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Miller Family

Special Recognition Award March 2025

Melanie and Ezra Miller lead a family that is totally dedicated and involved with services provided to their children by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Lucas DD provides Early Intervention services for three of their foster children: Jeremiah, Zaria and Zy'eir. Melanie and Ezra, along with their three children, welcomed these three foster siblings into their loving home. When they were later told by Hancock County Public Children Services Agency that the three foster children had two more siblings in need of a foster home, the Millers once again opened their doors.

This incredible couple has embraced foster care to its fullest capacity, and have even found room in their hearts to accept the children's birth mother, forming a connection with her.

Early Intervention's special instruction has focused on promoting motor, communication, and social skills for the children. Visits by the Early Intervention Developmental Specialists are valued by the family and made a priority even with their very busy schedules. This is evident by how welcomed the EIDS is by smiling children who are ready to play and learn, and parents with prepared activities. This always allows for the visits to be very engaging and fun for everyone.

It is wonderful to watch Jeremiah, Zaria, and Zy'eir grow, learn, and form a loving bond of attachment to their foster parents and foster siblings, with them truly being a part of this big family. The Millers are in the process of making their family more complete by pursuing the adoption of Jeremiah, Zaria and Zy'eir. The family will soon be bringing the youngest of the foster siblings in for an evaluation to see if she may also need the support of Early Intervention Services.

Melanie and Ezra, it has been such a pleasure collaborating with you and your family. All of the growth and development that has happened so far for your children and foster children will continue for many years to come because of your tireless commitment and dedication. We are honored to recognize you with the March 2025 Special Recognition Award. Congratulations!