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## Local providers of developmental disabilities services urged to join TEN

**NEWARK** -- Local providers of developmental disabilities services are encouraged to join The Excellence Network -- or TEN -- a collaborative of other caregivers, county board staff and families.

There are four counties involved in the core TEN group -- Licking, Fairfield, Hocking and Perry. Through TEN, service providers are offered a sounding board and support network of their peers.

"TEN is a way for providers and caregivers to learn and share, and support each other," explains Chanda Busse, director of Service Coordination for the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities. "It can be a very challenging job, and sometimes caregivers need support from their peers."

TEN also shares best practices in the industry and allows independent and agency providers a chance to become accredited to TEN's high standards of care for people with developmental disabilities. TEN addresses issues such as ethics, policies and procedures, and self review. The group has met monthly for about the last year, tackling a variety of issues, including promoting wellness.

"Obesity and lack of exercise has been identified as a problem for many people with developmental disabilities in our TEN network communities," Busse says. "We want caregivers to be able to help people with diet and nutrition so they can lead healthier lives."

The next TEN meeting is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23, in the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Service Coordination building, 565 Industrial Parkway, Heath.

For more information about this opportunity, please call Chanda Busse at (740) 349-1420, or send an e-mail message to [Chanda.Busse@LCountyDD.org](mailto:Chanda.Busse@LCountyDD.org). Additional information can be found at [www.LCountyDD.org](http://www.LCountyDD.org) on the 'Providers' page.

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 at the Eleanor S. Weiant Center (the former Starlight School), 116 N. 22nd St., Newark. The agency also 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 Licking 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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