



**Adult Advocacy
Centers**

A Reference Guide to DD Self-Advocacy Groups in Ohio

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This list was created by the Adult Advocacy Centers (AACs) and Ohio's Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council, with support from Ohio's independent living centers and the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA). It is meant to provide contact information for self-advocacy groups that serve people with DD throughout the state. Statewide groups are listed first, followed by a list organized by county. Additional contributions from the community are welcome by emailing contact@adultadvocacycenters.org.

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Note

★ This symbol means that an organization serves more than one county.

Statewide Organizations

★ **Advocacy & Protective Services Inc. (APSI)**

Contact Person: Kristen Henry, Executive Director

Phone: 614-262-3800 or 800-282-9363 (toll free)

Email: kristen.henry@apsiohio.org

★ **The Arc of Ohio**

Address: 1335 Dublin Rd., Suite 104-D, Columbus, OH 43215

Website: thearcofohio.org

Contact Person: Gary Tonks, President and CEO

Phone: 614-487-4720

Email: gary.tonks@thearcofohio.org

★ **Best Buddies in Ohio**

Contact Person 1: Catlin Skufca, State Director

Phone: 614-928-3383

Email: catlinskufca@bestbuddies.org

★ **Brain Injury Association of Ohio**

Website: biaoh.org

Contact Person: Vicky Gault

Phone: 614-481-7100

Email: vgault@biaoh.org

★ **National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio**

Address: 1225 Dublin Road, Suite 125, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Contact Person: Terry Russell

Phone: 614-224-2700

Email: terry@namiohio.org

★ Ohio Center for Autism & Low Incidence (OCALI)

Website: ocali.org

Contact Person: Shawn Henry, Executive Director

Phone: 614-410-0321 or 866-886-2254 (toll free)

Email: ocali@ocali.org

★ Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Address: 165 W. Center St., Suite 302, 3rd Floor, Chase Bank Building, Marion, Ohio 43302

Website: ocecd.org

Phone: 740-382-5452 or 844-382-5452 (toll free)

Staff Contact Forms: ocecd.org/Staff.aspx

★ Ohio DD Council

Website: ddc.ohio.gov

Contact Person: Carolyn Knight, Executive Director

Phone: 614-466-5205

Email: carolyn.knight@dodd.ohio.gov

★ Ohio Olmstead Task Force

Website: ohioolmstead.com

Contact Person 1: Katie Shelley, Chair

Email: kshelley@abilitycenter.org

Contact Person 2: Renee Wood, Vice Chair

Email: babydoe8@aol.com

Other Notes: Meetings held from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Check website for more information.

★ Ohio Self Determination Association and Project STIR

Contact Person: Dana Charlton, Executive Director

Phone: 614-562-1375

Email: osdaohio2017@gmail.com

★ Ohio SIBS

Website: ohiosibs.com

Contact Person: Dianna Temple, Executive Director

Email: dtemple@ohiosibs.org

★ Ohio Statewide Independent Living Council (OSILC)

Address: 670 Morrison Road, Suite 200, Gahanna, Ohio 43230

Website: ohiosilc.org

Contact Person: Jeremy Morris

Phone: 614-892-0390

Email: jmorris@ohiosilc.org

★ People First of Ohio

Address: 1335 Dublin Road, Suite 100-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Email: PeopleFirstOhio@mail.com

Contact Person 1: Kraig Walker

Email: kraig.walker@peoplefirstohio.org

Phone: 614-487-4720, Ext. 116

Contact Person 2: Michael Richards

Email: michael.richards@peoplefirstohio.org

★ Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of Ohio

Address: 1087 Dover Drive, Medina, Ohio 44245

Website: pwsaohio.org

Phone: 330-723-0004

Email: pwsaohiosaf@gmail.com

Adams County

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

Serves: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties

Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Zoom attendance available.

People First of Adams County

Contact Person: Dan Mitchell, Venture Productions

Phone: 937-544-2823

Email: dan@ventureproductions.org

Meeting Location: 11516 State Route 41, West Union, Ohio 45693

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Allen County

Aktion Club of Allen County

Contact Person: Sarah Troyer, Faculty Advisor

Phone: 419-221-1385, Ext. 1008

Email: stroyer@acbdd.org

Meeting Location: 2500 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio 45801

Just Do It Crew

Contact Person: Anna McPherson

Email: macpherson_anna@yahoo.com

Other Notes: Meetings held monthly

Project STIR of Allen County

Contact Person: Vicki Ludwick, Coordinator

Phone: 419-221-1262, Ext. 1295

Email: vludwick@acbdd.org

Meeting Location: 2550 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio 45801

Ashland County

Aktion Club of Ashland County

Contact Person: Bruce Kramer, Adult Service Director

Phone: 419-289-0470, Ext. 146

Email: b.kramer@daleroy.org

Meeting Location: 1256 South Center St., Ashland, Ohio 44805

★ Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

Ashtabula County

People First of Ashtabula County

Contact Person: Joni Arcaro

Phone: 440-224-2155, Ext. 546

Meeting Locations: 500 West Main St., Geneva, Ohio 44041 and 2505 South Ridge Road, East Ashtabula, Ohio 44004

★ Western Reserve Independent Living Center (WRILC)

Serves: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties

Address: 4076 Youngstown Road SE, Suite 203, Warren, Ohio 44484

Website: wrilc.org

Contact Person: Pam Davies

Phone: 330-372-3325, Ext. 102 or 330-373-1825

Email: pjd@wrilc.org

Athens County

Capabilities - Athens Office

Phone: 740-249-4217

Address: 507 Richland Ave., Suite 300, Athens, Ohio 45701

People First of Athens Ohio (HAVAR Inc.)

