



# Let's Talk...

The Newsletter of the Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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## Did you know?

The Dale-Roy School has provided exemplary education and training for students with developmental disabilities in Ashland County for over 50 years. As the legacy program of the ACBDD, we are very proud of our school.

Did you know, however, the extent of the many important services that the ACBDD funds, coordinates, and provides?

The Early Intervention program begins at birth and provides in-home child and family supports through age 3.

The School-age program currently has 6 classrooms with students ranging in age from 5 to 22. An individualized educational plan guides learning that includes a functional curriculum and academics.

The ACBDD is also the provider of Service Coordination. This often begins with the determination of eligibility for services. Service and Support Administrators, (SSAs), with the input of the individual, family/guardian, and other team members, develop a person-centered plan that helps to meet the assessed needs of each individual. The administration of the Medicaid Waiver program and the

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Service Coordination



Homemaker Personal Care



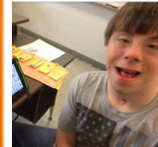
Crisis Line



Early Intervention



School-Aged



Adult Day Programs



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monitoring of planned and budgeted services is another responsibility of the SSAs.

Medicaid dollars, together with a 40% match from local funding, provide for Adult Day Program options. Homemaker/Personal Care services also help to provide supports for individuals to live as independently as possible.

The ACBDD also maintains a 24/7 crisis phone-line to report incidents affecting

the health and safety of individuals. An investigative agent is on staff to help determine the necessary protocols to assist with the prevention of future risks.

So while the Dale-Roy program is a very visible part of the ACBDD, there are also many other vital services provided under the "Umbrella of Services" which support individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in Ashland County.

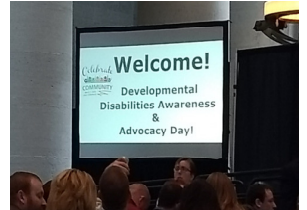


## DD Awareness Month Activities



Dale-Roy student Nomo Alvineda represented Ashland County at a statewide advocacy event held at the Statehouse in Columbus on March 7th. Various speakers, including Director John Martin from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, gave presentations on topics relating to advocacy and enhancing communi-

ty connections for individuals with developmental disabilities. "I really enjoyed it!" said Nomo. "It was interesting to meet other people with the same interests." Over 300 enthusiastic individuals attended this special event which was co-sponsored with OPRA, the Ohio Provider Resource Association.



## ACBDD TO PRESENT COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD



The ACBDD will award the first **Community Partner Award** to the Ashland Salvation Army Kroc Center at its April 16th board meeting. From dinners to dances, the

"Kroc" has been the site of numerous activities, special events, and volunteer experiences for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since it opened in

2009, the Kroc Center staff has been gracious in helping share the use of this great venue. We would like to thank Majors Brett and Jessica DeMichaels and

also Debbie Cooper for her tremendous assistance in helping coordinate our use of their facility. The Kroc Center is truly a great community partner!

## Upcoming Calendar

April	2	Easter Break	ACBDD Closed
April	2-6	Spring Break	Dale-Roy School Closed
April	13	No Preschool	
April	18	Provider Meeting	10:00 Ashland JFS
April	26	American Idol	5:30 Kroc Center
May	9	Cinco De Mayo Bingo	6:30 Dale-Roy Cafeteria
May	25	No Preschool	
May	28	Memorial Day	ACBDD Closed
May	31	Preschool Graduation	10:00 am
May	31	Dale-Roy Graduation	1:00 pm
June	7	Fun in the Sun	Round Lake Camp
June	20	Provider Meeting	10:00 Ashland JFS





## Staff Profiles

### Joan Scott - School Nurse



From Band-Aids and bruises to fevers and injuries, our school nurse works hard to keep our students safe and healthy. For over 12 years Joan Scott been a health resource for Dale-Roy students. Joan earned her R.N. diploma from Altman Hospital

in Canton. She shares two sons, James and John, and daughter-in-laws with her husband Jim. They are also the proud grandparents of 5 grandchildren. Joan enjoys reading in her spare time and also cultivating her herb garden, the fruit of which she uses and often shares with others. Joan says that being a good listener is one of her greatest strengths as it is often the key to determining underlying issues. Another strength is her ability to instruct others on health related topics. Our students stay healthier and happier thanks to Nurse Joan!

