Our mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community.

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Adult Services Site Phone
Manager Phone
Supervisor Phone
Habilitation Supervisor Phone
Support Administrator Phone

Driver Route Number
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Transportation/Emergency After Hours (216) 904-2375
Regional Travel Coordinator-East (216) 904-0227
Regional Travel Coordinator-West (216) 407-2718
Regional Travel Coordinator-Downtown (216) 559-8068
Community Travel Program (216) 870-0435
Michael A. Donzella Administration Building (216) 241-6230
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1129
Emergency After-Hours Number (216) 694-7077
Support Administration (West) (216) 362-6450
Support Administration (East) (216) 761-3353
Ohio Department of DD (800) 617-6733

MUI Hotline (Call 24/7 to report a Major Unusual Incident) (440) 333-6841

QUICK CONTACTS for the Cuyahoga County Board of DD

General Information (216) 241-8230
Getting Started (intake and eligibility) (216) 736-2673
Emergencies after hours (216) 694-7077
Employment & Community Alternatives (216) 736-4518
Family Supports Program (216) 736-2947
Report a Major Unusual Incident (MUI) (440) 333-6841
Services for Children (birth to age 22) (216) 736-2629
Support Administration (216) 736-2673
Transportation (216) 881-4333

Additional phone numbers for specific services can be found throughout the document within their corresponding section.

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GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS

**DD** (developmental disability) refers to a broad group of conditions which are due to mental or physical impairments that begin before an individual reaches adulthood and cause people living with them in difficult situations in various aspects of life, such as language, mobility, and learning.

Developmental disabilities occur among all socioeconomic groups and races and include cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, intellectual disability, and related disabling conditions.

**IDEA** (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) is the federal act which assures that all children in need of special education and related services receive a free, appropriate public education designed to meet their individual needs. IDEA covers children between birth and 21 years of age.

**IEP** is the individualized education program. It is a written statement developed by the student, his/her parents, and school district staff. It specifies the child’s educational goals, what special education and related services will be provided and how they will be provided.

**ISP** is the individualized family service plan. It describes a planning process between families and professionals that result in the identification of outcomes for children under the age of three. Each plan contains the child’s current level of development, the family’s concerns, priorities, and resources, services to be provided, the duration of those services, and the person responsible for implementing the plan.

**ISP** is the individual service plan. It is a formal document that outlines the services, supports, and goals that meet the individual’s desired outcomes and needs.

**Person-Centered Planning (PCP)** is a process of gathering information for planning that starts with listening to the individual and their family to learn what is important to them and their desired outcomes. It focuses on empowering and supporting the individual to have a valued life in the community while ensuring health and safety. It identifies services and supports that ensure the individuals have control in life, work toward their desired outcomes and enable community participation and health and safety.

Additional terms can be found at www.dodd.ohio.gov/Glossary/Pages/default.aspx

COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

AAC - Adult Activities Center
BAAC - Beachwood Adult Activities Center
BCC - Big Creek Center
BCIS - Behavior & Curriculum Intervention Specialist
BDLS - Basic Daily Living Skills
BrAAC - Brooklyn Adult Activities Center
CCBDD - Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
CMS - Community and Medicaid Services
DODD - Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
IDEA - Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
EAAC - Euclid Adult Activities Center
EI - Early Intervention
ECA - Employment & Community Alternatives
ECAC - East Cleveland Adult Activities Center
FHC - Forest Hill Center
GRSC - Green Road Services Center
HCS - Home and Community Based Services
IEP - Individualized Education Program
IFSP - Individualized Family Service Plan
ISP - Individual Service Plan
MDA - Michael A. Donzella Administration Building
MHAAAC - Maple Heights Adult Activities Center
MUI - Major Unusual Incident
NEON - North East Ohio Network
NMT - Non-medical Transportation
PAAC - Parma Adult Activities Center
PCP - Person Centered Planning
PSP - Primary Service Provider
RRAAC - Rocky River Adult Activities Center
SA - Support Administrator
SWAAC - Southwest Adult Activities Center
SSI - Supplemental Security Income
WPDSC - William Patrick Day Services Center
Eligibility for County Boards of Developmental Disabilities' Services in Ohio

CCBDD provides support and services to people with developmental disabilities of all ages. We plan services based on the needs and goals of each person. We call this person-centered planning. Support and services can be provided in the home, school, workplace and other places in the community. We will work closely with you to help you live a meaningful life.