Website: havar.org

Contact Person: Scott Dennis, Program Manager

Phone: 740-594-3533

Email: sdennis@havar.org

Meeting Location: 227 Columbus Road, Athens, Ohio 45701

Other Notes: Meetings for people with intellectual disabilities and their staff held every other month from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Personnel Plus Advocacy Advisory Council (PPAAC)

Purpose: *Focused on social connection, community and finding employment as an individual with a developmental disability; encouraging it and finding the value in it; growing as an individual and advocating for your rights*

Website: personnelplus.org/?page_id=16

Contact Person 1: Jona Moberg

Phone: 740-541-9654

Email: jmoberg@athenscbdd.org

Secondary Contact Person 2: Sue Ortho

Phone: 740-594-3416

Email: sorth@athenscbdd.org

Meeting Location: Personnel Plus Office, 1002 E. State St., Suite 4, Athens, Ohio 45701

Other Notes: Meetings held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Anyone may attend, but it is recommended that participants are receiving services from the county Board of DD.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Auglaize County

Auglaize County Aktion Club

Contact Person: Leroy Goodwin, Advisor

Phone: 419-394-2937 (home) or 567-644-9376 (cell)

Meeting Location: Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 130 N. Wayne St., St. Marys, Ohio 45885

Other Notes: Meetings held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. No meetings are held in December.

Auglaize County People First

Contact Person: Renee Goodwin, Advisor

Phone: 419-733-9394

Email: ggoodwin@benchmarkhs.com

Meeting Location: Astro Lanes, 1113 Apollo Dr., Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

Other Notes: Meetings held from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third Friday of every month. Zoom attendance is available.

★ Regional Self-Advocacy Group

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serving: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Belmont County

The Arc of Ohio-Belmont

Contact Person: Danielle Wilkes

Phone: 740-695-9310

Email: danielle.wilkes@thearcofohio.org

People First of Belmont County

Contact Person 1: Linda Schuster, Advisor

Phone: 740-633-9448

Email: linda5169@comcast.net

Contact Person 2: Mary Lou Kent, Advisor

Phone: 304-242-1019

Meeting Location: Community Room, Ohio Valley Mall, 67800 Mall Ring Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio 43950

Other Notes: Meetings held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

✪ Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Brown County

ABC (Advocates of Brown County)

Purpose: *Helping individuals advocate for themselves - speaking up and speaking out*

Website: browncbdd.org

Contact Person 1: Amanda Brannock

Phone: 937-378-4891, Ext. 234

Email: abrannock@browncbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Geoff Diesman

Phone: 937-378-4891, Ext. 234

Email: gdiesman@browncbdd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are held monthly at day program locations.

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

Serves: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties

Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Zoom attendance available.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Butler County

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Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Zoom attendance available.

Speak Up

Purpose: *Building skills to live as independently as possible and work towards everyone being treated fairly and equally*

Website: butlerdd.org

Contact Person 1: Connie Mehlman, Advocacy Coordinator

Phone: 513-785-2881

Email: cjmehlman@butlerdd.org

Contact Person 2: Courtney Hineman

Phone: 513-785-2873

Email: crhineman@butlerdd.org

Meeting Location: Janet Clemmons Center, 282 N Fair Ave., Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Other Notes: Meetings are held from 6 to 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. Zoom attendance is available. Open to ages 16 and up.

Carroll County

Carroll County People First

Purpose: *Focuses on building skills and knowledge relating to current events and developing an understanding of individuals' rights*

Contact Person: Ashley Hyde

Phone: 330-627-6555

Email: ahyde@carrollcbdd.org

Meeting Location: Carroll County Board of DD, 540 High St. NW, Carrollton, Ohio 44615

Other Notes: Meetings held at 4 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Zoom attendance available.

★ **Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center**

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Champaign County

People First of Champaign County

Contact Person 1: Mark Bollinger

Email: mbollinger@csri-oh.com

Contact Person 2: Kathy Rader, Advisor

Phone: 937-653-1351 (office) or 937-776-0502 (cell)

Email: krader@csri-oh.com

Meeting Location: Champaign County Residential, 1150 Scioto St., Suite 100, Urbana, Ohio 43078

Other Notes: Meetings held monthly.

★ **Regional Self-Advocacy Group**

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Clark County

★ Access Center for Independent Living

Serves: Clark, Greene, Montgomery and Preble counties

Address: 907 W. Fifth St., Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Phone: 937-341-5202

Website: acils.com

Email: info@acils.com

Self Advocacy for You (SAY)

Contact Person 1: Jessica Morrow

Phone: 937-346-0771

Email: jmorrow@clarkdd.org

Contact Person 2: Molly Lacey

Phone: 937-328-7151, Ext. 5728

Email: mlacey@clarkdd.org

Contact Person 3: Lane Martin

Phone: 937-505-6545

Email: theabilitybuilders1@yahoo.com

Meeting Location: F.F. Mueller Campus (CBDD), Activity Center Rooms Buckeye A & B, 2527 Kenton St., Springfield, Ohio 45505

Other Notes: Meetings held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Clermont County

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

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Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Zoom attendance available.

Turn Up

Purpose: *Learning their rights and guiding them through access to services*

Website: clermontdd.org/services/other-services-and-programs/people-in-action-self-advocacy-group

Contact Person 1: Angie Stanton, Activity Coordinator

Phone: 513-732-7000, Ext. 4923

Email: astanton@clermontdd.org

Contact Person 2: Lisa Davis, Community Relations Specialist

Phone: 513-732-7000

Email: ldavis@clermontdd.org

Meeting Location: Clermont County Board of DD, 2040 US Highway 50, Batavia, Ohio 45103

Other Notes: Meetings held at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Zoom attendance available. Participation open to anyone receiving county DD board services.

Clinton County

AIM - Advocates in Motion

Contact Person: Sarah Needham, Community Integrated Coordinator

Phone: 937-382-7519 (main) or 937-944-3895 (work cell)

Email: sneedham@nikecenter.org

Meeting Location: Clinton County Board of DD, 4425 SR 730, Wilmington, Ohio 45177

Other Notes: Meetings held the third Wednesday of each month.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

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Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Columbiana County

Columbiana County Board of DD

Contact Person: Shirley Bowald

Phone: 330-424-0404

★ Western Reserve Independent Living Center (WRILC)

Serves: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties

Address: 4076 Youngstown Road SE, Suite 203, Warren, Ohio 44484

Website: wrilc.org

Contact Person: Pam Davies

Phone: 330-372-3325, Ext. 102 or 330-373-1825

Email: pjd@wrilc.org

Coshocton County

Raise Your Voice

Purpose: *Gathering self-advocates to discuss self-advocacy skills, to learn, to speak up, and to know rights and responsibilities to make decisions that impact life*

Website: coshdd.org

Contact Person: Toby Collins, Recreation and Special Activities Operator

Phone: 740-622-2032

Email: tcollins@coshdd.org

Meeting Location: Hopewell School, 23720 Airport Road, Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Other Notes: Meetings held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday or Thursday of each month. Zoom attendance available. Participation open to high school students.

