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Just around the corner – the annual celebration of  
**March - Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month**

We hope you will share information and a photo of your local activities!

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March issues of *Pipeline* – March 13 and 27. Thank you!

## Administration Update

### 1. Governor John Kasich's State of the State Address

Governor John Kasich's *State of the State* address from Lima in Allen County, underscored major plans for Ohio over the next two years following the release on February 4 of the proposed biennial budget outlining a number of new initiatives. He urged members of the General Assembly to embrace 'a bigger picture' to keep propelling the state forward to a more prosperous job-friendly future.

In developing the state budget and its foundational elements, Governor Kasich noted, "We didn't just cut (dollars) ... we re-engineered. Other states are looking at what we have done in Ohio because we are getting it right! Big ideas renew people." He later added,

**"We are succeeding - here in Ohio - in turning our state around, and it is fantastic!"**

Overall, the speech outlined the Administration’s enthusiastic and aggressive agenda to further improve Ohio's economic competitiveness, while energizing small businesses and entrepreneurial efforts via a more business-friendly tax environment. Policies promoting initiatives that will foster interest from international business and industry leaders are also part of the mix to move Ohio forward, as well as a focus on resources for education, and changes to Medicaid-funded programs and service delivery.

In wrapping up the energetic *State of the State* address, Governor Kasich responded to what listeners to the speech might be wondering as they ponder the next two years’ tasks at-hand ... he said, “What do we do now? We keep our foot on the gas!”



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## 2. Budget Hearings – DODD Presents Budget Proposal

Partner agencies in the Office of Health Transformation, which includes DODD, continue to testify before the [Ohio House Finance and Appropriations Committee](#) regarding their specific agencies’ funding needs, projected operational outlook, and estimated growth or change in populations to be served, as well as new initiatives underway. Director John Martin’s testimony yesterday included key areas addressed in [Jobs Budget 2.0 - enhances community developmental disability services](#).

Director Martin [testified](#) that proposed General Revenue Fund (GRF) increases in the executive budget proposal would allow DODD to help Ohio children with extensive behavioral needs, help to downsize some large care facilities and convert them to community-based settings, and assist in efforts to support the Governor’s *Employment First* Initiative.

The DODD Biennial Budget, as represented within the proposed *Ohio’s Jobs Budget 2.0*, adds \$2 million for a newly-created *Employment First* line item. These efforts are designed to ensure that community employment is the *preferred outcome* for working-age individuals with developmental disabilities. The long-term vision for *Employment First* is that all working-age Ohioans with developmental disabilities will have access to services and supports for the purpose of achieving community employment in an integrated setting.

**The Employment First Taskforce member agencies are the Ohio departments of Developmental Disabilities, Education, Job and Family Services, and Mental Health, as well as the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission.**

As community employment as a *preferred outcome* becomes more fully realized across the state, more individuals will be empowered to identify their own interests and seek jobs that match their skills — enabling them to participate more fully in their communities when possible.



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[More at: Jobs Budget 2.0 Health Transformation Testimony](#)

In addition, details surrounding the decision to expand Medicaid eligibility in Ohio will affect all agencies under the OHT umbrella, and each agency is considering the impact as part of their budget testimony this month. OHT partners offering testimony include DODD Director John Martin, Ohio Department of Health Director Ted Wymyslo, State Medicaid Director John McCarthy, Department of Mental Health Director Tracy Plouck, Department of Aging Director Bonnie Kantor-Burman, and Director of Drug & Addiction Services Orman Hall, all under the umbrella provided by OHT -- as well as Executive Director Kevin Miller of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (see [Pipeline, February 13 2013](#) re: *RSC to be Re-Named*).

*Budget hearings are streaming online at <http://www.ohiochannel.org/>*



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### **3. Sondra Williams Receives Governor's Courage Award**

As part of the *State of the State* address, Governor Kasich presented the annual Governor's Courage Awards, honoring inspirational Ohioans. Recipients of the medals this year included Astronaut Neil Armstrong; staff and faculty at Chardon High School - site of a tragic shooting in 2012; and, Sondra Williams, an adult with autism, and who is the Director of the Autism Research Institute's Youth Division.

