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Schirtzinger honored by Licking County Board of MRDD

NEWARK -- The Licking County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (LCBMRDD) recently recognized Sam Schirtzinger of Canal Winchester as Staff Member of the Month for November.

Schirtzinger is a job developer for LICCO Inc.'s Community Employment Services (CES) which is operated by the LCBMRDD's Adult Services component. He was nominated for this honor by a coworker.

Despite a slumping economy and layoffs throughout the area, Schirtzinger doesn't seem to lose track of his mission to find meaningful employment for people with disabilities, his anonymous nomination states.

"He keeps the pavement hot and the phones ringing looking for the right job that may fit the needs and desires of the individuals we serve," his nominator said.

It was also noted that Schirtzinger's efforts, coupled with teamwork from his CES colleagues, also received exemplary reviews from the CARF surveyors who recently visited the LCBMRDD for its triennial national accreditation.

Schirtzinger has worked for the LCBMRDD for more than eight years.

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.

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