★ **Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center**

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Crawford County

★ **Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)**

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

People First of Crawford County

Contact Person 1: Jim Plasencia, President

Phone: 419-562-3321

Email: jamesplasencia@yahoo.com

Contact Person 2: Deb Orians, Advisor

Meeting Location: Fairway School, 1650 E. Southern Ave., Bucyrus, Ohio 44820

Cuyahoga County

Cuyahoga County DD Good Life Ambassadors

Purpose: *Individuals with DD advocating for the rights of individuals with DD in the community*

Contact Person 1: Ashley D. Boyd, Communication and Inclusion Supervisor

Phone: 216-736-2722 (Office) or 216-312-4179 (Mobile)

Email: boyd.ashley@cuyahogabdd.org

Contact Person 2: Marie Barni

Phone: 216-241-8230

Email: barni.marie@cuyahogabdd.org

Meeting Location: 1275 Lakeside Ave. East, Cleveland, OH 44114

Other Notes: These are paid positions. Hours vary. Zoom attendance available. Must be an individual with DD to apply.

★ Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

People First of Cuyahoga County

Contact Person: Melissa Khorana

Phone: 216-622-0755

Meeting Location: The Arc of Greater Cleveland, 12660 Plaza Drive, Parma, Ohio 44130

Other Notes: Meetings held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Registration is required.

Quality Time with the Good Life Ambassadors Chats

Purpose: *Discuss meaningful topics like how to remain positive and engaged in your community*

Contact Person: Ashley D. Boyd, Communication and Inclusion Supervisor

Phone: 216-736-2722 (office) or 216-312-4179 (mobile)

Email: boyd.ashley@cuyahogabdd.org

Meeting Location: Meetings held on Zoom. Find the link at facebook.com/CuyahogaBDD.

Other Notes: Meetings held from 11 to 11:40 a.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month.

★ **Services for Independent Living (SIL)**

Serves: Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties

Website: sil-oh.org

Contact Person 1: India Jones, Community Services Manager

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 319 (Office) or 216-389-1190 (Mobile)

Email: ijones@sil-oh.org

Contact Person 2: Shannon Monyak, Executive Director

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 301 (Office) or 216-389-0014 (Mobile)

Email: smonyak@sil-oh.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of each month. Check website for up-to-date information.

United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland

Address: 10011 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44106

Contact Person: Trish Aders

Phone: 216-791-8363

Darke County

Advocacy in Action

Purpose: *Building social skills and raising self-advocates' voices on legislation, as well as providing program transitions following completion of high school via speaker lectures*

Contact Person: Sue Huston, Advocacy and Community Connections

Phone: 937-459-4629

Email: sueh@darkedd.org

Other Notes: Meeting times and locations vary. Zoom attendance available.

Aktion Club

Purpose: *Service leadership training and experiences*

Contact Person 1: Sue Huston, Advocacy and Community Connections

Phone: 937-459-4629

Email: sueh@darkedd.org

Contact Person 2: Cheryl Pressly

Phone: 937-459-4629

Email: cherylp@darkedd.org

Meeting Locations: Edison Community College Classroom, 1973 Edison Dr, Piqua, Ohio 45356 (leadership meeting) and Ansonia United Methodist Church, Pearl & High Streets, Ansonia, Ohio 45303 (club meeting)

Other Notes: Leadership meeting held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month. Club meeting held from 10 to 11 a.m. on the fourth Monday of each month. Zoom attendance is available. Open to adults with disabilities.

Next Chapter Book Clubs

Contact Person: Sue Huston, Advocacy and Community Connections

Phone: 937-459-4629

Email: sueh@darkedd.org

Meeting Locations: Bradford Public Library, 138 E Main St., Bradford, Ohio 45308 and The Coffee Pot, 537 S. Broadway St., Suite 101, Greenville, Ohio 45331

Other Notes: Meetings held at 1 p.m. each Wednesday. Zoom attendance available.

★ Regional Advocacy Group

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Sue Huston, Advocacy and Community Connections

Phone: 937-459-4629

Email: sueh@darkedd.org

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Defiance County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

SAM (Self-Advocacy Meetings)

Contact Person 1: Jean Jacques

Phone: 419-782-4002 or 419-782-6621 (county board)

Email: jjacques@defiancedd.org

Contact Person 2: Casey Strow, Northwest Ohio Administrative Council (NOWAC)

Phone: 419-782-4011, Ext. 6004

Contact Person 3: Aaron Heyman, President

Phone: 419-782-4098

Meeting Location: Good Samaritan School, 195 Island Park Ave., Defiance, Ohio 43512

Other Notes: Meetings held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month.

Delaware County

★ Center for Disability Empowerment

Serves: Delaware, Franklin, Licking and Union counties

Website: disabilityempowerment.net

Contact Person: Sue Hetrick

Phone: 614-575-8055 or 866-575-8055 (toll free)

Email: hetrick.cde@gmail.com

Self-Advocates of Delaware County

Purpose: *Helping individuals identify their goals and objectives to lead independent lives*

Contact Person: Robin Lincoln

Phone: 740-417-0471

Email: rlincoln320@gmail.com

Meeting Location: Delaware County Board of DD, 7991 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035

Other Notes: Meetings held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month.

Erie County

Erie County Self-Determination Committee

Address: 4405 Galloway Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Contact Person 1: Carly Sabo, President

Phone: 419-626-0208

Contact Person 2: Joe Casey, Advisor

✪ Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

Self-Advocates of Erie County

Purpose: *Generally connecting individuals to resources and opportunities to build skills to live independent lives, speak on behalf of themselves, and gain awareness of their rights*

Address: Erie County Board of DD, 4405 Galloway Rd., Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Website: eriecbdd.org/advocacy

Contact Person 1: Jennifer Yingling, Self-Advocacy Advisor

Phone: 419-502-4124

Email: jyingling@eriecbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Pat Gates, Self-Advocacy Specialist

Phone: 419-502-4117

Email: p.gates@huronddd.org

Fairfield County

★ **Abilities United - Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living**