Williams was recognized for her many accomplishments as a self-advocate with Autism, as well as for her advocacy work and endeavors on behalf of all individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Having spent most of her life misdiagnosed, and having been institutionalized for several years, Williams' story is one of courage. As a member of the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) Advisory Board and the Autism Society's panel of advisors, Sondra presents nationally on the subject of ASD and is the author of a book, *Reflections of Self*. She recently participated on a panel with fellow OCALI Advisory Board members, presenting new Ohio [Autism Recommendations](#) to the Interagency Work Group on Autism (IWGA).

The IWGA, led by DODD, is a partnership of state agencies working together to better coordinate and develop policy and programs that result in positive outcomes for Ohioans with ASD. In close partnership with OCALI and its Advisory Board, the IWGA will use the Autism Recommendations as a blueprint moving forward with its work.

**[“The Recommendations are the heart and soul of the individuals and families across our state that are living with the impacts of autism each day. Representing voices from all corners of Ohio, and all ages across the lifespan, the Recommendations speak clearly about how we can better serve and support Ohioans with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families. This will be the IWGA's compass.”](#)** -Jody Fisher, DODD Autism Project Manager and Coordinator of the IWGA

*To learn more about the recommendations, they can be viewed at [Autism Recommendations](#)*



Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives William Batchelder applauds (left) as Sondra Williams gets a hug from Governor John Kasich during the 2013 Courage Awards ceremony.

A video link to the awards ceremony is at: [Governor's Courage Awards Ceremony](#)

*Photo courtesy, OCALI*



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## 4. Grant to Advance Health Care Payment Innovation

Office of Health Transformation (OHT) Director Greg Moody announced last week that Ohio has received a competitive federal award to accelerate the state's work to improve overall health system performance through payment innovation and service delivery improvements. The \$3 million State Innovation Model (SIM) Design Award will be used to develop and implement evidence-based strategies that improve the health of individuals, rather than simply treat disease.

Director Moody commented, "Rather than letting our current health care payment systems continue to drain value out of the care we buy, Ohio is working to implement innovative payment models that will create expectations of better care and deliver improved health outcomes. Our goal is to promote wellness and prevention through effective, patient-centered care that meets the health needs of individuals and creates a healthy and productive workforce."

**Ohio was one of 16 states to receive a SIM Design Award, and the only state other than Idaho, to receive the maximum grant award of \$3 million.**

The state and its partners will contribute \$4.1 million in funding and in-kind resources for the design phase of the SIM project. More at <http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/>.



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## 5. *Employment First* Initiative Continues Momentum

### **Helling to Lead Project Management for *Employment First*, Other Programs**

Kristen Helling recently joined DODD as Community Advisor in the Division of Policy and Strategic Direction. She will be coordinating implementation of Ohio's *Employment First* Initiative -- the statewide collaboration launched in March 2012 by Governor Kasich. At that time he established an *Employment First Taskforce and Advisory Committee* to improve

employment outcomes for working-age adults with developmental disabilities. DODD is the lead agency responsible for coordinating the Taskforce efforts.



**“I have witnessed first-hand the remarkable opportunities that exist for people with developmental disabilities when we support their choice to obtain community employment. I’m thrilled to be a part of the *Employment First* Initiative to improve employment outcomes in Ohio.”**

**-Kristen Helling**



Helling has been working with the Taskforce since its inception, through her previous role as a vocational rehabilitation supervisor and technical assistance advisor for the Bridges to Transition program at the Ohio Association of County Boards of Developmental Disabilities (OACB). Her experience also includes Bridges program coordination at the Knox County Board of DD, successfully implementing career exploration efforts to assist transition-age youth in preparing for employment opportunities after high school.