The chart on the right outlines eligibility criteria by age and what steps to take to begin the eligibility process. Once you reach out to us, a specialist will contact you and guide you through each step of the process.

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Medical Requirements for Enrollment

Immunizations

Early Intervention (0-3 years)
- Children participating in the Early Intervention program shall have received immunizations that meet the current immunization recommendations for their age according to the ODH guidelines.
- Contact Nursing for further information on immunizations for specific age groups.

A child may be admitted if he/she is “in process of being immunized” according to the Ohio Revised Code definition to meet the state minimum requirements. Contact Nursing for further information.

Exceptions: Exceptions to the enforcement of this policy shall be made only in cases where medical contra-indication is present in a statement written by a physician or where contra-indication is presented stating the objection(s) to immunization (including religious convictions) given by the parent or guardian. Exemption forms are available from CCBDD or the local health department. For further information, contact Nursing at (216) 241-8230.

Adults
- A tuberculin skin test (TST) dated within one year of the date of admission unless the individual has had a positive tuberculin skin test at any time in the past. If an individual has had a positive tuberculin skin test in the past, the admission requirement is a chest x-ray result dated within one year of admission and a CCBDD TB risk assessment and a TB skin test and symptoms assessment completed at the time of admission by a CCBDD nurse. Contact Nursing for further information.
- Adult immunizations recommended: A tetanus booster (tetanus, tetanus-diphtheria (Td) or tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (Tdap) within 10 years, annual influenza vaccine and other vaccines as a healthcare provider recommends.

Admission Physicals

Exemptions:
- A current medical examination

Admissions:
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Emergency Medical Authorization Form

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EARLY INTERVENTION

The early childhood program has undergone a transformation to an evidence-based early intervention approach that was officially launched in September, 2012. Both research and federal Part C law, from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), support the concept that services for children in early intervention should be delivered in natural environments and during everyday routines. Using this as a basis for intervention, the approach depends on three components also based in the research: teaching, the use of a primary service provider (PSP) and coaching as a strategy for early intervention.

In partnership with Bright Beginnings (formerly Help Me Grow), eight core teams were developed to serve regions. Each team has the responsibility of a CCBDD developmental and mental specialist, speech-language pathologist, occupational therapist, physical therapist, and a Bright Beginnings service coordinator. Through central intake at Bright Beginnings, children are assigned to a service coordinator and team according to the zip code where they live. Members of the team include the service coordinator, an educational and assessment team to determine if the child is eligible for IDEA Part C early intervention services and to identify any services that may be needed. Following determination, the team (which includes the family) identifies the most appropriate member to serve as the family’s PSP and their Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP’s) developed.

A family’s IFSP contains the outcomes they achieve to help their child and the strategies that will get them there. The outcomes on the IFSP are the family’s voice. They are written to be functional and are routine-oriented, such as meal time, play time, novel bed/bath time, etc. The PSP works with the family and other specialists to support these outcomes in the places and times that make the most sense for the family.

The PSP is the team member who most appropriately matches the needs of the child and family. Rather than having professionals work closely with families in various clinical settings, this approach focuses on a primary individual working intensively in the home or other natural environment as a coach to support the family’s ability to be their child’s most important teacher. Family members and the PSP will develop strategies together to enhance their child’s development in the areas that matter most to the family.

The PSP not only has knowledge and experience from his or her specific discipline (e.g. speech therapist) but has a global understanding of child development and uses this background to address the needs of the child and family. The PSP will also draw upon the expertise of team members to assist in working with the family. The teams meet weekly to discuss the families they are serving and use coaching and consultation with each other to support their work with families. At times, other team members may accompany the PSP on joint home visits when more specific assistance from another discipline is needed.

For more information on Early Intervention, call the general manager of assistive technology and children’s services at (216) 736-2829.

Procedural Safeguards and Due Process

Families with children eligible for IDEAPart C have many rights in the Early Intervention system. These rights and safeguards are established under federal law and presented at the Initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting in the form of a Parents Rights brochure created by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Parents’ rights are reviewed regularly with each family by their Bright Beginnings service coordinator at their IFSP meetings or more frequently if needed. Families with children eligible for IDEA Part C early intervention receiving services from CCBDD have many avenues to resolve concerns or file a complaint.