Serves: Fairfield and Hocking counties

Website: socil.org/advocacy-support.html

Contact Person: Sharon Waldo

Phone: 614-755-4952

Meeting Location: 1369 E. Front St., Logan, Ohio 43138

Other Notes: Meetings held from 3 to 4:30 on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Dynamite Abilities Advocacy Group (DAAG)

Contact Person 1: Scott Campbell, Southeast Center for Independent Living

Phone: 740-689-1494, Ext. 204

Email: scsocil@sbcglobal.net

Contact Person 2: Rachel McCoy

Email: rrmccoy@fairfieldddd.com

Contact Person 3: Julie Bruckelmeyer, FCBDD, Advisor

Phone: 740-652-7220

Email: jbruckelmeyer@fairfieldddd.com

Contact Person 4: Angel Reid, Hope Center, Advisor

Phone: 740-653-7100

Email: areid@hhc-oh.com

Fayette County

Fayette Advocating Change Together (FACT)

Contact Person: Betty Reisinger

Phone: 740-335-7453, Ext. 222

Email: breisinger@fayettetdd.com

Meeting Location: Kroger Conference Room, 548 Clinton Ave., Washington Court House, Ohio 43160

Other Notes: Meetings held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the first business day of each month.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Franklin County

Art Outside the Lines

Address: 485 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215

Website: artoutsidethelines.com

Contact Person: Bianca Brutovski, Program Director

Phone: 614-745-0220

Email: bbrutovski@chrysalishealth.com

★ Center for Disability Empowerment

Serves: Delaware, Franklin, Licking and Union counties

Website: disabilityempowerment.net

Contact Person: Sue Hetrick

Phone: 614-575-8055 or 866-575-8055 (toll free)

Email: hetrick.cde@gmail.com

Franklin County Board of DD Self-Advocate Advisory Council

Purpose: *Council members provide feedback to the superintendent on matters related to self-advocacy and services*

Website: fcbdd.org/families/advocacy

Contact Person: Jed Morrison, Superintendent

Phone: 614-475-6440

Email: jed.morison@fcbdd.org

Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (MOBILE) Disability Resource Center

Address: 1829 E. Long St., Columbus, Ohio 43203

Phone: 614-443-5936

Email: info@mobileonline.org

PALS Chrysalis Health

Address: 5250 Strawberry Farms Blvd., Columbus, Ohio 43230

Website: palschrysalishealth.com/self-advocacy

Phone: 614-454-3726

Fulton County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

Come Together

Contact Person: Robin Shepherd

Phone: 419-337-4575

Email: rshepherd@fultoncountyoh.com

Other Notes: Meeting locations and times vary. Meetings are held every other month.

Gallia County

Gallia Advocacy Program (GAP) PALS Chrysalis Health

Address: 614 Silver Bridge Plaza, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631

Website: palschrysalishealth.com/self-advocacy

Phone: 740-446-3775

People First of Gallia County

Purpose: *Providing support services, educating on individuals' rights, helping access available supports, and building skills for independent living and employment*

Contact Person 1: Sharon Jones

Phone: 740-208-7009, Ext. 236

Email: sjones@galliadd.com

Contact Person 2: Eileen Jones

Phone: 740-208-7009

Email: vjones@galliadd.com

Other Notes: Meetings are held at different locations from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Open to the entire community, including general community members interested in providing support.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Geauga County

Aktion Club - Kiwanis Club of W. Geauga

Contact Person 1: Bonnie Veleba

Phone: 440-729-9406, Ext. 1117

Email: bveleba@geaugadd.org

Contact Person 2: Michelle Avram

Phone: 440-729-9406, Ext. 1117

Email: mavram@geaugadd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are held monthly at different locations.

★ Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

★ **Services for Independent Living (SIL)**

Serves: Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties

Website: sil-oh.org

Contact Person 1: India Jones, Community Services Manager

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 319 (Office) or 216-389-1190 (Mobile)

Email: ijones@sil-oh.org

Contact Person 2: Shannon Monyak, Executive Director

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 301 (Office) or 216-389-0014 (Mobile)

Email: smonyak@sil-oh.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of each month. Check website for up-to-date information.

Greene County

★ **Access Center for Independent Living**

Serves: Clark, Greene, Montgomery and Preble counties

Address: 907 W. Fifth St., Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Phone: 937-341-5202

Website: acils.com

Email: info@acils.com

Toward Independence - Main Office

Address: 81 E. Main St., Xenia, Ohio 45385

Phone: 937-376-3996

Voices of Greene County

Contact Person 1: Dave Gleason

Phone: 937-562-6505

Email: dgleason@cicloh.com

Meeting Location: The Greene Town Center, 4450 Buckeye Lane, Beavercreek, Ohio 45440

Other Notes: Meetings held the third Thursday of each month.

Guernsey County

Independent Stars

Address: Guernsey County Board of DD, 60770 Southgate Road, Byesville, Ohio 43723

Contact Person: Jenna Conaway

Phone: 740-439-4451, Ext. 6821

★ Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Hamilton County

Capabilities - Cincinnati Office

Address: 110 Boggs Lane, Suite 255, Springdale, Ohio 45246

Phone: 419-778-7341

Email: springdale@capabilitiesinc.biz

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

Serves: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties

Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Specific dates and times are fluid. Zoom attendance available.

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati

Address: 4623 Wesley Ave., Suite A, Cincinnati, Ohio 45212

Website: dsagc.com

Contact Person 1: Emma Daniels, Adult Engagement Coordinator

Phone: 513-761-5400

Email: emmad@dsagc.com

Contact Person 2: Jim Hudson, Executive Director

Email: jimh@dsagc.com

Hamilton County Board of DD - Advocacy Services

Website: hamiltondds.org/Resources/advocacy

Contact Person 1: Diana Mairose

Phone: 513-559-6636

Email: diana.mairose@hamiltondds.org

Contact Person 2: Robert Shuemaker

Phone: 513-559-6987

Email: robert.shuemaker@hamiltondds.org

Neighbors in Action

Contact Person 1: Diana Mairose

Phone: 513-559-6636

Email: diana.mairose@hamiltondds.org

Contact Person 2: Robert Shuemaker

Phone: 513-559-6987

Email: robert.shuemak@hamiltondds.org

Other Notes: Meetings are held online from 5 to 6 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month. Find meeting information at facebook.com/HamiltonCountyDDServices/events.

