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3rd Monday, 7:30 pm

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2nd Wednesday, 11:30 am

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1st Monday, 5:00 pm

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**Tim Scherer Is Children's Resource Center's New  
Director**

Hiring Tim Scherer, The Children's Resource Center's new director, was a bit of a paradigm shift for the CRC Board.

"This is the first time they've hired someone not from the clinical field," notes Northwest Ohio native Scherer. CRC--for thirty years Ohio's premier comprehensive child mental health facility--already has qualified clinicians on its staff, including clinical director Dr. William Donnelly. So when the agency's board opened its search last March, "they were looking for someone who could lead them through change," Tim reports. And the experienced public school administrator was ready for the challenge.

He was retiring as Superintendent of the McComb Local School District when he interviewed for CRC's directorship. Thirty-two years in educational administration fitted him with skills in managing limited funds and working with boards. The University of Toledo graduate (M.A. in Educational Administration) has been principal of Otsego Schools as well as superintendent of the Lakota and Danbury school districts. So when a friend of his wife Amy mentioned the opening, his interest was piqued. (Amy directed the agency's on-site school's program for severely emotionally disabled children for several years.)

Though much of the territory is familiar, there have been challenges for the Northwest Ohio native. His new career represents a paradigm shift for him as well. "I knew nothing about Medicaid billing and the different funding systems a children's services agency uses," he notes. But his undergraduate degree in Business Administration has helped him learn these new ropes.

And years of school experience will be a boon to Scherer as he works to expand CRC's school-based program, one of the agency's major bragging points. Teen Screen (depression screening for high-school students) and Penta Career Center's school-based programs are some of the programs he'd like to focus on. Fifteen school districts feed into Penta, and CRC services should be available all its students.

But these are only a few of The Children's Resource Center's many offerings. The facility on Klotz Road is truly a one-stop shop for children and their families. Group, family and individual therapy; crisis intervention services, community support programs, partial hospitalization, treatment foster care, speech, vision,

hearing and medical screening, and residential services are all available at the agency. In addition, CRC staff are available in county schools to help students with problems in the school environment.

"We try to maintain what we're good at, what the community expects, while the world gets more complex," explains Tim.

But he has another goal as well: to re-introduce the agency to a new generation of Wood County residents who may not be aware of all it has to offer.

For this reason the soft-spoken but persuasive Scherer has made it his special mission to spread CRC's message to local groups all over Wood County.

The agency's good reputation makes this job easier, Tim reports. He adds that his staff make the agency strong and vital. Clients' positive responses is staff members' reward. "People come in with different issues--or sometimes, in crisis--and when we help them, they're grateful."



Tim Scherer, CRC's new Director

### AGENCY ACTION

Joanne Carson , Child Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator at **Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center**, announces that she can now provide a training program to help adults prevent and report child abuse. Offered all over the nation, the Darkness to Light organizations' Stewards of Children is a sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react to child sexual abuse. The two-and-a-half hour in-person training uses videotape, an interactive workbook, and discussion to train individuals, groups, and organizations about the nature and impact of child sexual abuse. Contact Joanne at (419)354-7027 for more information.

**Wood County Educational Service Center** launched another Parent Project group October 9. The national program teaches parents strategies for improving their teens' school attendance and performance, preventing drug and alcohol use, reducing negative peer association, and preventing violence and bullying. [Contact Lorrie Lewandowski (419-354-9010) for more information.]

The Center also observed Red Ribbon Week October 21-27. Red Ribbon Week honors national and local law enforcement officers who work to keep illegal substances out of the hands of children, explains Lorrie Lewandowski, Supervisor of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs program at ESC.

### **BOARD BYTES**

On November 9, the Wood County ADAMHS Board joined several other local and state organizations in sponsoring a seminar entitled "A Collaborative Approach for Family Reconciliation and Reunification with Youth and Adults Who Have Caused Sexual Harm." Joan Schladale, LMFT, will teach the workshop at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg. Schladale is the Executive Director of Resources for Resolving Violence, Inc., in Freeport, Maine. Her presentation will cover using community-based standards for addressing sexual harm by youth, identifying therapeutic treatment modalities, and defining core components of successful reconciliation and reunification of families after child sexual abuse. Continuing Education credits are available for nurses, teacher, social workers and counselors participating in the workshop. Fee for the seminar is \$55.00 (including lunch.) For more information contact the

Ohio Teaching-Family Association at 419-825-3440 or download a registration form at [www.otfa.org](http://www.otfa.org). To inform persons with mental illness and substance abuse disorders about changes in their care, NAMI Ohio sponsored a Medicaid Managed Care Forum October 17 at Wood County Educational Service Center in Bowling Green. Representatives from the Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services described the current transition to Medicaid Managed Care and how this change affects available treatments. Case management, medication access, and questions to ask when selecting a plan were addressed. Attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments. NAMI Ohio has scheduled forums all over the state this fall .



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