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Our Mission

The mission of Vinton DD is to empower people to lead lives of increasing capabilities and independence within our community.

S.O.A.R. Staff Challenge to benefit Autism Fund

Staff and individuals at S.O.A.R. had fun in the snow in February. It began with an in-house staff challenge to make a snow angel to benefit and promote their Autism Fund. It quickly gained popularity with other local Adult Day Service's challenging people that attend S.O.A.R. as well.

Visit Southern Ohio Adventures Recreation (S.O.A.R.)'s FaceBook page to

view the videos of the challenge.

If you would like to learn more about their Autism Fund, please call Cheryl Schrader at 740-855-4071.



Becky Holcomb



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Vinton DD offices, 31057 Industrial Park Dr. in McArthur. Please be sure to check our website, www.vintondd.org, for any schedule changes.
- Be sure to like The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Facebook!

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March is DD Awareness Month!

Vinton County Board of DD will be celebrating DD Awareness during March. We will be promoting the month on our Facebook page weekly (please share our posts!).

We will also visit the Vinton County Commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 4th at 10:30 to present a



Proclamation to the Commissions requesting they proclaim March 2025 as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Vinton DD will visit Vinton County local elementary schools and present and read a DD Awareness

book to each first grade class.

Be sure to check out the DD Awareness display at Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library and receive a DD Awareness silicone bracelet.



Provider Spring Social



Provider Spring Social on May 2nd

Vinton DD Staff will host our Annual Provider Spring Social on May 2, 2025 from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

The event will be held in the downstairs conference room at Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library. Lunch will be served at 12:00.

This event is open to all providers.

Our speakers this year will be Michael Hogan, DODD DSP & Provider Specialist and Pennie Chappell, Provider Resource Manager from MEORC.

“What you get by achieving your goals is not as important as what you become by achieving your goals.”

— Goethe

Sponsors Needed for 5th Annual Walkathon

Champions of Rights Advocacy Group will host their 5th Annual Walkathon in May at the Vinton High School track.. They are currently awaiting an approval date of May 16, 2025 at the track.

This is a great event that benefits accessibility and inclusive equipment at Wyman Park in McArthur.

Please contact Tracy or Britani at Active Day at 740-384-2155 or Tina at VCBDD at 740-596-5515 if you are interested in sponsoring the event.

If you would like to join us for the Walkathon or have a team that wants to participate, please contact Tina at VCBDD at 740-596-5515.



Vinton DD Receives Grant Funds



Autism Society Ohio

Vinton DD recently applied and received a grant from Autism Society Ohio. The purpose of the grant is to establish or promote autism awareness and programming in Ohio counties not yet served by a local Autism Society affiliate. Vinton DD requested two books for each first grade classroom and library in Vinton

County Elementary Schools.

Members of our County Board staff will visit the first grade classrooms during April which is Autism Awareness Month. Vinton DD staff will present and read the books to the classes. The books we chose for this project are “Masterpiece” by Alexander Hoffman and “A friend for Henry” by Jenn Bailey. Both books promote Autism Awareness for Children.

In addition, the grant has

provided silicone bracelets which promote Autism Awareness. The bracelets will be distributed at local Adult Day Services in Vinton County at S.O.A.R. and Vinton Industries and in Jackson County at Buckeye Community Services and Active Day.

Vinton DD is grateful to the Autism Society Ohio for providing the grant material and their support for Autism Awareness across our state.

“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination”

—Jimmy Dean



Save the Date for the 2025 Royal Ball!

The Royal Ball will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2025 from 2:00-4:00 at Vinton County High School.

Invitations will be mailed out closer to the date.

This event is hosted by Vinton County Auditor, Cindy Owings-Waugh.

If you have any questions, please call Tina at VCBDD at 740-596-5515