Monty Kerr, DODD Deputy Director for the Division of Policy and Strategic Direction stated, “We’re fortunate to add Kristen’s leadership and program management expertise to our team. She brings solid employment program experience and has an excellent understanding of the roles among partner agencies and organizations. Our system relies on relationships, leadership, and coordination to best serve individuals and families. Kristen values and fosters that.”

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## **6. Improved Collaboration on Early Intervention, Part C**

Ohio Department of Health Director (ODH) Ted Wymyslo and DODD Director John Martin convened a joint meeting last week to announce inter-agency coordination efforts on Part C Early Intervention Services. Part C is a federal program administered by states that serves families with infants and toddlers through age two with developmental delays, or who have diagnosed physical or mental conditions with high probabilities of resulting in developmental delays.

In Ohio, ODH is the lead agency for these services, which it administers as *Help Me Grow*. In last week’s meeting, the directors and program staff from both agencies announced a more structured coordination strategy to better clarify roles and responsibilities of the two state agencies. It’s all about listening and learning from stakeholder input—parents, professionals, agencies, advocacy groups and the Help Me Grow Advisory Council—and creating a shared leadership model that enables local agencies and providers to better serve families.

For more information, including a one-page Fact Sheet and a PowerPoint presentation on the subject, please visit the DODD website at <http://dodd.ohio.gov/newsroom/Pages/DODD-and-ODH-Announce-Improved-Collaboration-on-Early-Intervention.aspx>.



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## [DCs as Community Resources](#)

### **7. Developmental Center Staff Broaden Expertise**

#### **Certified Public Manager Credential Fosters Success**

In the ongoing process of rebalancing Ohio's state-operated Developmental Centers, staff members are encouraged to look at new ways to help people be successful in different residential environments, and new ways to think about day-to-day interactions on the job that foster success for the facility residents and for themselves. Paving the way to these efforts is staff development, such as the Certified Public Manager (CPM) training, offered by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services' (DAS) Office of Learning & Professional Development.

According to DODD Division of Residential Resources Assistant Deputy Director, Troy McCollister, the story of two staff members illustrates the immediate benefit for the organization and for the individuals themselves. Jennifer Buhn, Business Manager at Mount Vernon Developmental Center (MVDC), and Brooke D'Angelo, Residential Care Supervisor at Montgomery Developmental Center (MDC) each have earned the Certified Public Manager credential. McCollister notes,

**“When staff take the initiative to further educate themselves through an 18-month commitment like the Certified Public Manager curriculum, it really says a lot about the quality of service they will then be capable of offering individuals with developmental disabilities and their co-workers. We are proud to support these efforts, and we really appreciate the Ohio Department of Administrative Services making this kind of curriculum available.”**

According to DAS, the [credentialing curriculum](#) is designed to develop public sector leaders into innovative, strategic thinkers who can build and maintain high-performing organizations through enhanced leadership, communication and problem solving skills, and better working knowledge of government. Upon successful completion of the nationally-accredited program, graduates have the expertise and competency to maximize personal and organizational performance. “Helping staff enrich their experience can only make the DC environment more aware of and responsive to the needs of the individuals and communities served,” explains McCollister.

Making the commitment (18 months of twice-monthly classes) to the 300 hours of course work, and finding the time to do it, was the starting point for both Jennifer and Brooke. They both noted that their lives were plenty busy to begin with! Jennifer commented,

**“I like this because it really shows how what you do impacts others. It's so important to think about the receiving end of any communication.”**

She added that an immediate benefit on the job was finding better ways to describe tasks more clearly. “I saw great results when I just stopped to think things through more from another person’s perspective,” she added.