A family with a child enrolled in CCBDD Early Intervention wishing to file a complaint may choose to contact Bright Beginnings, the Ohio Department Developmental Disabilities or use CCBDD’s informal complaint process. Each process will resolve the complaint within 30 days of filing. To file a complaint, families may contact their service coordinator, supervisor or contact Bright Beginnings directly at (216) 698-7500.

To file a complaint, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities by phone, call (614) 644-7580 or mail the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities/Early Intervention Program at 250 Kingsbridge Tower, 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215 or email Nathan Dedino, Ohio Part C Coordinator and Early Intervention Program Administrator at nathan.dedino@devdod.ohio.gov.

Please refer to the Parents Rights in Early Intervention brochure given to you by your service coordinator for specific information regarding rights and procedural safeguards afforded to you and your child.

EMPLOYMENT & COMMUNITY ALTERNATIVES

CCBDD provides and supports a range of services for adults with disabilities. CCBDD works with individuals in a team approach to determine their desired personal and employment outcomes and to identify the most appropriate service provider to achieve those outcomes. Services are provided towards achieving the most community integrated outcomes possible for each individual whether services are via a community or community support. Employment Services focus on skills needed to gain employment and work-related skills via piecework and classes/workshops.

ADULT SERVICES

Individuals receiving Vocational Habilitation Services have the opportunity to work and gain skills for successful community employment. Individuals on the path towards community employment have the opportunity to gain stamina and work-related skills via piecework and classes/workshops in the community—all of which support the expressed goal of community employment.

For those individuals not yet interested in community employment, Adult Day Support Services are offered. Towards this goal, services and supports include providing daily living skills, personal care, community and safety awareness training and independent living skills. Services are provided in a community setting. Activities are provided within facility-based settings via long-standing relationships with vendors and volunteers who expose individuals to activities such as arts and crafts, music therapy and cooking/baking. More and more services are being provided via integrated programs that allow individuals the experience of interacting with others outside their service context. These integrated community settings may include the school district or local businesses in the community. Services include assessment, training and supports to help individuals explore supports and options that make the most sense for the family. These community settings may include the school district or local businesses in the community. Services include assessment, training and supports to help individuals explore supports and options that make the most sense for the family.

If you would like additional information about any of these services, please call the general manager of assistive technology and children’s services at (216) 736-2829.

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Other Important Tips

Professional services such as occupational and physical therapists, behavioral health, speech/language therapy and nursing (direct or by consult) are available for all individuals in adult activities and employment services.

CCBDD coordinates different options for transportation. These options can also be used for all individuals for transportation needs. Proactive transportation professionals also provide travel training to individuals to strengthen their independence and access to RTA and other transportation services.

Individuals who are enrolled in CCBDD vocational habilitation services or supported employment services programs are employees of SAW, Inc. and are paid either at a piece-rate or hourly rate. Mandated by the Department of Labor, these rates are re-assessed every six months and may result in changes in paychecks. A trainer manual published by SAW, Inc. is provided upon enrollment in these two programs as well as upon request from the manager of SAW, Inc.

In case of emergencies, please be advised:
1. CCBDD supported sites will typically remain open regardless of weather conditions. However every individual, family or caregiver should consider for themselves whether to come to the site.
2. If an individual is a SAW, Inc. supported site and he/she is expected to call prior to the start of the day and indicate the nature of the absence – sick, vacation, etc. If physician services were needed during the absence, the individual needs to bring ‘return to work’ documentation. Extended non-attendance will be discussed with the individual, family and caregiver and may result in the individual’s disengagement.
3. All families, caregivers and providers are required to provide emergency phone numbers so that if an emergency happens during the course of a day, the appropriate person can be contacted. In some instances, individuals may need to be picked up by said contact person.

PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL-AGE

The department of children’s services provides technical supports and resources to eligible preschool and school age children (age 3-21 years) within community settings. These community settings may include the school district or residence of family or home services. Services include assessment, collaborative consultation, support with intervention, recommendations and in-service training.

