summer Camp

This is the third year that the Shelby Board of Developmental Disabilities hosted a summer camp. The camps, held on Wednesdays in June, July, and August were staffed by a great mix of creative, energetic, camp workers and offered adventures for kids (age 6 to 22) plus a break for caregivers. Camp Organizers, Karen Weinschenk and Tina Paul, put a lot of energy into creating fun camp experiences and added several community outings this year. With the success of previous years, the number of participants and new families served increased in 2011.



Aley enjoys petting zoo day!



Heather (left), and Caleb (right) enjoy hanging with camp worker Michael (middle).



Isaac and Glen fire away at their friends as they slide down the water slide.



Heather, Myles, and Haley enjoy a dip in the pool.

# Shelby County ARC

Submitted By: Kendra Hamaker

The Shelby County Arc's Summer Recreation Camp was held in August at Sidney Middle School. Twenty-eight campers participated in a week of crafts, music, puppetry, games, outdoor activities, and a nature presentation. Community outings were also enjoyed at the bowling alley, swimming pool and Tawawa Park. It looks like everyone had a fun time!



Katie gets some help painting the details of a miniature birdhouse from camp staff person Warren.



Caleb and camp volunteer Amanda enjoy some outdoor time blowing bubbles.



Collin and camp staff person Jennifer get creative with some shaving cream.



Kyle (right) and camp volunteer Eli put their heads together to solve a puzzle.

## ARC Board Meetings

September 13th	6:00 PM
October 11th	5:00 PM
November 8th	5:00 PM
December 13th	5:00 PM

## Friday Night Out

September 23rd	6:00-9:00 PM
October 21st	6:00-9:00 PM
November 18th	6:00-9:00 PM
December 16th	6:00-9:00 PM

## S&H Products

Written By: Krista Oldiges, Program Manager

### Bridges Camp Explore

Thirteen students from Shelby County who participate in the Bridges to Transition program attended Camp Explore August 1<sup>st</sup>- August 19<sup>th</sup> at S & H Products. This was the first year of the camp themed 'Career Exploration'. Camp instructors were Ken Lemmon and Caroline Rickels. During the first week, students were involved in a volunteer experience in which they prepared and served lunches at the ARC camp. The students learned valuable skills in safe food handling and customer service.

The second two weeks of camp focused on exploring a variety of career options in our community. Tours were scheduled at Perkins, Airstream, YMCA Daycare, Partners In Recognition, Tri-County Veterinary Clinic, Rehfus' Farm, The Human Society, and Gateway Arts Gallery. A day was also spent at Lake Loramie with Park Ranger Sholtis to learn about job opportunities at parks and recreational facilities.

The students went on a trip to Edison State Community College to learn about the process of enrolling into college and the programs offered. Edison State was generous enough to provide the students with breakfast, lunch, and goodie bags to take home.

Guest speakers for the camp included Sylvia Corbin, RN who spoke to the students about health and hygiene; Betsy O'Leary spoke about getting a job and what employers are looking for; and Donna Ruble

presented on careers in art. The students made hygiene kits with items donated from the Hampton Inn and Dr. Huskey to remind them of the importance of always looking their best when interviewing for a job.

They learned how and where to look for jobs, created resumes, and worked on interview skills. Each student participated in a mock interview with Rick Husa and Cheryl Long.

On the last day of camp, the students were treated to a pizza party provided by The ARC for their volunteer service. The students received a variety of information that will broaden their knowledge base and help transition them into the working world.



# State Champions

Written By: Lisa Schulze

The Shelby County Special Olympics Softball Team earned the right to play in the state tournament for its second year in a row. This year's state competition was held in Toledo, OH on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The team's goal was to play their best and bring home another medal; and that's exactly what they did. The team played two games winning their first 17-4 and their second 17-15. Pictured are the 2011 State Tournament Champion Team Members: Paul Driscoll, Nate Puckett, Gary Bynum, Jerry Bear, Brady Hoying, Cheyenne Smith, Matt Hoying, Craig Howell, Joyce Vayo, Marquis Martin, Mike Pope, Adam Gilbert, Billy Hunter, Aaron Klosterman, Adrienne Johnson, and Donald Jarvis. Coaches are Tony and Tracy Sell, Ed Lovett, Donald Jarvis, Sr. and Kevin Johnson.

New this year, was a skill-a-thon challenge which included batting, fielding, throwing and running the bases. Individual distances were measured, time was recorded, and the number of catches were counted to determine each player's placement. Participant's and their awards were: Ashley Weber (Silver), Leslie Davis (Gold), Cassie Dawson (Gold), Courtney Sell (Gold), Ryan Hoying (Bronze) and Jeff Ward (Bronze).

## Congratulations Team & Coaches!



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