

The **add**ition

SUMMER 2011

Don't miss this!

Please plan to attend one of these remaining 3rd Quarter **AddVisory Meetings** to hear what's new at Add and watch the Individual Rights Video!

Mon July 25th	3:45 pm	ARC East, 909 Taylor Station Rd, 43230 Multipurpose Room
Wed July 27th	10:30 am	Central Office, 1392 Dublin Rd, 43215 Upstairs Training Room

A **REMINDER** ABOUT INCIDENT REPORTING ...
IF IN DOUBT...



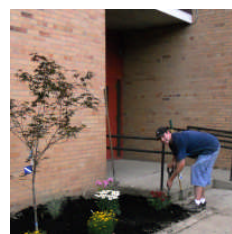
GARDENS! GARDENS! GARDENS!



Dahlberg is bursting with blooms and veggies! The new community garden is a huge success for those who planted this year. We have a wide variety of vegetables already being harvested and lots more to come! Just take a look at the

size of those collard greens that Larry Polk has been tending!

Our new Bird/Butterfly garden is beginning to blossom. We have many birds (including 3 hummingbirds) visiting the feeders and birdbath. The children can watch from the observation window



and we are all enjoying the beauty and calm that a garden brings to the school environment. Also new is the beautiful landscaping by our front door. Brian, our AES employee, worked hard to prepare the ground and help plant the new

tree and perennials. He has become quite the gardener! Stop by to see what's growing at Dahlberg!

Here's a sneak peak at Add's new website launching soon! Look for more details and opportunities to try it out for yourself!



Move to Make it Happen!

Add's 5K & Festival
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the new Bicentennial Park Run, walk, eat, hang out, have fun and bring the whole family to a unique race and festival celebrating our place in history. Because of people like you, we've been serving individuals with developmental disabilities for 40 years, and we're getting' ready for 40 more

Free Live Music

by the Salty Caramels, Grassinine and the Zen Band!

Family-Friendly

bounce houses, giant water fountain, face painting and more!

Win 1 Year of Free Pizza!

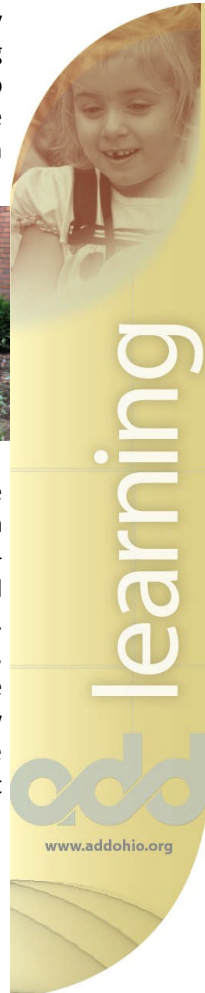
from Donatos, plus gift certificates to Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams!

Eat Local Food

Such as crepes, wraps, pizza and more



Add Employees & Individuals we support will receive \$10 worth of free food tickets to the festival! Bring your family, invite your friends & plan to have loads of fun! BYOLC (bring your own lawn chair!)



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Caring Adds Up Winners!

Mar

Wesley Moore – *Add Ventures*
 Wes Almond – *Employment Services*
 Mohammed Jalloh – *Residential - Hampstead*
 Lanier Young – *Employment Services - Doc Services*
 Joyce Gordon – *Residential - Hampstead*
 Naomi Humphrey – *Dahlberg Gibson Learning Center*
 Evan Clark – *Community Connections*
 Bola Kamosa – *Residential- Inah/Respite*
 Mohammed Bangura – *Residential - Savannah*
 Toni Rylance – *Residential - Salisbury*

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Jennifer Brown – *Residential*
 Jenefer Bauman – *Residential*
 Cheryl Blazek – *Residential - Union*
 Sarah Perry – *Residential - Union*
 Tony Dietrich – *Residential - Salisbury*
 Robin McMillin – *Residential - Union*
 Amanda Kennedy – *Add Ventures*
 Bob Burkpile – *Employment Services*
 Mohammed Bangura – *Residential - Savannah*
 Toni Rylance – *Residential - Salisbury*

Pat Camp – *Central Office*
 Roger Gibson – *Maintenance*
 Vince Karch – *Information Technology*
 Dan Snapp – *Community Connections*
 Heidi Heckman – *Community Connections*
 Kelly Thompson – *Residential - Teakwood*
 Yetty Kumolu – *Residential - Inah/Respite*
 Tim Pitts – *Residential - Inah/Respite*
 Cathy Murray – *Central Office*

May

A **REMINDER** ABOUT
Add's Hotline ...

1-877-413-0941

An anonymous hotline to call and report issues, problems, and yes, even things we're doing well! Spread the number around!



Add Central Open for Business!

Add proudly opened the doors to the new building on 350 E. Wilson Bridge Rd. in Worthington on June 27th after a whirlwind weekend move. Employees put the finishing touches on the new spaces, such as the **Art Studio, Computer Lab, Teaching Kitchen, the Nature-Themed "Green" Room, and Exercise Room.** Individuals already love the spacious **Lounge & Café, accessible outdoor garden & picnic area.** With the move, Add also merged the Addvantage Center, Buckeye Connections and Employment Services programming into one new program called **Add Ventures**, which offers individuals the option to participate in any of seven "collectives" in any configuration during the week they want - including **Employment, Creative Arts, Education, Volunteering, Recreation and Leisure, plus Theatre and Broadcasting** to come! The activities will take place in a variety of places throughout the community as well as at the center itself, which offers unique sensory integration experiences for people who benefit from them. Response to Add Ventures, the new space and especially the simple one stop intake and signup process has been tremendous. Add is proud to become part of the Worthington community and looks forward to continuing the innovation and improvements in quality of life at Add Central.

ADD & FCBD WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

For the last ten months, Add and the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) have been working together to develop their current recreation program into a more community inclusive model. One of the major efforts to maximize community involvement is the development of a Volunteer Program.

The Volunteer Program has been in operation since January 2011 and is managed by Becky Niles, Volunteer Coordinator. During the last six months the program has already had 37 volunteers who have logged over 1200 volunteer hours – that would add up to more than \$25,000 if they were paid employees with benefits!

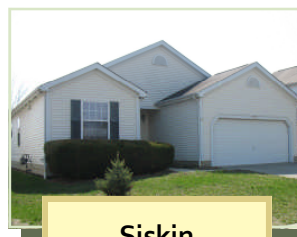
One goal of the volunteer program is to create natural relationships between the volunteers and the participants by encouraging volunteers to join in activities alongside participants. Through this approach, volunteers choose activities that are of interest to them, which automatically gives them something in common with the participants and leads to greater involvement. Volunteers can choose to participate in

the same recreational activities, events, outings or group activities that the participants choose from, including evening dances, bowling, sports teams, community classes and many more.

Another important goal of the program is to provide activities that are facilitated by volunteers, based on the interests of participants and volunteers. Over the past six months, volunteers have taught self-defense classes, cooking classes, corn hole, and floor hockey. A student volunteer will be teaching a football class in September.

Some volunteers also participate in Community Connections activities – many of them are interns from Columbus State Community College, The Ohio State University, Ohio Dominican University, and other colleges.

The volunteer program is always looking for more volunteers. Interested friends, family members, community groups and others may contact Becky Niles at 342-5635 or bniles@addohio.org.



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Two new 3 bedroom homes replaced Add's Wrexham home this year and Aaron Dunson gives a thumbs up on the new digs!



Limestone



Did you know Add has a fleet of more than 61 vehicles to support the transportation needs of individuals? Cool!

working



living