Technical support teams include the following specialists:
• Augmentative communication speech/language therapists
• Adapted computer specialists/assistive technology specialists
• Behavior and curriculum intervention specialists (preschool and school-age children)
• Occupational and physical therapists (home modifications and adaptations)
• Vocational rehabilitation counselors

The augmentative communication therapists work with children and families with non-electronic and electronic pieces of technology for individuals who may not use speech as their primary means to communicate. The assistive technology specialists are instructors who support those interested in accessing the computer or technology to enhance independence for leisure, vocational or educational purposes.

The behavior and curriculum intervention specialists are instructors trained in positive behavior programming and in adapting curriculum for individuals attending their local districts or who may have challenges behaviors at home. Occupational and physical therapists are available to assist families in their home when a concern arises over accessibility, mobility or functional skills.

For more information about any of these services, contact the general manager of assistive technology and children’s services at (216) 736-2829.
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

The Assisive Technology Department provides a range of services and supports to help children and adults reach their full potential and participate in community life. Within the department, vocational specialists work as a team to assist people. Specialists help children and adults exercise choices and function more effectively in a variety of environments. These services are provided to individuals in community settings as well as CCBDD day programs.

Assisive Technology services include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, adaptive computer and assistive technology services, augmentative communication services and deaf services.

Requests for services may be made at program sites, at the person's planning meeting or through the support administrator.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE SERVICES

All people, regardless of their abilities, have a basic right to affect, through communication, the conditions of their existence. To this end, speech/language pathologists provide services that help improve communication between individuals and their communication partners.

Speech/language services include assessment, intervention, problem-solving and family/caregiver/staff training.

These services are available to children and adults and may be provided in a variety of settings, including, but not limited to, early intervention, public schools, adult centers, homes and community locations.

For additional information about speech/language services, contact the SLP manager at (216) 736-2920.

SAW, Inc. Board meeting dates are listed on the calendar.

For more information: https://sites.google.com/view/saw-incorporated/home

BEHAVIORAL AND HEALTH SUPPORTS

The Behavioral and Health Supports Department offers a wide range of services with the common goal of helping individuals achieve independence and a safe, healthy and satisfying life at home and in the community. The department is comprised of a group of licensed professional psychologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, forensic liaisons, psychology assistants and other related disciplines.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Behavioral health services center on assessment, consultation and education aimed at helping individuals develop the skills and access supports necessary for healthy, safe and satisfying engagement with their community. While we do not offer psychiatry services, we do seek to coordinate and facilitate access to the appropriate resources.

Individuals are referred for behavioral health services by their support administrator. They are most often referred in order to address behavioral needs which may be threatening their health and safety, may be a source of distress or which may otherwise be preventing the individual from achieving his or her goals in the home or community. In other cases, referrals are to help with planning for an important transition, such as a move to a new home or community. In other cases, referrals are to access interpreters, when applicable, with the individual's community psychiatrist to ensure appropriate care across settings.

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FORENSIC LIAISON SERVICES

The forensic unit supports individuals with developmental disabilities who have become involved with the court system through education, advocacy and the provision of service coordination and community linkage.

Individuals with developmental disabilities who are charged with a crime may seek assistance from the forensic unit. The forensic liaisons in the unit are skilled navigators of the legal system in every municipal court in the county as well as all of the courthouses of the Court of Common Pleas Criminal Division. They assist referred/eligible individuals with a developmental disability on probation to successfully complete their conditions of supervision and comply with all legal requirements.

Additionally, the forensic liaisons are readily available to support those individuals who find themselves in the Cuyahoga County Corrections Center and assist with the challenges of being incarcerated. They are an integral part of this collaborative and multi-disciplinary team at both the county and municipal court levels and provide seamless services between the individual, their family, the court system, CCBDD and community providers.

The forensic liaisons offer trainings to community social service agencies, civic and professional groups, the criminal justice system, and community agencies interested in topics specific to offenders with developmental disabilities.

To receive forensic liaison services, an individual must be either eligible for CCBDD services or non-eligible and on probation by the Court of Common Pleas Adult Probation Department's MH/DD Unit. Assistance can be obtained by calling the supervisor of forensic liaison and behavioral support services at (216) 931-7359.

HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION AND SUPPORTS

Human sexuality supports include sexuality and social skills education, information, training and consultation to adults (18+), their families and community agencies in order to maximize an individual's ability to live, learn, work and play in the community.

Services may also include screening and assessment of sexual knowledge and strategies for responding to sexual behaviors. Referrals can be made through the individual's Support Administrator or the intake department at (216) 736-2873. For those under age 18, we provide consultation to parents and support teams on request.