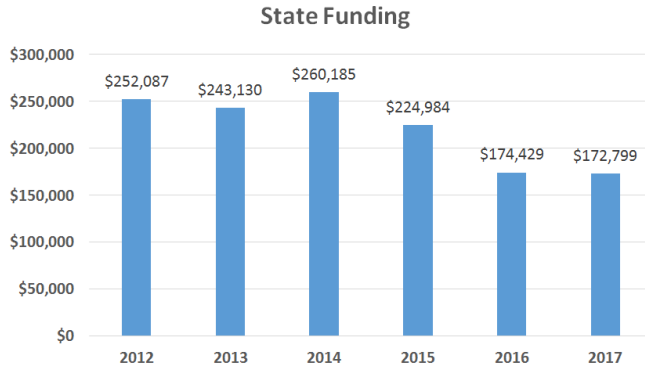
### Kim Brinkman - Instructor School Age



Having spent 22 years as a Preschool Instructor and the past 2 as the Primary Classroom Instructor here at Dale-Roy, Kim Brinkman has seen a lot of students pass through her door. Kim earned her BS and M.Ed. from Ashland University. She also obtained

additional licensure as a teacher of the visually impaired and currently serves a number of visually impaired Early Intervention children in neighboring counties. Kim and her husband Todd have two children, Alex and Katie. Kim maintains a busy schedule but tries to enjoy a good competitive run when she has the time. In addition to her skillset with the visually impaired, Kim also considers herself to be organized and observant, a big help in managing her busy classroom. Thank you Kim for helping give a great start to so many of our students!

## ACBDD Financial Facts



*“A challenge the Ashland County Board of DD continues to face is decreasing revenue streams. State funding has decreased by 31% over the past 6 years.”*

*-Kim Eichler  
Director Business Operations*

## The Superintendent Speaks



March is National Developmental Disabilities (DD) Awareness Month and it officially began in 1987 with a proclamation from President Ronald Reagan to help bring awareness and acceptance for people of all (dis)abilities. Since then, we have seen many changes in the services, programs, and

opportunities for people with disabilities. In Ashland County we embrace **“Celebrate CommUNITY”** as the theme chosen by The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for 2018 as a time to create awareness about developmental disabilities and teach the importance of inclusion within

every aspect of life. Our organizational mission reflects these ideas and we strive every day to present choices and services which will allow each individual to participate in our community to the best of their abilities.

*- David Ashley  
Superintendent*

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*“The Ashland County Board of Developmental Disabilities (ACBDD) supports and partners with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to explore and choose opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in the communities of Ashland County.”*

## By the way...



The history behind the name “Dale-Roy” is a question often asked. It was a nod to Dale Evans and Roy Rogers, huge cowboy and cowgirl stars of film, radio, and television in the ‘40s, ‘50s, and early ‘60s.



Dale and Roy were parents of a daughter, Robin, who was born in 1950 with Down’s Syndrome. Dale and Roy had been advised to institutionalize their daughter, which was common at the time, but they decided to take her home and make her part of their family. Sadly, Robin died of complications of the mumps just shy of her second birthday. In 1953, her mother pub-

lished the memoir “*Angel Unaware: A Touching Story of Love and Loss.*” Evans was very influential in changing public perceptions of children with developmental disabilities and served as a role model for many parents.

When the voters of Ashland County passed a bond issue in 1960 for the building of a school for children with developmental disabilities, the name “Dale-Roy School” was chosen. While Dale Evans and Roy Rogers did not fund or ever visit our school, their impact in changing attitudes about individuals with disabilities, both in our nation and here locally, continues to be felt today.

