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The Sanctuary Model of Trauma Informed Care



Clermont County Board of DD will be entering the third year of implementing the Sanctuary Model of Trauma Informed Care in 2016.

What is the Sanctuary Model? The Sanctuary Model promotes change in an organization and addresses the ways in which chronic stress, adversity, and trauma influence individual behavior as well as recognizes the ways in which whole organizations can be influenced by chronic stress, adversity, and trauma.

Sanctuary is a treatment and organizational change model that integrates trauma theory with the creation of therapeutic communities which then provides safety for individuals we work with and the staff who work with them.

The philosophical structure of the Sanctuary Model is reflected in seven commitments. These commitments apply to the entire community, staff, administration, families, students and adults we serve.

The Sanctuary commitments are:

- Nonviolence** - being safe outside (physically), inside (emotionally), with others (social) and to do the right thing (moral).
- Emotional Intelligence** - managing our feelings that we don't hurt ourselves or others.
- Social Learning** - respecting and sharing the ideas of our teams.
- Open Communication** - saying what we mean and not being mean we say it.
- Social Responsibility** - together we accomplish more; everyone makes a contribution to the organizational culture.
- Democracy** - shared decision making.
- Growth and Change** - creating hope for those we serve and ourselves.

Sanctuary gives us a shared language and framework for communicating with everyone in the community.

S.E.L.F. stands for Safety, Emotions, Loss & Future
By focusing on four very simple components, the S.E.L.F. frames our conversations and allows us to touch on the very complicated issues our community (families, students, individuals, staff) faces using a very simple framework.

The Process Implementation of Sanctuary is a three-year process; it is our goal to obtain certification in March, 2017. There are four elements that make up the basic three-year implementation process:

- Evaluation** - formal diagnostic and certification evaluations and informal self evaluations.
- Training** - staff training, orientation, boosters for staff and psycho-education for families and individuals.
- Planning** - core team meetings, execution of tasks that reinforce the seven commitments.
- Practice** - use of the tools and concepts in the community.

The Certification

The certification standards were developed by the Sanctuary Institute with Dr. Sandra Bloom as a way of measuring adherences and fidelity to the practices and philosophies of the Sanctuary Model.

Achieving certification is contingent upon satisfactory implementation of the model. Evaluation of the model is organized along the four pillars of Sanctuary: Trauma Theory, the S.E.L.F. framework, the Seven Commitments and the Sanctuary Toolbox.



2016 Annual Action Plan



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Developmental Disabilities
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MISSION

The mission of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote safe and supportive environments while understanding our responsibility to respect the choices and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and to empower them to be engaged in their community.

VISION

It is the vision of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities to promote and support competence and confidence in families with babies and children, and a self-determined, safe, and health lifestyle for adults. The Board will be a well-managed, financially-responsible public organization with a committed and respected staff that provides cost-effective, quality services. The Clermont County Community will be well informed about developmental disabilities, including causes and preventative measures, and will be accepting of individuals who have developmental disabilities.

BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities will meet on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Thomas A. Wildey Center, 2040 US Highway 50, Batavia, OH 45103. Unless otherwise announced, each meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend; however, when addressing the Board, the public must follow "Board Policy 209 - Regulation Governing Appearance by the Board of Developmental Disabilities." This information can be found on Clermont DD's website at clermontdd.org or by calling the Superintendent's office at (513) 732-5027.



2016 Board Officers and Members:

Rex Parsons, President
Kim Pellington, Vice President
Robert Grant, Secretary
Laurie Benintendi*
Greg Carson*
Emily Chesnut
Harry Snyder

The Board is pictured with Commissioner Bob Proud (far right) who conducted the Oath of Office at the January 27, 2016 reorganization meeting.

*Board members not pictured

Our Planning Process

Each year, the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities creates an Annual Action of goals and objectives for the year. To create this plan that will drive the direction of our agency in 2016, several things took place:

- Two public Superintendent Forums were held on July 21, 2015 at the Wildey Center to discuss the direction Clermont DD would be going during the rest of 2015 and into 2016.
- The Clermont DD Long Range Planning Committee developed three questions to use in Focus Groups across the county:
 1. What is Clermont DD doing well?
 2. What could Clermont DD be doing better?
 3. In the future, what is most important to you?
- These Focus Groups were held in all Clermont County Library Branches during the month of August.
- Questions and additional surveys were sent to stakeholders including families, individuals served, providers, and staff.
- The Long Range Planning Committee then developed themes, based on feedback (listed below).
- Goals were established and are listed beneath each corresponding theme.



Communication

- Host forums and provider fairs throughout 2016.
- Research additional ways to reach families, based on feedback.
- Transition all Individual Service Plans to the EMPOWER ME person-centered model.

Services

- Implement transition (school to work) training and transition from EI to preschool.
- Promote providing eligible individuals with what they need, when they need it by continuing Alternative Option Services.
- Enroll 12 individuals on the State-Funded IO Waiver and 15 individuals on the State-Funded SELF Waivers.
- Assist individuals to learn about and practice self advocacy.

Partnerships

- Focus on provider recruitment and development.
- Continue contract service agreements.
- Develop partnerships with the medical community for early detection of Autism.

Resources

- We will successfully pass a replacement levy.
- Strategize and develop fundraisers with the Clermont DD Empowers Me Board.
- Sell one of the Board's buildings.

Health & Safety

- Continue to address crisis situations in the most effective ways.
- Provide mental health assistance for underserved individuals and families.
- Hire 1 Major Unusual Incident Investigator.

Community

- Explore expanded EI services for children 3-5.
- Increase community awareness and integration.
- Research transportation options and ride share groups.
- Explore additional community integration opportunities for adults.