For additional information, call the human sexuality specialist at (216) 362-3779.

HEALTH SERVICES

The primary focus of CCBDD Nursing is disease prevention and health promotion. CCBDD Nursing provides services and supports to individuals and their caregivers, fosters health and safety, supports individuals' choices and assists individuals to participate in community life.

Direct nursing services include assessment, planning, consultation, delegation, treatment, quality assurance and evaluation of health care services. CCBDD nurses assist with the coordination of routine and specialty health care services for individuals in order to promote and maintain wellness and minimize health complications. Nurses also provide education to individuals and to the community regarding health care and health promotion.

As part of the interdisciplinary team, CCBDD nurses work with other departments to identify key safety concerns and problem solve how to address them. Nurses generate referrals to other health care professionals as needed for treatment/intervention.

For additional information, call the nurses manager at (216) 736-2716.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY AND PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

Occupational therapists and physical therapists promote health and help people sustain the highest possible level of independence. They assist in modifying activities to meet individuals' abilities by adapting the environment and equipment at home, in the community, and in employment settings to maximize potential. The therapists may make recommendations based on individualized assessments in regard to positioning, feeding, and mobility, as well as provide functions for motor, manipulation and sensory skills. Other services/supports include family, caregiver, and staff training.

For children, birth through two years of age, families may access therapists through Early Intervention. Please refer to the Early Intervention section for more information.

For additional information about occupational therapy and physical therapy services contact the OT/PT manager at (216) 736-2520.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The mission of SAW, Inc. to provide employment, career development, and support for persons with developmental disabilities to encourage greater independence and to improve the quality of the individual’s work and personal life.

SAW, Inc. is a 501(C)(3) non-profit established to provide job training for residents of Cuyahoga County with developmental disabilities. Established in 1969 SAW has a long-standing partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide job training and work opportunities within local businesses and at Adult Training Centers located throughout Cuyahoga County. SAW also operates two Just-A-Buck stores that provide job training in a retail environment.

If you are interested in learning more about SAW, Inc., please call (216) 736-2550.

SAW, Inc. Board meeting dates are listed on the calendar.
COMMUNITY & MEDICAID SERVICES

COMMUNITY/RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Community/residential services are provided in a variety of settings. To the extent possible, services and supports are funded by Medicaid. Types of services and supports available include:

- Community Supports: provided to an individual with DD in a community-centered, non-facility-based manner. Individuals select an Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DDOD) certified provider to provide the necessary supports identified in the Individual Service Plan in the setting of his/her choice. No more than four individuals with DD may reside at any one address. Community supports may also be provided to an individual who still lives in his/her family home or in a shared living setting with another family. An individual’s resources help to cover his/her cost of living expenses.

- Facility-Based Programs: consist of DDOD licensed facilities. Services are created to meet unique needs and are often developed in collaboration with other service agencies. An individual’s own resources are applied toward the cost of his/her services.

There is a waiting list for funding for both types of services. An eligible individual for CCBD services should work with his/her support administrator (SA) if in need of residential placement.

For further information about residential services and options, contact the supervisor of residential programs at (216) 931-7995.

FREE CHOICE OF PROVIDER FOR MEDICAID WaIVER SERVICES

CCBD recognizes and supports the right of individuals to choose qualified and willing provider of Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS). Individuals have the right to choose the setting and provider of home and community-based services that best meet his/her needs. CCBD recognizes that the transition process is individualized at the time of redetermination and at any other time the individual/guardian expresses an interest in or makes a request to choose a new, different or additional provider.

SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION

After eligibility for CCBD services has been established, a support administrator may be assigned to each new adult coming to CCBD and to other individuals, age three or older, who have a need for extensive planning. The support administrator will meet with the individual/family to explore and develop services and supports within the individual’s community.

- Support administrators assist individuals and their families to identify and acquire the appropriate services and supports they choose for themselves within the diverse resources available to them. As a support administrator, works with an individual or family; he or she may:
  - Identify issues and concerns of the individual and his or her family.
  - Identify desired outcomes that are important to the individual and family.
  - Identify resources, which an individual may need, in a simple and timely fashion;
  - Provide information;
  - Assist the individual and/or family in determining and directing the supports and dollars needed to reach their specific outcomes;
  - Assist the community in learning more about the unique capabilities of individuals with developmental disabilities;
  - Assist the community to develop the capacity to support individuals with developmental disabilities.