Stepping Stones

Phone: 513-831-4660

Email: steppingstonesohio.org/contact

Toward Independence - Hamilton County Office

Address: 11570 Lippleman Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246

Phone: 513-429-3100

Visionaries and Voices - Artistic Advocacy

Website: visionariesandvoices.com

Contact Person: Robyn Winkler, Executive Director

Email: rwinkler@visionariesandvoices.com

Hancock County

Aktion Club of Hancock County

Address: 1700 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio 45840

Website: blanchardvalley.org/advocacy

Contact Person: Danielle Collins

Phone: 419-422-6387

Email: dcollins@blanchardvalley.org

Capabilities - Findlay Office

Address: 655 Fox Run Road, Suite D, Findlay, Ohio 45840

Phone: 419-424-9367

Email: findlay@capabilitiesinc.biz

Hancock County Speaks Out

Address: 1700 E. Sandusky St., Findlay, Ohio 45840

Website: blanchardvalley.org/advocacy

Contact Person: Cheryl Strohm, Advisor

Phone: 419-422-6387

Email: cstrohm@blanchardvalley.org

Harrison County

Harrison County Board of DD

Address: 82460 Cadiz-Jewett Road, Cadiz, Ohio 43907

Contact Person: Brittany Wood

Phone: 740-942-9012

Email: brittany.wood@hcbdd.org

★ Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Website: www.seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Henry County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

Voices of HOPE

Purpose: *Focused on STIR Trainings and building the knowledge and skills to advocate for one's own rights*

Website: henrydd.org/our-services/community-support-activities/voices-of-hope

Contact Person 1: Tiffany Swihart

Phone: 419-599-2892

Email: tswihart@henrydd.org

Contact Person 2: Steve Tucker

Phone: 419-599-2892

Email: stucker@henrydd.org

Highland County

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

Serves: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties

Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Specific dates and times are fluid. Zoom attendance available.

People First of Ohio - Highland County

Website: peoplefirstohio.org/highland-county.html

Advisor: Nathan Boatman

Email: nboatman@highdd.org

Phone: 937-393-7926

Other Notes: Meetings held online at 1 p.m. every Thursday. Check website for more information.

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Hocking County

★ Abilities United - Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living

Serves: Fairfield and Hocking counties

Website: socil.org/advocacy-support.html

Contact Person: Sharon Waldo

Phone: 614-755-4952

Meeting Location: 1369 E. Front St., Logan, Ohio 43138

Other Notes: Meetings held from 3 to 4:30 on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Holmes County

★ Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Huron County

AC Club - Advocating for Change

Contact Person: Pat Gates, Advisor

Phone: 419-668-8840, Ext. 1403

Email: p.gates@hurond.org

Meeting Location: Huron County Board of DD, 306 S. Norwalk Road W., Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Aktion Club

Contact Person: Pat Gates, Advisor

Phone: 419-668-8840, Ext. 1403

Email: p.gates@hurond.org

Meeting Location: Huron County Board of DD, 306 S. Norwalk Road W., Norwalk, Ohio 44857

★ Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

★ **Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)**

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

Jackson County

★ **Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group**

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Jefferson County

Jefferson County People First

Contact Person: Tammy Cain, SSA

Phone: 740-266-4291, Ext. 2119

Email: tcain@jcbdd.com

★ **Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center**

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Teen Transitional Group

Contact Person: Tammy Cain, SSA

Phone: 740-266-4291, Ext. 2119

Email: tcain@jcbdd.com

Meeting Location: School of Bright Promise, 256 John Scott Highway, Steubenville, Ohio 43952

Other Notes: Meetings held at 1:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month.

Knox County

★ **Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)**

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

Involvement, Community, Advocacy and Networking Too (ICAN2)

Address: Knox County Board of DD, 11700 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Phone: 740-397-4656

Knox County Aktion Club

Contact Person: Jeanette Carpenter

Phone: 740-397-4475

Email: jcarpenter@knoxdd.com

Meeting Location: 11700 Upper Gilchrist Road, Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

Other Notes: Meetings held monthly.

Lake County

★ **Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)**

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

★ **Services for Independent Living (SIL)**

Serves: Cuyahoga, Geauga and Lake counties

Website: sil-oh.org

Contact Person 1: India Jones, Community Services Manager

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 319 (Office) or 216-389-1190 (Mobile)

Email: ijones@sil-oh.org

Contact Person 2: Shannon Monyak, Executive Director

Phone: 216-731-1529, Ext. 301 (Office) or 216-389-0014 (Mobile)

Email: smonyak@sil-oh.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to noon on the third Friday of each month. Check website for up-to-date information.

Lawrence County

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Licking County

★ Center for Disability Empowerment

Serves: Delaware, Franklin, Licking and Union counties

Website: disabilityempowerment.net

Contact Person: Sue Hetrick

Phone: 614-575-8055 or 866-575-8055 (toll free)

Email: hetrick.cde@gmail.com

Kiwanis Aktion Club

Contact Person: David McManus, Provider Support Coordinator

Phone: 740-349-6588

Email: david.mcmanus@lcountydd.org

Meeting Location: Licking County Board of DD, 116 N. 22nd St., Newark, Ohio 43056

Team SWAG (Self-Worth Advocacy Group)

Contact: PALS Chrysalis Health

Website: palschrysalishealth.com/self-advocacy

Address: 585 Industrial Parkway, Heath, Ohio 43056

Phone: 740-249-1686

Logan County

Advocacy in All Things!

Contact Person 1: Kelli Bader

Phone: 937-292-3086

Email: kbader@logancbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Rose Canter

Phone: 937-651-6308

Email: rcanter@logancbdd.org

Contact Person 3: Lisa Davidson

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★ Regional Self-Advocacy Group

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Lorain County

★ Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

Murray Ridge Speaks Up!

Contact Person: Terri Camp Borgsteadt, Advisor

Phone: 440-774-7400

Email: tcamp@murrayridgecenter.org

Meeting Location: Oberlin Opportunity/Vocational Center, 285 Artino St., Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Lucas County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

Autism Society of Northwest Ohio

Address: 7140 Port Sylvania Drive, Toledo, Ohio 43617

Website: asno.org

Contact Person: Kate Schwartz, Executive Director

Phone: 419-490-0111

Email: executivedirector@asno.org

Capabilities - Toledo Office

Address: 5241 Southwyck Blvd., Suite 108A, Toledo, Ohio 43614

Phone: 419-867-8367

Email: toledo@capabilitiesinc.biz

Community Advocates for Transportation Rights (CATR)

Website: facebook.com/Toledoareatransportationrights

Contact Person: Vera Mendoza

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: vmendoza@abilitycenter.org

Ohio Olmstead Task Force

Website: ohioolmstead.com

Contact Person 1: Katie Shelley, Chair

Email: kshelley@abilitycenter.org

Contact Person 2: Renee Wood, Vice Chair

Email: babydoe8@aol.com

Other Notes: Meetings held from 1 to 4 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Check website for more information.

