Early Intervention ● Preschool ● School Age ● Service and Support Administration

March 16, 2020

Dear LCDD Service Recipients, Families/Guardians, Providers, Community Partners:

The Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities (LCDD) cares deeply about the health and safety of individuals we serve, our employees and stakeholders. We also feel compelled to do our part as a public entity to reduce exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) during this state of emergency.

Therefore, to comply with Governor DeWine's directives regarding COVID-19 and guidance from the Ohio Department of DD, the LCDD will be implementing alternative service delivery solutions to help facilitate "social distancing" while continuing to serve individuals and keep the buildings clean and safe.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all LCDD buildings will be closed to the public, and services to individuals and families will be provided remotely. This may include phone calls, remote meetings and visits, and other forms of electronic communication. Home visits will be suspended except in emergency situations.

However, please be assured that our Service and Support Administrators (SSAs), Help Me Grow Early Intervention staff, and Investigative Agent will continue to be available. Please be sure to continue sending new referrals as needed, and reporting Major Unusual Incidents and Unusual Incidents as always.

Additionally, our Open Door School Instructors will be communicating with students and their families and offering information about educational resources they become aware of.

All program phone numbers will be answered as usual during regular business hours, and the after-hours emergency on-call system will continue as usual.

We are taking donations for those we serve at our Board Office located at 604 Carlton Davidson Ln., Coal Grove, OH from 9:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. weekdays. Please utilize the yellow bin in front of our office door. Requested items include baby formula/food, baby wipes and diapers, non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning supplies.

Our Early Intervention or Service and Support Administration department should be contacted if there is a need. Our agency numbers are as follows:

LCDD Board Office: 740-532-7401

Help Me Grow Early Intervention: 740-377-2356 Service and Support Administration: 740-532-0406

Open Door School: 740-532-1234

After-hours emergency: 24/7: 740-532-0406

We will be monitoring this situation closely. Please do not hesitate to contact us with questions or specific needs.

Sincerely,

Julie Monroe, Superintendent