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## Disability employment month celebrated by local Board of DD

**NEWARK** -- The U.S. Department of Labor recognizes each October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

The purpose of this designation is to honor the contributions of workers with disabilities, and to inform the public that they represent a highly-skilled talent pool that can help employers compete in today's global economy.

"Workers who have disabilities are very loyal, dedicated people," explains Gary Wimer of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Community Employment Services (CES). "We have a very strong pool of workers who represent all skill sets. They are ready to get to work."

In cooperation with area businesses, the Licking County Board of DD assisted about 140 adults in the community to secure and maintain employment in the community. LICCO Inc., a County Board of DD partner, also employs more than 200 highly-trained and focused employees who can meet customers' needs efficiently and effectively, Wimer adds. LICCO offers a wide range of products and services including assembly and packaging, kitting, sorting, bindery services, contract packaging, labeling, light manufacturing, inspection and testing, hand finishing, and much more. LICCO can customize any job to fit any need.

Local employers who wish to learn more about Community Employment Services are encouraged to call Wimer at (740) 522-8345. More information about employment for people with developmental disabilities also can be found at [www.LCountyDD.org](http://www.LCountyDD.org) on the Adult Services page.

To find out more about contracting work with LICCO, call Leland Lescalleet at (740) 522-8345. The workshop also has a website -- [www.LICCOINC.com](http://www.LICCOINC.com) -- that contains detailed information.

The Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides comprehensive services to more than 1,400 Licking County infants, children and adults with developmental disabilities. Administration Offices are located in the Eleanor S. Weiant Center (the former Starlight School), 116 N. 22nd St., Newark. The agency provides home-based Early Intervention services to babies and toddlers; Adult Services at LICCO Inc., Heath; contracted transportation services through the Licking County Transit Board; Service Coordination; residential supports; and family support services such as respite care and adaptive equipment. The County Board is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for providing high-quality supports and services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

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