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Dear Individuals, Families and Guardians:

The Medina County Board of Developmental Disabilities (MCBDD) continues to be the agency responsible for developing, connecting and funding services for people with developmental disabilities in Medina County.

In response to the Center for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) agreement with the State of Ohio, we are looking at the transitions that need to occur as we work with private service providers to expand and meet the needs of individuals currently in our Adult Day Services programs. As part of this process, we would like to share with you some important news about the AI Root work site which is currently offered through a partnership between the MCBDD and Windfall Industries.

What is happening?

The MCBDD has been working with Windfall Industries to solely begin providing services at the AI Root work site. Therefore, beginning on April 2, 2018, all individuals who choose to remain at the AI Root work site will be receiving services from Windfall Industries in place of the MCBDD as their service provider. Daily job tasks will remain the same and paychecks will continue to be issued from Windfall Industries as in the past. To give people the best opportunity for continued success at this site, the MCBDD will be providing staff to assist during this transition.

What does this mean to you, your son or daughter?

You will not lose any services and there should be no disruption in services. The MCBDD is committed to making sure you continue to receive the services you need with Windfall Industries as the service provider. The most noticeable change will be that individuals will be transported directly to AI Root and no longer come to the Achievement Center before or after their work day. Some individuals may see adjustments in their transportation schedules and we will share those details as soon as they are available. In addition, this decision may give some individuals the ability to request additional work time to earn more pay; contact your Service and Support Administrator (SSA) for more information.

What do you need to do?

Contact your SSA as soon as possible so they can begin working on the changes needed in the ISP. As always, free choice of provider is your right; that is why we want you to be aware of all of your options. Remember, if at any time you decide that you want to change your service provider, you may contact your SSA to discuss other options. If you do not want Windfall Industries to be your provider, your spot on the AI Root work site will be offered to someone else.

During this transition time, the MCBDD will be offering a 90-day safety net through our Adult Services Department. If anytime during the first 90 days of receiving service from Windfall Industries, you decide that you do not want them as your service provider, you may transfer back to the MCBDD Adult Day Services Department as long as programs are available or until you choose another service provider.

Questions?

We want to assure you that we are here to help and will continue our mission to connect people with disabilities to the services that empower them to contribute to their own success and to that of their community. To give individuals the opportunity to ask questions about this decision, we will be having group discussions with them during the day on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. We will also have an informational forum for parents/guardians on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm at the Achievement Center.

We want you to know that we appreciate your support for our agency and know that our agency is not closing but that our system is growing in new and impactful ways and we need to reshape services to support that growth. If you have any questions or concerns about this information, please feel free to contact us at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,

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