

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY:**

418 South Broad Street  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Phone: 740.689.1494  
Toll Free: 1.888.957.6245

Hours: Monday-Friday  
8:30 am - 5:00 pm

**HOCKING COUNTY:**

1369 East Front Street  
Logan, Ohio 43138

Phone: 740.380.1475

Hours: Monday-Friday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm



[www.socil.org](http://www.socil.org)



[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/socil)

**SOCIL Mission Statement**

Our mission is to offer opportunities to consumers with disabilities that will maximize their choice to live in accessible communities.

We are dedicated to eliminating all barriers to access in the community, including housing, employment, transportation and recreation.

# NEWS

## Congratulations to SOCIL's very own!!!

### DIANNE LAMB - 2014 HAMILTON HILL AWARD WINNER!!!

The Hamilton Hill Award is presented to a person who exemplifies qualities of leadership, perseverance, diligence and reliability and who is a member of the disabled community. This person shows both her peers and the able-bodied brethren that a disability is only a temporary hindrance to living a full and meaningful life.



## Hocking Adaptive Sports Program (HASP)

Attended *Hoops Madness* in Columbus and took home



**Champion in the Silver Division**

**Great job team!**



**My Right  
My Responsibility**

**Why wait for deadlines?  
Register to Vote Today!**

The deadline to register to vote in the **November** General Election is Monday, October 6th. But why wait? Register today at SOCIL! It's a simple process, and SOCIL is completely accessible. We'll assist you, and provide you with an Ohio Voter Access Guide published by the office of the Ohio Secretary of State.

You can also register or **update your voter registration** online at [www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov](http://www.OhioSecretaryofState.gov)

## APP CORNER

**Welcome** to App Corner! This edition features two of the top apps for behavior modification as determined by positive reviews by users of the apps.

All apps, as well as reviews are available at: <https://www.apple.com/ipad-mini/app-store/>

**Behavior Breakthroughs** training application uses customizable simulations to model and display a child's behavior. The goal is to provide parents and caregivers with an opportunity to reinforce skills they want to see increase and to reduce rates of behaviors they would like to see decrease.



**Cost:** Free  
**Device:** iPhone, iPod, iPad

**Model Me Going Places 2** is one of the top rated applications for modeling social skills. It teaches the expected social behaviors in six different settings. It is simple, easy to use.



**Cost:** Free  
**Device:** iPad, iPhone, and Android devices

## FACEBOOK

Be sure to check out SOCIL's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/socilohio](http://www.facebook.com/socilohio). It is updated regularly with pertinent information on all types of issues related to disabilities.



The last "interchange" was on "**Summer Safety**", check out the entries and topics on this and past interchanges.

Coming Fall 2014..."Bullying" interchange.

Be sure to "Like" the page and feel free to comment on the posts.

**Caroline's Cart** is a shopping cart created for special needs children. It provides parents and caregivers a viable option to transport a child through a store while shopping, without having the impossible task of having to maneuver a wheelchair and a traditional grocery cart at the same time. **Locally available at Carnival Foods in Lancaster & Kroger in Pickerington.**



## RECREATION & TRAVEL



**No Limits Athletics** - an inclusive, skills camp for athletes, ages 9-21, with and without disabilities.

**No Limits Tennis Camp - Saturday, July 12, July 19, July 26, August 2, 2014.**

**No Limits Basketball Camp - July 21 - 23, 2014**

Visit [www.nolimitsathletics.com](http://www.nolimitsathletics.com) for more information and to register for these fun camps.

**Registration Deadline for camps - Saturday, July, 5th**

**"Barrier-Free Travel: The Grand Canyon for Wheelers and Slow Walkers"** by accessible travel expert, Candy Harrington. This inclusive book is the first in a series of accessible travel guides to popular destinations throughout the United States. Although it's written for wheelchair users and slow walkers, moms who have stroller-aged kids will appreciate the access information in this guide as well. In the end, **access really benefits everyone.**

For more information and other locations visited by Candy (including a recent trip to Hocking Hills) visit <http://barrierfreetravels.com/>

## HEALTH

When your child is sick or injured, he or she sees a doctor. Your child could also have problems with emotions or behavior that need professional help.



Mental illness is not caused by poor parenting, and treating it early in a child's life can help your child be successful.

For easy to read fact sheets go to <http://www.ohiomindsmatter.org/Parents.html>

Did you know...Walgreens will soon be able to provide **talking prescription labels** free of charge to pharmacy customers who are blind or visually impaired? The device also includes a timer. Check with your local Walgreens for availability.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Ohio Business Leadership Network

On November 1, 2013, the Ohio Business Leadership Network and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities began working on the Central Ohio Workplace Initiative which will **address the high unemployment rate of individuals with disabilities**. This initiative will work with businesses to create demand for qualified job seekers with disabilities in retail, distribution, health care and other industries.

