



PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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David C. Couch, Superintendent

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Dear Staff, Families, and Caregivers of People attending Creative Opportunities (CO) and the PCBDD Recreation Program,

Many of you are familiar with the transition taking place with Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) no longer being an adult service provider effective January 1, 2018. For many years, PerCo, Inc. and PCBDD have partnered to operate the sheltered workshop program. Recently, PCBDD has also connected with PerCo, Inc. to expand their operations and assume control of Creative Opportunities and Recreation. This change was planned at the end of this year, but there is an opportunity for this transition to occur sooner. **Effective October 2, 2017, Creative Opportunities and Recreation will operate from PerCo, Inc. at 2235 State Route 13 in New Lexington.**

Some immediate changes include the following:

- Kari Spring has shifted to a new role at PCBDD and is now working out of the Administrative Office.
- Justin Hall has taken a new employment opportunity and will no longer be the Recreation program contact/coordinator.
- Moving forward, PCBDD and PerCo staff will be assisting with coordination of the Recreation Program, so you may see some new faces.
- There is no longer one single point of contact for CO and Recreation. There is also no longer a Recreation phone. If you need to connect with anyone about CO or Recreation, please call PerCo, Inc. at 740-342-5156.

My goal during this transition is for people to feel less impact of change and more of a positive connection with the people at PerCo, Inc. My hope is that the biggest change people feel in their normal routine on October 2nd, is that they are just going to a different building. I expect services and supports will continue in the same manner. We have put together a committee of people to support this transition. The committee includes a parent representative and staff from CO, PerCo, and the SSA Department.

Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions. My email is d.couch@perrydd.org and my phone number is 740-342-3542. You may also contact Ron Spung at 740-342-5156 or r.spung@perrydd.org. There are upcoming opportunities to connect with PerCo, Inc. On Saturday, September 9th from 11am-3pm, PerCo, Inc. is hosting a car show cruise-in and open house. PCBDD is also hosting a Community Forum at the PerCo Café on Monday, October 23rd at 5:00pm. Please consider these opportunities to voice thoughts, questions, and concerns and learn more about the transition.

We continue to support our mission of *making connections to promote abilities and enrich lives*. We are obviously seeing some changes happening, and at a faster pace than we predicted. But we continue to hope for the best while striving for our vision of *providing services and supports in the most integrated settings*.

Sincerely,

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