



# 24th Annual Convention

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff of the *Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD*, it is my pleasure to release the Preliminary Program for our 24th Annual Convention. This year marks the 40th Anniversary of County Boards of MRDD, created by Ohio's General Assembly through Senate Bill 169 back in December 1967. The theme for this year's Convention is: **Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future!** Our service delivery system has come a long way in 40 years. More people than ever before live in community based settings, or even in a home of their own. Many of the individuals served by *County Boards of MRDD* not only work in community settings, but also own their own businesses. Community support for our local programs has grown substantially and is present in all 88 counties. Ohio leads the nation in financial support of individuals with developmental disabilities at the county level; in fact, no other state comes anywhere close.

We need to celebrate the successes of individuals with developmental disabilities and we intend to do just that. In fact, part of this convention will feature an opportunity to do some holiday shopping with products and artwork made and created by individuals with developmental disabilities. The program designed for you include sessions geared toward enhancing the skills of our Board Members and staff. **Governor Strickland** is scheduled to address the Convention to help us celebrate 40 years of making a difference in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. We are excited to have **Jeff and Cindy Daly** join us to talk

about the re-discovery of a forgotten sister and sister-in-law who was institutionalized at a very young age. The Daly's and their film *Where's Molly* has been showcased on numerous television news shows and through articles in *Reader's Digest* and *People Magazine*. Sessions with **Phil Sorrentino** will make you laugh, while also making you think. We are pleased to welcome **Ellen Witman** from our national association in Washington, DC to share with us the activities of Capital Hill and how that will impact Ohio; **Derrick DuFresne** joins us to talk about "five star quality" and his observations from several states he has been working with.

As we do every year, we will recognize individuals for their dedicated service to people with mental retardation and developmental disabilities. For the fifth consecutive year, there is no change in registration fee, yet we assure you the same quality you have come to expect from the Association's Annual Convention. Easton will be decorated for the holiday season and offers plenty of shopping, dining and other recreational activities following the day's sessions - all without having to get in a car. So please plan to join us for the 24th Annual Convention December 5th-7th. We'll see you at Easton!

Dan Ohler, Executive Director

## Tracks

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Embracing the Future (Board Members, Superintendents, Board Employees)
- Children Services
- Public Relations
- Human Resources
- Major Unusual Incidents
- Board Members
- Superintendent Association
- Art & Craft Show and Sale/Hospitality
- Delegate Assembly

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Service and Support Administration
- National Perspectives
- Technical Alliance
- Business Managers
- Adult Services
- Hospitality/Jazz Band

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Transportation
- Behavior Support
- Superintendent Executive Committee
- MRDD Issues and System Updates - Waiver, Accreditation, Provider Reviews

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## Registration

On-line registration is the only way you will be able to register for this event. Once the space is full, registration will close and the on-line registration option will no longer operate. Please go to [OACBMRDD.ORG](http://OACBMRDD.ORG) and "Events" and "Online Registration" to register. The registration deadline is Thursday, November 29, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. (*Please note: As a service to our membership, the Association has not increased the cost of the conference for the past four years.*)

#### COUNTY BOARDS AND COGS STAFF

One Day Only: \$125.00 Two Days: \$225.00 Three Days: \$300

#### BOARD MEMBER OF A COUNTY BOARD

One Day Only: \$95.00 Two Days: \$175.00 Three Days: \$250

#### GENERAL REGISTRATION (not a member county board or COG)

One Day Only: \$200.00 Two Days: \$350.00 Three Days: \$450

All fees must be paid to the OACBMRDD within 30 days of billing unless cancellations are made prior to Friday, November 30, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Cancellations made after Friday, November 30, at 4:00 p.m. will be subject to a cancellation fee. Cancellations must be made online at [oacbmrdd.org](http://oacbmrdd.org). No-shows will be billed 100% of the registration fee. Substitutions will not be accepted after the cancellation date.

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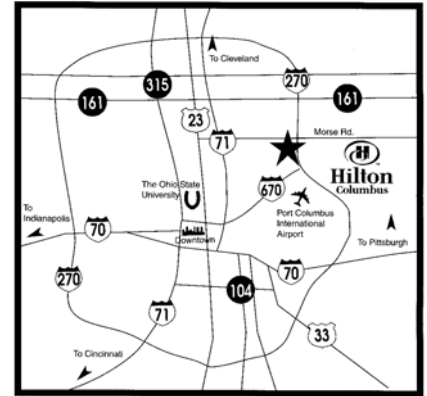
## Hotel Information

The 24th Annual Convention will be held at the Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center. If you need overnight accommodations, please make those directly with the Easton Hilton, Marriott Courtyard or Marriott Airport at your earliest convenience. A block of rooms has been reserved for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. There are a limited number of rooms allotted at each hotel. Please make your reservations as soon as possible to be guaranteed a room!

## Hilton Columbus at Easton Town Center - 3900 Chagrin Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43219

The rate is \$156.00 single or double, plus tax. Our room block will be held until November 13th, 2007. After this date, or if our room block fills early, remaining rooms will be considerably higher in price or not available at all. To make your reservations via telephone, call the hotel at (614) 414-5000 and mention the OACBMRDD Convention to receive the room rate. Make sure you speak to in-house reservations. Purchase Orders will be accepted. Mention that you are using a PO when you make your reservation and the reservations staff will explain the procedure for you to follow.

*NOTE: The hotel must receive purchase orders in advance by the cut off date above. They will not be accepted at check in. Tax-exempt forms must accompany purchase orders. Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card.*



## Columbus Airport Marriott - 1375 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43219

A courtesy block of rooms have been reserved for the OACBMRDD Convention and guests can call the Airport Marriott at 1-800-491-5717 or go to this link [www.columbusairportmarriott.com](http://www.columbusairportmarriott.com) and under Group Code enter **brdbrda** to get the rate of \$156.00, plus tax, per night for a single or double room. Airport shuttle service is available upon request and is complimentary for hotel guests.

Driving Directions from I-270: Take 670 W to Exit 9, Cassady Avenue, turn left onto Cassady Avenue and the hotel is on the right.

*NOTE: Purchase orders will be accepted at the hotel but the hotel has the right to discontinue this rate at their own discretion.*



## Courtyard by Marriott, Easton – 3900 Morse Crossing, Columbus, Ohio 43219

A small block of rooms have been reserved and guests can call 614-416-8000 and state that they are with the OACBMRDD Convention to receive the reduced rate of \$164.00, plus tax, per night for a single queen or king suite. The hotel is located two blocks from the Hilton at Easton, in the Easton Town Center.

Driving Directions from I-270: Take the Easton exit onto Easton Way. At the 4th stoplight turn right onto Easton Loop West. Make an immediate left into the Courtyard driveway.

*NOTE: The hotel will not accept purchase orders but will require a credit card to reserve a room. The reservation deadline is November 21, 2007. After this date, the rooms will be at a higher rate if a room is available.*

