

THE SCOOP

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New help for families

Thanks to a grant from the Richland County Youth and Family Council, there's a new resource for families with a child who has a diagnosed developmental disability or delay or a mental illness.

Sally Stigall has been appointed to the position of family liaison. Sally will help connect families to community resources, understanding and navigating the special education process, and other concerns.



Families that receive support through one of the Youth and Family Council's funding partners are eligible. Those partners are the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Richland County Juvenile Court, Richland County Mental Health and Recovery Services, Richland County Children Services, Richland Public Health, and Richland County Job and Family Services.

Sally previously served for nine years as a parent mentor with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center. She and her husband, Mike, have two children – Eric and Jenna - who have both received services from Richland Newhope over the past 26 years.

Eric was born at just 25 weeks. Today he's working on his Master's Degree from Ashland Theological Seminary. Jenna was born at 28 weeks and has cerebral palsy. Now 21 years old, she attended a two-year culinary program after high school and is starting an 'in-home' cupcake business.

"We are blessed to be part of the 'disability world,' says Sally. "I look forward to helping parents journey through this time."

Sally will be based at Richland Newhope's Service and Support Administration offices. She can be reached at 419-774-4260 or stigallsally@gmail.com.

Kudos to...

- Staff at Richland Newhope's Administration Building and Service and Support

Administration (SSA) who participated in SSA's Christmas Stocking Project, resulting in gifts of wanted or needed items for 14 individuals who otherwise may not have received any presents.

- Richland Newhope employees who provided food and other items needed for a traditional Christmas meal for 12 families who receive services from our Early Childhood Center (ECC).

- Those who donated money to provide gift cards for 56 individuals and their families who receive services from Richland Newhope. This was part of SSA's Christmas Basket program.

- Employees who donated non-perishable food and other items to restock the food pantry at Richland Newhope's Service and Support Administration (SSA). The items are used to help individuals and families throughout the year.

- The Richland County Children's Auxiliary Christmas Project for helping 124 children, from newborn to age 18, who either receive services from Richland Newhope or are the sibling of a child who receives services. ECC staff submitted the names to the Children's Auxiliary so those with the greatest need would receive a Christmas present.



DODD newsletters

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has a number of different electronic newsletters and alerts to which you can subscribe.

They include the Family Connection, which has family-centered news and updates from the Family Advisory Council, and Pipeline Weekly, which has the latest news from the DD field in Ohio.

Click [here](#) to learn more about what's in these newsletters and to subscribe. You'll also find a number of easy read guides at www.dodd.ohio.gov.

Coming soon

The next edition of The Insider, our quarterly newsletter, will be arriving in your inbox within the next week or so. Look for feature stories on a young boy who receives services from Richland Newhope, a new independent provider, and our equipment lending center.



IN MEMORIAM

Nathan E. O'Neill

Dec. 26, 2018

Calendar

Jan. 4 - First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

Jan. 14 - SCRAP recycling trailer, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Early Childhood Center, 255 Hedges St., Mansfield

Jan. 16 – Agency provider meeting, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Longview Center, Room 235, 1495 W. Longview Ave, Mansfield

Jan. 21 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Richland Newhope Administration Building, Service & Support Administration, and Early Childhood Center closed

Jan. 23 – Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities organizational/regular meeting, 11:30 a.m., Richland Newhope Administration Building, 314 Cleveland Ave., Mansfield

Feb. 1 - First Friday, 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Element of Art Studio/Gallery, 96 N. Main St., Mansfield

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