Brooke noted that as a mother of two active children it was especially hard to find the time to devote to the course work ... “But I knew it would help me gain more confidence in my job and in my decision-making. As Residential Care Supervisor on our campus at Montgomery DC -- that includes six houses on the campus with four individuals living in each house -- you’re talking about a group of staff that serves these individuals 24/7, and making sure that you are communicating well with all of them.” She continued,

**“This training helped me to learn to be comfortable with delegating to staff – and helping other staff to develop their own skills. If you always pick the same staff to do things, the others will never develop to their potential. Same thing with the residents – they are much more likely to learn and absorb new things if you can learn how to approach them from their perspective and get to know their goals and values. It’s been very positive all the way around.”**

DODD strongly supports staff training and education efforts that lead to better serving the needs of individuals, and energizes a cohesive team effort within the statewide service system. Deputy Director for Residential Resources Ginnie Whisman shows her enthusiasm, stating,

**“We are very proud of both Jennifer and Brooke for making the commitment to be a part of this program. We always need more committed and dedicated leaders in our field, and they clearly meet this criteria!”**



**Newly-credentialed Developmental Center staff celebrate at the Ohio Statehouse**

**Jennifer Buhn (left), and Brooke D’Angelo pause to congratulate each other on earning the Certified Public Manager (CPM) credential following an official graduation ceremony earlier in the month.**

**“I knew it would help me gain more confidence in my job and in my decision-making.”**

**–Brooke D’Angelo, MDC**



**“I saw great results when I just stopped to think things through more from another person’s perspective.”**

**–Jennifer Buhn, MVDC**

Ohio’s ten state-operated [Developmental Centers](#) are charting new paths in their geographic areas, working with community partners in helping residents move into smaller settings, working with families to assure that needed services are available for individuals in the least restrictive environments, and providing new opportunities for community connections -- including employment when possible. “Having strong, qualified leadership onsite, in the day-to-day

operations of residential services is so important,” McCollister observes. “We believe that our agency’s mission is better served when our staff is better trained.”

**The mission of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is the continuous improvement of the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.**

*More information online at: [Ohio Certified Public Manager, Ohio DAS](#); and at [Developmental Centers](#)*



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## **8. DODD to Launch Application for Smart Phones**

A DODD application (app) for smart phones will launch in March! Fittingly, that’s *Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month*, (see article #5 below) and it will be much simpler to exercise greater awareness of programs and information when it is at your fingertips.



Along with the three bulleted items in the graphic above, many more features will be easily accessed via the app. Go to [www.dodd.ohio.gov](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov) in March to learn more about it.

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[March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month](#)

## **9. Statewide Awareness & Advocacy Event is Next Tuesday!**

**March 5, 2013, Ohio Statehouse**



The 2013 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month theme, “Look Beyond,” invites people to see the potential in everyone, encouraging all to look beyond a first glance or pre-conceived notion.

Theme materials are available at [www.publicimagesnetwork.org](http://www.publicimagesnetwork.org)

*Developmental Disabilities Awareness & Advocacy Day* is next Tuesday, March 5! The event at the Ohio Statehouse, 9:30 a.m. – noon (some appointments with legislators may be scheduled in

the early afternoon) represents a new partnership blending the annual *March Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month Kickoff* and the statewide *Legislative Advocacy Day* activities previously held separately. Celebrating the 2013 DD Awareness Month theme “*Look Beyond*,” the *Developmental Disabilities Awareness & Advocacy* program is open to everyone. Registration for attendees to meet with their legislators -- the Advocacy component of the day -- was completed on February 15. More than 220 people have registered for those appointments.

Event planners representing DODD, Ohio Public Images (OPI), the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (DD Council), Ohio SIBS, The Arc of Ohio, and other stakeholders note that last year the Awareness venue welcomed more than 500 people from across the state. DODD Deputy Director Zach Haughwout notes,

**“With many of the same individuals attending both of the events that were held separately last year, all indications are that this year’s combined event will be an even more effective way to tell the stories of progress and change in Ohio’s developmental disabilities community.”**



**In 2012, the “Together” theme reinforced the belief that our communities are better when everyone is Together! Shown at last year’s event are DODD Director John Martin (Left) and OPI Executive Director Lon Mitchell, demonstrating a “Together” handshake.**

This year’s speakers will include DODD Director John Martin, Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) Executive Director Kevin Miller, several self advocates, state legislators, and service providers. Governor John Kasich has been invited, and his appearance is pending availability. The Awareness program will be in the Atrium, and headquarters for people meeting with legislators will be nearby in the Statehouse ‘Museum Gallery’ area, allowing for a smooth registration, and an accessible and continuous flow between venues.