People First of Toledo

Website: peoplefirstohio.org/lucas-county.html

Contact Person 1: Kelly Nester, Facilitator

Phone: 419-875-6828

Email: kellyj@ccsohio.org

Contact Person 2: JoRita Fox, Advisor

Phone: 419-882-0941

Email: jrf8052@bex.net

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 6 to 8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

Mahoning County

★ Western Reserve Independent Living Center (WRILC)

Serves: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties

Address: 4076 Youngstown Road SE, Suite 203, Warren, Ohio 44484

Website: wrilc.org

Contact Person: Pam Davies

Phone: 330-372-3325, Ext. 102 or 330-373-1825

Email: pjd@wrilc.org

Marion County

Self-Advocates and Marion County Aktion Club

Contact Person: Tabitha Butcher, Community Program Manager

Phone: 740-375-6185

Email: tbutcher@marioncountydd.org

Meeting Location: Marion County Board of DD, 2387 Hardin Highway East, Marion, Ohio 43302

Medina County

Aktion Club of Medina County

Contact Person 1: Paula Majoros

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 270

Email: paulam@mcbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Christine Merriman

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 172

Email: christinem@mcbdd.org

Contact Person 3: John Krebs

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 285

Email: jkrebs@mcbdd.org

Meeting Location: Medina County Board of DD, 4691 Windfall Road, Medina, Ohio 44256

★ Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP)

Serves: Cuyahoga, Erie, Geauga, Huron, Lake, Lorain and Medina counties

Address: 2545 Lorain Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Website: leapinfo.org

Contact Person: Melanie Hogan, Executive Director

Phone: 216-696-2716

Video/TTY: 216-696-8331

Email: mhogan@leapinfo.org

Medina County Board of DD Self-Advocacy Speakers Bureau

Website: mcbdd.org/self-advocacy

Contact Person: Michelle Fortney

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 232

Email: mfortney@mcbdd.org

Meeting Location: Medina County Board of DD, 4691 Windfall Road., Medina, Ohio 44256

Medina County Self-Advocates

Website: mcbdd.org/self-advocacy

Contact Person 1: Courtney Jordan

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 130

Email: courtneyj@mcbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Michelle Fortney

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 232

Email: mfortney@mcbdd.org

Meeting Location: Medina County Board of DD, 4691 Windfall Road., Medina, Ohio 44256

People Together of Medina County

Website: shc-medina.org/people-together

Contact Person 1: Michelle Fortney

Phone: 330-725-7751, Ext. 232

Email: mfortney@mcbdd.org

Contact Person 2: Alicia Pizon

Phone: 330-722-1900

Email: aliciapizon82@gmail.com

Meeting Location: The Society, 4283 Paradise Road, Seville, Ohio 44273

Miami County

Adventures in Advocacy

Website: riversidedd.org/self-advocacy

Contact Person: Krista Smith, Advisor

Phone: 937-310-3260

Email: krista.smith@riversidedd.org

Meeting Location: Riverside Miami County Board of DD, 1625 Troy Sidney Road, Troy, Ohio 45373

Capabilities - Piqua Office

Address: 8620 North County Road 25A, Suite 105, Piqua, Ohio 45356

Phone: 937-615-6336

Email: piqua@capabilitiesinc.biz

★ Regional Self-Advocacy Group

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Monroe County

Monroe Teamwork

Contact Person: Misty Morrison

Phone: 740-567-3516

Email: mistymorrison@gmail.com

Montgomery County

★ Access Center for Independent Living

Serves: Clark, Greene, Montgomery and Preble counties

Address: 907 W. Fifth St., Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Phone: 937-341-5202

Website: acils.com

Email: info@acils.com

Capabilities - Dayton Office

Address: 1343 Woodman Dr., Dayton, Ohio 45432

Phone: 937-223-8004

Email: dayton@capabilitiesinc.biz

Echoing U

Address: 370 West First St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Phone: 937-716-1313

Website: ehvi.org/education/echoingu-of-miami-valley

Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley

Address: 660 South Main St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Contact Person: Allison Underwood, Director of Community Support Services

Phone: 937-461-4800

Email: a.underwood@gesmv.org

Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley - Miracle Clubhouse

Purpose: *A vital community for growth, hope and opportunity for people recovering from mental illness in the Dayton area*

Address: 243 Warren St., Dayton, Ohio 45402

Website: gesmv.org/community-programs/behavioral-health/miracle-clubhouse

Email: miracleclubhouse@gesmv.org

Contact Person 1: Kathy Trick, Clubhouse Coordinator

Phone: 937-262-7983

Email: k.trick@gesmv.org

Contact Person 2: Dawn Cooksey, Behavioral Health Manager

Phone: 937-528-6310

Email: d.cooksey@gesmv.org

Greenemont Optimists

Purpose: *The nation's first fully inclusive Optimist Club, undertaking community service projects to make the future brighter*

Contact Person: Tammy Brooks

Phone: 937-918-2131

Email 1: tbrooks@mcbdds.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online twice a month.

Support and Family Education (SAFE) - Dayton VA Medical Center

Website: dayton.va.gov/services/Family_Services_Program.asp

Phone: 937-68-6511, Ext. 5457 or Ext. 1593

United Rehabilitation Services

Address: 4710 Old Troy Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45424

Website: ursdayton.org/

Contact Person: Dennis Grant, Executive Director

Phone: 937-233-1230

Email: dgrant@ursdayton.org

Voices Matter

Blog: voicesmatterblog.wordpress.com

Website: mcbdds.org/443/MCBDDS-Advocacy-Groups

Contact Person: Tammy Brooks

Phone: 937-918-2131

Email 1: tbrooks@mcbdds.org

Email 2: voicesmatter@mcbdds.org

Other Notes: Meetings held weekly online.