The goal for the first year of this initiative is the employment of 100 job seekers with disabilities. In subsequent years, the goal will be 200 job seekers employed. 30% of these must have learning disabilities.

To learn how to participate in this initiative go to <http://ohiobl.org/cowi.html>.

The fastest growing career fields are **S.T.E.M. fields...Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics**. During the next decade, the United States demand for scientists and engineers is expected to increase at four times the rate for all other fields. People with disabilities are under represented in these fields even though they are one of the largest untapped pools for these types of jobs.

**There are several forms of support to assist students with disabilities in following S.T.E.M. careers.**

Students with learning disabilities likely require extra support comprehending complex STEM-related terms and phrases. Utilizing **text-to-speech software** can help students grasp STEM-related terms and concepts. **Audible lab equipment** such as thermometers and scales can offer support for students who have difficulty reading units accurately. **Talking calculators** can be used to help students. Teach students to use **technology-based graphic organizers** that can support students with text to speech and electronic references such as a dictionary, thesaurus and spell checker.

[www.techmatrix.org](http://www.techmatrix.org) serves as a resource for identifying educational and assistive technology products for students with special needs.

*"Don't lower the bar...believe in you and make it happen"*

## ACCESSIBILITY

### Reasonable Housing Accommodations for Citizens with Disabilities

*Reasonable Accommodation requests are not the same as Variance requests. They are time-critical.* They should neither be delayed by review or appeal processes nor incur additional or excessive processing fees. Unnecessary delay has been viewed in the law as **"failure to accommodate"**.

When you speak with your contractor about your ramp or lift needs, ask that local ordinances and set-back restrictions be considered. Should the design need to infringe upon a restricted space, as a citizen with a disability, you have the right to request **"reasonable accommodation"**.

#### IF THERE IS A PROBLEM...

If you are a qualified individual with a disability and you have been informed your permit application/drawing does not meet the local Zoning requirements, or your local Zoning/Building Official is unable to provide a written answer within a reasonable timeframe (30 days), please ask to speak to the jurisdiction's **ADA Coordinator**. This information should be posted publicly. ADA, Title II, - §35.306.

If you are unable to find acceptable resolution with the ADA Coordinator, please contact Scott Campbell, Disability Resource Coordinator at SOCIL, 740-689-1494 for additional assistance.

#### Remodeling for someone with a disability?

Accessible housing is vital for the independence of people with disabilities and the elderly. Home modifications can make life more convenient, safer and happier.

Bathrooms have some specific challenges for those with mobility issues and those with disabilities who are in wheelchairs. There are challenges related to transferring from the wheelchair into the shower or bath and issues related to safety.

Contractors can take all of this into consideration when designing for a bathroom modification that could include use of products such walk-in tubs with seats, roll-in showers, barrier-free shower doors, hand grips, grab bars, easy transfer toilets to name a few.

A nice website to view for ideas and products is <https://estore.udservices.org/>



418 South Broad Street  
Lancaster, OH 43130

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

SOCIL is funded by a grant from the Department of Education, however the contents of this newsletter does not necessarily represent the policy of the Department of Education and you should not assume endorsement by the Federal Government.

## ADVOCACY & SUPPORT GROUPS

**Abilities United**....is an advocacy group for individuals of all ages and all disAbilities. Our mission is to empower individuals to focus on their Abilities. We offer peer support and instruction to members on how to be independent, to self advocate and be active members of their community.

Come join us:

**Thursday, July 24, 2014**

- Fun in your Community - Kackelmacher Park

**Thursday, August 28, 2014**

- Does Money Grow on Trees?

**Thursday, September 25 2014**

- My Right to Vote!

**Thursday, October 23, 2014**

- Kick off for Annual Food and Toy Drive

AU meets at: 1369 East Front Street, Logan  
3:00pm - 4:30pm

Contact Mary Clark at 740-380-1475 with questions or to register to attend.

### **The Parent Connection of Fairfield County**

An hour for parents/caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities to meet, share, learn and support each other in a casual setting. No agenda...just time to chat.

**Every Tuesday 9:30-10:30 am**

**2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:00-8:00 pm**

FCBDD Pickerington Regional Office

7140 Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Rd, Pickerington

**Every Thursday 9:30-10:30 am**

Millersport United Methodist Church

2310 Refugee Road, Millersport

**Every Thursday 1:00-2:00 pm**

CrossRoads United Methodist Church

2095 W. Fair Avenue, Lancaster

For more information contact Julie Bruckelmeyer, Community Connections Coordinator, 740-652-7220 or [jbruckelmeyer@fairfieldddd.com](mailto:jbruckelmeyer@fairfieldddd.com).