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Armstrong's Career Characterized By Change

After 13 years of service to Summit County and more than 40 years of service to the developmental disability field Superintendent Tom Armstrong will be retiring this fall. Tom reflects on his career and his time at Summit DD, find out what he learned along his tremendous journey.



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Dear Supporter,

It's that time of year when you can feel the crispness of fall in the air! Beautiful colors start to fill the trees and cozy sweaters replace flip-flops for favorite wardrobe go-tos.

In this edition, we want to shine a light on 40 exceptional years of service, explain how we are making our email more secure, let you know about a study looking into waiting lists for services across Ohio, highlight an entrepreneur who aims to inspire, and show a great new video from Summit DD's Children's Services that helps families understand what to expect from their Early Intervention services.

Please share these stories and videos with your friends and family!



Summit DD Implements New Email Security Measures

If you communicate with Summit DD staff via email and those communications contain information that could potentially identify any person that we support, those emails will be encrypted beginning September 23. Read what information is protected and what you will need to do to retrieve that email here. [Read More](#)

DODD Wants to Know Why Some are Waiting?



Although Summit County eliminated waiting lists, over 40,000 Ohioans with disabilities **are** waiting for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers. The number often raises eyebrows, but the DODD wants to know what services people are waiting for or need. Find out the DODD's next steps, here. [Read More](#)



What Should You Expect ?

What happens when an answer actually leads to **more** questions? When a child is referred to Summit DD for early intervention services, a family can feel overwhelmed. So Summit DD created a video that shows families exactly what they can expect. Curious? [Watch it here.](#)

I Am the Summit DD

This businessman wants you to know that "you can do great things." With National Disability Employment Awareness Month around the corner, Todd shares his story of success in owning an inspirational communications business. Read his thoughts about what it means to "put on your game face" to accomplish great things.

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