Morgan County

MoCo Stand Up Speak Up

Contact Person: Cheryl Hanson, Advisor

Phone: 740-962-4200

Email: hanson@morgandd.org

Morrow County

★ Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

People First of Morrow County

Website: morrowdd.com/self-advocacy

Contact Person: Sandi Williamson

Phone: 419-947-9222, Ext. 220

Email: swilliamson@morrowdd.com

Meeting Location: Morrow County Board of DD Lunch Room, 406 Bank St., Mount Gilead, Ohio 43338

Muskingum County

People First of Muskingum County

Website: muskingumdd.org/SelfAdvocacy-PeopleFirst.aspx

Contact Person 1: Missy Hartley, Advisor

Email: mhartley@muskingumdd.org

Contact Person 2: Sandy Drenten, Advisor

Email: sdrenten@muskingumdd.org

Meeting Location: Muskingum County Board of DD, 1304 Newark Road., Zanesville, Ohio 43701

Ottawa County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

The Arc of Ottawa County

Contact Person: Bobbi Beck

Phone: 419-707-2074

Email: bbeck@ocbdd.org

Self-Advocates Saying Something Yeah! (SASSY)

Contact Person: Julia Sims

Phone: 419-898-0400

Email: jsims@ocbcc.org

Other Notes: Meetings held at 5 p.m. on the last Tuesday of each month. Zoom attendance available.

Paulding County

Golden Road to Success

Contact Person: Jessica Reinhart, Community Connections Coordinator/SSA

Phone: 419-399-4800, Ext. 8307

Email: jreinhart@pauldingdd.com

Meeting Location: Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, Ohio 45879

Other Notes: Meetings held from 5 to 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Pickaway County

Capabilities - Circleville Office

Address: 24759 U.S. Highway 23 South, Circleville, Ohio 43113

Phone: 740-500-6129

Email: circleville@capabilitiesinc.biz

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Pike County

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Portage County

★ **Tri-County Independent Living Center Inc. (TCILC)**

Serves: Portage, Stark and Summit counties

Address: 520 S. Main St., Suite 2501, Akron, OH 44311

Website: tcilc.org

Contact Person: John Ballard, Executive Director

Phone: 330-762-0007

Email: jballard@ohio.net

Preble County

★ **Access Center for Independent Living**

Serves: Clark, Greene, Montgomery and Preble counties

Address: 907 W. Fifth St., Suite 100, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Phone: 937-341-5202

Website: acils.com

Email: info@acils.com

★ **Regional Self-Advocacy Group**

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Putnam County

People First of Putnam County

Website: putnamcountydd.com/people-first

Contact Person 1: Christine Leathem

Phone: 419-523-0118

Email: cleathempcdd@bright.net

Contact Person 2: Morgan McPheron

Phone: 419-969-1014

Email: mschimpfpccdd@bright.net

Meeting Location: Putnam County Board of DD, 124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, Ohio 45875

Richland County

Aktion Club of Richland County

Contact Person 1: Troy Smith

Phone: 419-774-4215

Email: tsmith@rnewhope.org,

Contact Person 2: Monica Bailey

Email: mbailey@rnewhope.org

★ Independent Living Center of North Central Ohio (ILCNCO)

Serves: Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow and Richland counties

Address: 2230 Village Mall Dr., Suite 200, Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Website: ilcnco.org

Contact Person: Pam Drake, Director

Phone: 419-526-6770

Email: pdrake@ilcnco.org

People First of Richland County

Contact Person 1: Troy Smith

Phone: 419-774-4215

Email: tsmith@rnewhope.org,

Contact Person 2: Monica Bailey

Email: mbailey@rnewhope.org

Ross County

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Sandusky County

Capabilities - Fremont Office

Address: 1119 E. State St., Fremont, Ohio 43420

Phone: 567-280-4372

Email: fremont@capabilitiesinc.biz

Sandusky County People First Chapter

Website: scbdd.org/services/adult-services-age-18-over/self-advocacy

Contact Person: Ed McClain

Phone: 419-332-9296, Ext. 119

Email: emcclain@scbdd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every other Wednesday. Contact Ed for more information.

Scioto County

Capabilities - Wheelersburg Office

Address: 9072 Ohio River Road, Wheelersburg, Ohio 45694

Phone: 740-529-1967

Email: wheelersburg@capabilitiesinc.biz

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Seneca County

Aktion Club of Seneca County

Contact Person: Marta Mohr

Phone: 419-447-7521, Ext. 1133

Email: mmohr@senecadd.org

Individuals for Unity

Purpose: *To plan and host the annual Unity Conference, which provides an educational, social and recreational experience for persons with disabilities*

Contact Person: Marta Mohr

Phone: 419-447-7521, Ext. 1133

Email: mmohr@senecadd.org

Meeting Location: Seneca County Board of DD, 780 E. County Road 20, Tiffin, Ohio 44883

Shelby County

Aktion Club of Shelby County

Contact Person: Jessica Guillozet

Phone: 937-658-6825

Email: jguillozet@shelbydd.org

Meeting Location: Shelby County Board of DD, 1200 S. Children's Home Road, Sidney, Ohio 45365

★ Regional Self-Advocacy Group

Purpose: *Speaking up for yourself, skills building and speakers*

Serves: Auglaize, Champaign, Darke, Logan, Miami, Preble and Shelby counties

Contact Person: Julie Herbst, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 419-629-2419

Email: jherbst@auglaizedd.org

Other Notes: Meetings are currently held online on the fourth Tuesday of each month. In-person meetings, when they are held, typically rotate between the seven counties.

Stark County

People First of Stark County

Contact Person 1: Bob Young

Email: youngb@starkdd.org

Contact Person 2: Laura Mease

Email: measel@starkdd.org

Meeting Location: Stark County Board of DD, 2950 Whipple Ave., Canton, Ohio 4470

★ **Tri-County Independent Living Center Inc. (TCILC)**

Serves: Portage, Stark and Summit counties

Address: 520 S. Main St., Suite 2501, Akron, Ohio 44311

Website: tcilc.org

Contact Person: John Ballard, Executive Director

Phone: 330-762-0007

Email: jballard@ohio.net

Summit County

Autism Society of Greater Akron - Social Club for Adults with ASD

Website: autismakron.org/index.php/asdclub-adults

Contact Person: Wendy Cline, Support Specialist

Phone: 330-940-1441, Ext 1

Email: wendy@autismakron.org

Other Notes: Club meets online at 7 p.m. every Wednesday. No meetings held over the summer. Registration available at autismakron.org/index.php/component/rsform/form/98-social-club-for-adults-with-asd.

