



Picture the Possibilities

65 W. Church St. * Newark, OH 43055

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 19, 2008

For more information, Please Contact
Heather Odendahl, Public Information Manager
(740) 349-6588

h_odendahl@LCBMRDD.org

Visit us online at: www.LCBMRDD.org



Hoover



Blasczyk

New MRDD board members selected

NEWARK -- Dan Hoover and Jean Blasczyk recently were appointed to serve on the Licking County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (LCBMRDD). They each were selected to serve four-year terms beginning Jan. 1, 2009.

Hoover was appointed by the Licking County Board of Commissioners to replace Fred O'Dell who will retire from the board after 12 years of service.

Hoover is a bailiff for the Licking County Common Pleas Court. He has served on the boards of directors for Heartbeats of Licking County, the Licking Valley Junior Olympics and the Ohio Association of Pretrial Services Agencies. Hoover currently is a board member of the Ohio Bailiff's and Court Officers Association. He lives in Perry Township with his wife Jessica and their two children, one of whom is eligible for LCBMRDD services.

Blasczyk, of Newark, was appointed to the county board of MRDD by Licking County Probate Judge Robert Hoover. She will fill the board seat of retiring 12-year board member Beth Beattie. Blasczyk is the chief financial officer for Excel Academy, and is active in sports activities for children with special needs. She and her husband, Tim, live in Newark and are the parents of five children, one of whom is eligible for LCBMRDD services.

Hoover and Blasczyk will join those who are returning to the LCBMRDD in 2009: Nancy Dumbauld, Jean Wright, Joan Franks, Tim Weisert and David Wigginton.

The LCBMRDD provides comprehensive services to about 1,300 Licking County children and adults with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The agency currently offers preschool and early intervention services at the E.S. Weiant Center in Newark; early intervention services at the Ann Davino Center in Pataskala; adult services at LICCO Inc. in Heath; residential supports; family respite; transportation services; and service coordination.

The LCBMRDD is nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) for providing high-quality support services to individuals with disabilities and their families.

###