For individuals not enrolled on a waiver, the need for continuing support administration services will be routinely evaluated by a support administrator and the individual/family. Individuals or guardians may request a support administrator be assigned and remain involved in service coordination for the individual.

COMMUNITY HOMES

(Facility-Based Programs, Licensed by DDOD to CCBD)

- Home operated by Blossom Hill, Inc.
  - Center Ridge House
  - Home operated by
  - Grand Manor, Inc.
  - Albion House
  - Home operated by
  - Walton House
  - Home operated by
  - Hattie Larfham Foundation
  - Oak House
  - Home operated by
  - Solomon House
  - Wood House
  - Home operated by
  - Koinonia Homes, Inc.
  - Brooklyn House
  - Independence House
  - Lamarson House
  - Home operated by
  - Lee House
  - Seven Hills House
  - Smith House
  - Home operated by
  - Steams House
  - Van Houman House
  - Home operated by
  - Walls House
  - Home operated by
  - Northeast Care Center, Inc.
  - Bagley House
  - Maple House
  - Home operated by
  - Ridge House
  - Royalton House
  - Sprague House

Homes operated by
- REM Consulting
  - of Ohio
  - Bedford House
  - Monticello House
  - Tall House

Homes operated by
- Rose-Mary Center
  - Cedar House
  - Green House
  - Green House
  - Terrace House
  - Vernon House
  - Worthington House

Homes operated by
- Stonewood
  - Residential Inc.
  - Parma House

Homes operated by
- United Central Palsy Association
  - Edith House
  - Memphis House

Homes operated by
- Welcome House, Inc.
  - Bellbrook House
  - Hilliard House

COMMUNITY & MEDICAID SERVICES

TRANSITION SERVICES

A transition intake navigator supports each transition-age student (age 14 through graduation) to become or remain eligible for CCBD services, provides information and linkages to community resources, answers questions about the transition planning process and connects the student to CCBD services and a support administrator prior to graduation. The transition navigator maintains contact with each student/family.

For additional information, call the manager of employment assessment and planning at (216) 931-7434.

2019 Transition Expo

April 27, 2019
8am - 12pm
Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

FAMILY SUPPORTS

The Family Supports Program helps families in their efforts to care for a family member who has a developmental disability living in his/her family home. By recognizing and assisting families in meeting special needs, family supports help families to maintain family unity, assist individuals in moving toward self-sufficiency and prevent or delay the need for residential placement.

A family’s annual allocation for the Family Supports Program or one of the Medicaid waivers (Level 1, Individualized Community Living (ICF-IID)) is eligible for the Family Supports Program. A transitional intake navigator will contact the family to discuss the options and determine the need for family supports. If the need is determined, a support administrator may be assigned to each family.

For families not enrolled on a waiver, the need for continuing support administration services will be routinely evaluated by a support administrator and the individual/family. Individuals or guardians may request a support administrator be assigned and remain involved in service coordination for the individual.

For questions about the services covered, please visit http://www.cuyahogabdd.org/en-US/Family-Supports-Program.aspx or call NEON at (860) 237-6823, option 2. If you are not enrolled in the Family Support Program, please call the CCBD Intake Department at (216) 736-2873.

CUYAHOGA CAMPSERFIELD PROGRAM

CCBD’s Campsersfield Program helps individuals with the cost of attending summer camp. Any individual who is eligible for CCBD services and who is not enrolled in the Family Supports Program or one of the Medicaid waivers (Level 1, Individualized Community Living (ICF-IID)) is eligible for the camp program. The maximum campership amount is $700 per individual for the camp season.

For questions and to learn more information about the camp program, call our Workforce Specialist, (216) 736-8387, email Campership@CuyahogaBDD.org or visit our website: www.CuyahogaBDD.org.

If you are interested in camp and enrolled in the Family Support Program, contact NEON at 1-800-237-6828.

For more information, please visit the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center’s website and look for the most up-to-date information.

