

## CGM Respite Center Opens June 1, 2014

The newly renovated Farmhouse on the campus of Oesterlen Services for Youth opens on June 1 to provide respite services for families from Clark, Greene and Madison Counties. The CGM Respite Center represents the combined efforts of state and local entities, including the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS), the Mental Health & Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties (MHRB), the Clark County Family and Children First Council, the Greene County Family and Children



First Council, the Madison County Family Council and Oesterlen Services for Youth. Funding for the operation of the CGM Respite Center comes from the Governor's Strong Families, Safe Communities Initiative with facility renovation funds from OMHAS. Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO of the MHRB, remarked that this effort represents the best of government, stating that "when state funding combines with local planning efforts, the partnership almost always creates the best for the people being served." Don Warner, Executive Director of Oesterlen Services for Youth, welcomed guests and spoke about the combined efforts of state departments, architects, builders and local social service providers to create the new CGM Respite Center. Dr. Kate LeVesconte, Director of Clinical and Community Services at Oesterlen, expressed gratitude for the work of Mary Buhrmaster, who provided programmatic direction and Mark Derr, who worked closely with the architect and builders to see the project to completion. Doug Bailey, Community Capital Project Manager at Ohio MHAS, offered his appreciation for the investment of the local community in this vital project.