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Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Visits Lake County JFS

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, March 1, 2023— On Wednesday February 22, 2023 Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder paid a visit to the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS). Mr. Damschroder was appointed interim director of ODJFS by Governor Mike DeWine in March 2021 and was named permanent director in July 2021.

Mr. Damschroder and his staff participated in a roundtable discussion with Lake County Commissioner John Hamercheck, members of his staff, and LCDJFS Director Suzanne Casar and several members of the management team at LCDJFS. Discussions centered around upcoming changes to SNAP benefits, the Medicaid unwinding and the important work being done in Child and Adult Protective Services. Workforce initiatives and services offered through the Ohio Means Jobs Center in Painesville were also part of the discussion.

“The phrase of the day is ‘thank you.’ Thank you to Suzanne and her staff for the tremendous work they do in the community and thank you to Director Damschroder for being a champion for Lake County in Columbus,” said Commission President John Hamercheck.

“It was a pleasure visiting and seeing how the JFS staff here is supporting the residents of Lake County,” said Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder. “This agency’s hard work truly makes a difference in the lives of families and children, and can change the trajectory of a person’s future.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to bring local challenges as well as successes to the attention of Director Damschroder. He visited Lake County with the intention of sharing our feedback with the decision makers in Columbus and we appreciate the opportunity to meet with him,” said Job and Family Services Director Suzanne Casar.

“It’s great to see the partnership between Lake County and the State of Ohio. This partnership in Job and Family Services is mission critical to provide the services our residents need,” said Commissioner John Plecnik.

“I am happy to see Workforce Development was top of mind when Director Damschroder visited Lake County. I look forward to continuing to create and provide job opportunities to our residents,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich.



From the left: Anne Rasic, Ali Tomaselli, Michelle Herron, Suzanne Casar, Matt Damschroder, John Hamercheck, Cheryl Baibak, Cory Vojack, Colleen Connors.

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