★ **Tri-County Independent Living Center Inc. (TCILC)**

Serves: Portage, Stark and Summit counties

Address: 520 S. Main St., Suite 2501, Akron, OH 44311

Website: tcilc.org

Contact Person: John Ballard, Executive Director

Phone: 330-762-0007

Email: jballard@ohio.net

Trumbull County

★ Western Reserve Independent Living Center (WRILC)

Serves: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull counties

Address: 4076 Youngstown Road SE, Suite 203, Warren, Ohio 44484

Website: wrilc.org

Contact Person: Pam Davies

Phone: 330-372-3325, Ext. 102 or 330-373-1825

Email: pjd@wrilc.org

Tuscarawas County

★ Society for Equal Access (SEA) Independent Living Center

Serves: Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson and Tuscarawas counties

Address: 1458 5th St. NW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Website: seailc.org

Contact Person: Kevin Hannahs

Phone: 330-343-9292, Ext. 221 or 888-213-4452 (toll free)

Video/TTY: 330-602-2557

Email: khannahs@seailc.org

Tuscarawas County Advocates Council (TCAC)

Purpose: *Building skills to support independent living and lifestyles with an emphasis on topics of interest*

Contact Person: Chris Sapp, Community Connections Specialist

Phone: 330-339-9769

Email: csapp@tusbdd.org

Meeting Location: Tuscarawas County Board of DD, 610 Commercial Ave. SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

Other Notes: Meetings held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

Union County

Capabilities - Marysville Office

Address: 840 E. 5th St., Marysville, Ohio 43040

Phone: 419-778-7333

Email: marysville@capabilitiesinc.biz

★ Center for Disability Empowerment

Serves: Delaware, Franklin, Licking and Union counties

Website: disabilityempowerment.net

Contact Person: Sue Hetrick

Phone: 614-575-8055 or 866-575-8055 (toll free)

Email: hetrick.cde@gmail.com

Van Wert County

Van Wert County Self-Advocacy

Website: facebook.com/2019Speakup

Contact Person: William Thomas

Phone: 740-339-0156

Email: william60652@gmail.com

Vinton County

★ Southern Ohio Regional Advocacy Group

Serves: Adams, Athens, Brown, Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton counties

Website: socog.org/staff-board/advocacy-group.html

Contact Person 1: Courtney Davis

Email: cdavis@socog.org

Phone: 740-273-1219

Contact Person 2: Travis Dresbach

Phone: 740-477-3353

Email: tdresbach@pickawaydd.org

Other Notes: Meetings held online from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. Find more information on the website.

Warren County

★ Center for Independent Living Options (CILO)

Purpose: *To work with our consumers for the purpose of independent living and advocacy*

Serves: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Highland and Warren counties

Address: 2031 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Website: cilo.net

Contact Person 1: Beth Baylock

Phone: 513-241-2600

Video/TTY: 513-241-7170

Email: bbaylock@cilo.net

Contact Person 2: Rob Festenstein

Phone: 513-241-2600

Email: rfestenstein@cilo.net

Other Notes: Meetings held quarterly. Zoom attendance available.

Voices Speaking Out

Website: facebook.com/voices.speaking

Contact Person 1: Rachel Rice

Phone: 513-401-4017

Email: rachel.rice@warrencountydd.org

Contact Person 2: Ellen Hudson

Phone: 513-806-3778

Email: ellen.hudson@warrencountydd.org

Meeting Location: Warren C. Young Center, 801 Drake Road. Lebanon, Ohio 45036

Other Notes: Meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Washington County

People First of Washington County

Contact Person 1: Rachelle Flesher, Advisor

Phone: 740-373-3418

Email: rflesher@wascoinc.org

Contact Person 2: Susan E. Tilton, Superintendent WBCDD

Phone: 740-373-3781, Ext. 20

Email: setilton@wcbdd.org

Williams County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

Voices of the People

Purpose: *Volunteerism, skill building, facilitating community connections and engaging in social interactions*

Website: wmscodd.org/voicesofthepeople

Contact Person: Joan Miller

Phone: 419-485-8331, Ext. 2116

Email: jmiller@wmsco.org

Other Notes: Meetings held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Zoom attendance is available.

Wood County

★ The Ability Center

Serves: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Ottawa, Williams and Wood counties

Address: 5605 Monroe St., Sylvania, Ohio 43560

Website: abilitycenter.org

Contact Person: Tim Harrington, Executive Director

Phone: 419-885-5733

Email: abilitycenter.org/contact-us

Aktion Club of Wood County

Contact Person: Rhonda Kendall

Phone: 419-352-5115, Ext. 0310

Email: rkendall@woodcountydd.org

Meeting Location: Wood County Board of DD, 1921 E. Gypsy Lane Road., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Other Notes: Meetings held from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

People First of Wood County

Contact Person 1: Emily Dunipace

Phone: 419-352-5115, Ext. 0044

Email: edunipace@woodcountydd.org

Contact Person 2: Mollie Tyrrell, Communications Coordinator

Phone: 419-352-5115

Email: mtyrrell@woodcountydd.org

Meeting Location: Wood County Board of DD, 1921 E. Gypsy Lane Road., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Other Notes: Meetings held from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Zoom attendance available.

Venturing Crew 352

Purpose: A co-ed branch of the Boy Scouts of America for people served by the Wood County Board of DD. Venturing emphasizes four main areas: adventure, leadership, personal growth and service.

Contact Person 1: Jen Cosgrove, Co-Advisor

Phone: 419-352-5115

Email: recreation@woodcountydd.org

Contact Person 2: Greg Matheny, Co-Advisor

Meeting Location: Wood County Board of DD, 1921 E. Gypsy Lane Road., Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Wyandot County

The Voice of Wyandot County

Website: angeline.com/adult-services-2

Contact Person: Lyneen Reinschell

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Email: reinschell@angeline.com

Meeting Location: Wyandot County Board of DD, 11028 County Highway 44, Upper Sandusky, Ohio 43351



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