



### ***NEORTC prepares to say goodbye to longtime staff member, Betty Driscol, who is retiring this summer***



Any trainer who comes to NEORTC knows Betty. She is there at the front desk each morning to greet you when you are coming in and setting up, she sends you trainer confirmation and reminder e-mails, makes sure copies are made to your specifications, and completes other duties that help make NEORTC a top notch Regional Training Center. Betty has been with NEORTC since its' inception in 1986 and will be retiring on July 29, 2016 after 30 years of service. To give you an idea on how long Betty has been here, she was here when Train

Track was used to track training records, Social Security numbers were still written on sign in sheets, NEORTC was based out of East Akron Community House, and provided donuts!

Betty has such an engaging personality and makes our trainers (and trainees too) feel right at home. She is always willing to go the extra mile to help a trainer out and does it with a smile. Betty has a wonderful sense of humor and a great sense of style! Betty will be dearly missed and is truly irreplaceable, however, she is anxious to pass on her knowledge with whoever fills her position. This truly speaks to how Betty views her job. She is not so much concerned with her leaving as making sure whoever does her job knows what to do and does it right. Betty was recently awarded the Support Staff person of the year from Summit County Children Services. Hopefully Betty will miss NEORTC a little bit, but we know that her time will be filled with her family, especially her grandkids, her church, her gardening (she receives a Beautification Award every year from the City of Akron) and her trips to the casino where she seems to have the most fabulous luck!

If anyone wants to pass a congratulatory message to Betty on her retirement, feel free to drop her an e-mail at [bdriscol@summitkids.org](mailto:bdriscol@summitkids.org) or a card to

Betty Driscol

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## NEORTC held its 9th Annual Foster Parent Conference

Foster Parents are a Work of Heart - on May 5-7, 2016. We had 151 foster parents receive over 1,600 hours of training credit. Foster parents from 15 counties and 13 private agencies attended. Thank you to all of our trainers who helped make it such a success: Brian Bethel, Jody Johnston-Pawel, Brian and Kathy Lowery, Trisha Martinek, Jim Still-Pepper, Katie Terry, Sue Tucker, John Ward and David Zidar.



Bev Morris has retired from the OCWTP. Bev provided over 30 years of Preservice and ongoing foster parent training for the SWORTC region. She will be greatly missed.

Terrie Stockton left SWORTC in May 2016. SWORTC is in the process of posting for a new Administrative Support Coordinator. SWORTC would like to say "thank you" for the continued partnership with OHSTS, OCWTP, and trainers.



WORTC Staff Training Coordinator Rachel Ewing married Brian Wooddell on April 23, 2016, in New Vienna, Ohio. She is now Rachel Wooddell! Her email will remain [Rachel.Ewing@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Rachel.Ewing@jfs.ohio.gov) until the fall. A change announcement will be sent out once her new address is available.