#### **‘Look Beyond’ Video Diary**

Along with the Awareness program, Advocacy appointments with legislators, and information tables staffed by stakeholders, attendees also may participate in the “Look Beyond Video Diary,” where they can share their personal stories on-camera for others to see and hear. The Arc of Ohio is spearheading this new video project.

Contact for DD Awareness activities in the Statehouse Atrium is Sherry Steinman at [sherry.steinman@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:sherry.steinman@dodd.ohio.gov), (614) 644-0262; for Legislative Advocacy efforts contact Linda Martens at [lmartens@ohiosibs.com](mailto:lmartens@ohiosibs.com), (614) 302-7212; and for the "Look Beyond Video Diary," contact David Lewis at [dlewis@rrcol.com](mailto:dlewis@rrcol.com), (614) 487-4720 x111

More about DD Awareness Month in the next issue of *Pipeline Quarterly*, reporting on Winter 2012 - '13 ... publishing in late March.  
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## Special Notice! Family Advisory Council Meeting March 12, 2013 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Columbus Developmental Center Training Room 1601 W. Broad Street, Columbus



### Take Your Seat!

FAC Meetings are open to everyone with an interest in Ohio's developmental disabilities community.

For more information or an agenda, contact Peggy Martin at [peggy.martin@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:peggy.martin@dodd.ohio.gov)

## *Postscripts* .....

### ☞ "I Have a Voice!" – The Arc of Ohio Announces Training, March 20

The Arc of Ohio invites Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families, support professionals, and educators to a day of training, education, and legislative information at the Sheraton on Capitol Square, 75 E. State St. in Columbus, on March 20, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.. A legislative reception follows the afternoon program.

[Click Here to Register: EventBrite Registration](#)

[Lunch, Reception, and Materials included in Registration cost.](#)

The program will include presentations by DODD Director John Martin with information about Governor Kasich's proposed budget and how it relates to Ohioans with DD and their families, and representatives from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services, Office of Medical Assistance on the subject of Managed Care -- as well as sessions on effectively advocating for yourself and others with developmental disabilities. In addition, Disability Rights Ohio (formerly 'Ohio Legal Rights') and The Arc of Ohio will provide information on a variety of other subjects of interest.

### ☞ Goodwill Columbus Workshop, 'Life After School and Beyond,' March 9

Goodwill Columbus will host a “Life After School and Beyond” workshop at 1331 Edgehill Rd. on March 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop for family members of individuals with developmental disabilities includes sessions on: Government/County Funding with Anne Russell of Franklin County DD; Jobs/ Employment with Meg Griffing of COVA and Lutrell Jolly of Goodwill; Leaving an Inheritance with David Zwyer, Community Fund Management Foundation; a parent and participant panel including Marilyn Messina, and her son Michael Messina; and, “Who will care for my loved one when I no longer can?” with Stacy Martz, PhD. For more information or to register, contact Pat Karshner, (614)885-2291; [pkarshner@columbus.rr.com](mailto:pkarshner@columbus.rr.com).

### **Ohio SIBS Looking Forward – Weekend Retreat, April 5-7**

Ohio SIBS announces a “*Looking Forward Weekend Retreat*,” April 5-7, 2013 at YMCA Camp Wilson in Bellefontaine, OH. Transition following high school is a critical time for students with disabilities, and this retreat offers a unique chance to highlight the importance of the sibling relationship. The weekend is designed to show siblings of students with disabilities how they can help their brothers or sisters become more independent, engaged in the community, and ready for employment. Students with disabilities who are ages 17 - 22 are eligible, and the accompanying siblings should be ages 16 to 25. *Registration deadline is March 15.* For more information and registration, go to <http://www.ohiosibs.com/> or contact Tom Fish at [Thomas.Fish@osumc.edu](mailto:Thomas.Fish@osumc.edu).

