



Holmes County Training Center News

Latest Newsletter

The latest newsletter, detailing items of importance to the Training Center, is here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/TCNews.pdf>

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May 2010 Levy Fact Sheet

A fact and information sheet in regard to the 2010 levy replacement request can be found here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/HCTCLevy>

August Board Meeting Info

The Holmes County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities met Aug. 20th. Superintendent F. Scott Brace's report on the meeting can be found here:

<http://thevoiceofholmescounty.com/docs/SpecialDocs/HCTCAugBoard.pdf>

From The Superintendent F. Scott Brace



Before



After



Our thanks are extended to the Holmes County Commissioners, Ray Eyler, Rob Ault, and Joe Miller and their Clerk Susan Haun. I would also like to thank Steve Knowling, our County Prosecutor and Jackie McKee, our County Auditor and their staff. Their correction to the levy language assures that if the voters approve the Training Center's replacement levy in November, that services which were reduced in 2009 will be restored in 2010.

It is also important to note that Governor Strickland has signed into law a change in the name of County Boards of MRDD and the Ohio Department of MRDD. The new names will delete reference to the term "mental retardation," so our new name will be the Holmes County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

I want everyone to understand that this law only changes the name of our agency. This does not change who we serve. The services we provide will not change because of our name change. In fact, most of you know us as the Holmes County Training Center and we hope that never changes.

This name change has been requested by many of the people we serve. Unfortunately, the term "mental retardation", which is a diagnostic term, has become perceived as a negative term. I guess we should not be surprised since the terms imbeciles and idiot began as diagnostic terms in the early 1900's.

The name change is part of the evolution for services for people who have difficulty learning. Years ago, people were sent to state institutions for services. Now we talk about how we support people to work, live and play in our community. We talk about helping families. We talk about infants with delays in their development. We talk about helping Michael or Susie or Elsie. I hope we can continue to talk about the people we serve at the Training Center as people with capabilities and not as labels.

If you would like more information about the Holmes County Boards of Developmental Disabilities, better known as the Holmes County Training Center, please call us at 330-674-8045.