### **OSU Annual Multiple Perspectives Conference, April 16-17**

The Ohio State University’s annual *Multiple Perspectives on Access, Inclusion & Disability* conference is April 16-17 this year, at the OSU Main Campus in Columbus. The conference is a catalyst for positive change and a springboard for collaboration with partners in education, business, and public service.

#### **Multiple Perspectives 2013: Intersections & Independence**

**Click Here for information and registration** > <http://ada.osu.edu/conferences.htm>

Each year, a series of unique workshops provides a forum for individuals and organizations to expand their knowledge and perspectives on access and inclusion for individuals with disabilities, along with an opportunity to improve community resources through the synergy of collaboration. Two days of sessions include numerous subjects such as, ‘Municipal Housing Policies and Zoning Practices that Harm People with Disabilities in Ohio’; and ‘Exclusion Through Inclusion – The Status and Future of American Sign Language.’ *Contact: L. Scott Lissner, Ohio State University ADA Coordinator, Office Of Diversity & Inclusion, [Lissner.2@osu.edu](mailto:Lissner.2@osu.edu)*

### **Ohio Partners in Justice - Free One-Day Conference, April 12**

A free one-day conference is sponsored by *Ohio Partners in Justice* on April 12 at the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Auditorium, 1980 W. Broad Street, Columbus, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The subject is Re-entry and Ex-Offenders with Intellectual Disabilities, and featured speaker is Carol Blessing of the Employment & Disability Institute at Cornell University. Discussion will include how person-centered practices can facilitate successful re-entry of offenders with intellectual disabilities into their communities. For more information contact Vicki Jenkins at [Vicki.jenkins@dodd.ohio.gov](mailto:Vicki.jenkins@dodd.ohio.gov). The free conference is funded by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council.

### **People First Annual Meeting, May 4**

The *People First of Ohio* annual meeting is set for May 4th at Roberts Convention Center in Wilmington Ohio, from 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. The annual meeting includes speeches and election of new board members for the state of Ohio’s board of *People First*. There also will be training on the *Employment First* initiative. Cost for lunch is \$20.00 per person.

### **SAVE THE DATE! The Arc of Ohio ‘Day at Cedar Point’ – May 22**

Details for this annual event will be available soon, but The Arc of Ohio says, "Mark your calendars now, and schedule transportation! Our ticket booth will be open at 9:30 a.m. on May 22, with admission to the park at 10:00 a.m. We had close to 10,000 people attending in 2012. Let's make this year even bigger!"

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Youth Leadership Forum, July 15-18**

The annual *Youth Leadership Forum* creates a no-cost, life-changing leadership experience for current high school juniors and seniors from across Ohio, with any type of disability. This year it will be held July 15-18, and *deadline for application is March 31*. Individuals currently receiving services via the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, and those currently applying for services are especially encouraged to apply for this opportunity at *YLF application* or contact [donna.foster@rsc.ohio.gov](mailto:donna.foster@rsc.ohio.gov)

### **'We Connect Now' Website Serves College Students with Disabilities**

The "We Connect Now" [website](http://weconnectnow.wordpress.com/) was created by a college student with the goal of connecting and integrating college students with disabilities as a virtual community with a voice on issues emphasizing access to higher education and employment. The website is a resource that has been linked to by colleges, universities, and groups serving people with disabilities in all 50 states and at least 10 foreign countries. More at <http://weconnectnow.wordpress.com/> or contact site developer Gabriela McCall Delgado at [weconnectnow2008@gmail.com](mailto:weconnectnow2008@gmail.com).

### **DODD Hotline for Reporting Abuse, Neglect, and other Possible Major Unusual Incidents (MUIs)**

To report abuse/neglect and other MUI's call toll-free **1-866-313-6733**. Note that MUIs are to be reported to the local County Board of DD, however, it is understood that there may be times an individual, staff member, or family member may feel it is a conflict -- or that, potentially, a County Board may be involved in the allegation. In those instances, remember the hotline number is there to be used for reporting concerns in these situations.

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