Summer and Beyond 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 16, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Waldorf Astoria Event Center at St. Regis
3301 N 40th Rd, Broadview Heights, OH 44147

Be a part of our 21st Annual Summer and Beyond Fair — an Ohio DD celebration with Disabilities.
Dressers, families and students look forward to this event every year. Make sure you save the date.
Vendor registration information will be available in November.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Important Transportation Phone Numbers

For questions or concerns regarding transportation provided by CCBD:
- Call (216) 881-4333 (6 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Monday-Friday)

For concerns regarding transportation provided by other transportation providers (cabs, vans or provider buses):
- Call (216) 736-2995 (6 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Monday-Friday)

For any transportation concerns that occur at other times or days:
- Call (216) 904-2375

Note: This section pertains to transportation provided directly by the Cuyahoga County Board of DD.

Many people use other transportation providers, often referred to as non-medical transportation or NMT providers (cabs, vans or provider buses). If you use an NMT provider, please refer to their procedures and contact them with your questions. If you have ongoing concerns about your NMT provider, contact the CCBDD transportation department for assistance: 216-736-2995.

Pick-Up Procedures

A CCBDD vehicle can arrive as much as five minutes before or after the scheduled pick-up time. If the vehicle arrives early, the driver is required to wait until the scheduled pick-up time. If the vehicle is consistently late, please contact the transportation office at the number listed above. Give the rider’s name, phone number and other essential information, including the nature of the problem. The complaint or concern will be referred to a supervisor so it can be investigated and resolved in a timely manner.

The CCBD’s Transportation Office does not provide transportation to and from any other bus, including their own or any other provider bus. Some exceptions are made if the bus is not available at the time the rider needs a ride. If the rider fails to arrive in time for a ride, the driver may wait only 15 minutes at the scheduled time. If the rider does not show up, the driver will return to the office and call the rider to determine if the rider was waiting for the ride and if the ride is still needed.

Be sure to be at the ride location on time. The ride will only occur if the rider is present. If the rider is not there, the driver will return to the office and will not transport the rider at the scheduled time.

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Drop-Off Procedures

Drivers must wait until the rider is safely in the residence before departing. If a rider’s plan requires that the rider cannot be left alone, the driver will not leave until he/she confirms that someone is at the residence. There are only two types of situations when the vehicle will leave before the passenger has gone into the residence:

1- If a parent/responsible person comes to the bus door to escort the rider to the house, the driver will leave when the parent/guardian and rider have walked at least 15 feet away from the bus and 15 feet away from the street. However, if a minor comes to the bus to escort the rider to the residence, the driver will wait until both have entered the residence.

2- If it is not possible to see the rider safely enter the residence due to its location (apartment complex, etc.), the driver will note the exact drop off location on the route sheet and will wait until the rider has walked at least 15 feet away from the vehicle and 15 feet away from the street.

Alternate Emergency Drop-off Address

Drivers will not drop off a rider at any alternate address unless this has been authorized by the parent/responsible person. Alternate addresses must be within a reasonable amount of time, place, and thinking about getting your

No Pick-Up Card

Each vehicle will run on the same schedule every day. The driver will make all the stops on the route even if a rider is absent. If a rider is not going to ride the vehicle in the morning, place the yellow No Pick-Up Card in a window visible from the street. To request service, remove the card. Please ask the driver if you need a card. In situations where the card may not be visible from the street, special arrangements can be made by contacting CCBDD transportation (216-881-4333).

"Nobody Home" Policy

If no one is responsible at a rider’s home or alternate address, the rider will be taken to the William Patrick Day Services Center (216-736-3686), 2421 Community College Ave. Cleveland, and remain there until the parent/responsible person or another individual who has been designated in advance comes to pick him/her up. If no one picks up the rider by 6:00 pm, staff will notify the CCBDD After Hours On-Call staff to initiate contact with the caregiver. If no one is home a second time within a six-month period, transportation may be suspended until the parent/guardian meets with the manager of the rider’s service to discuss the problem and make assurance that the problem will not occur again. Failure to be home at drop-off time more than two times in a six-month period may result in the suspension of CCBDD transportation.

Change Request

If you have moved or there is a need to make a change in your transportation, please let staff at the Adult Activities Center know. They will contact the transportation department to discuss your needs.

Emergency Procedures

CCBDD transportation staff will notify you if a route is running more than 20 minutes late.

Closings - If we close any or all Adult Activities Centers (AAC), we use an automated system that calls the homes of individuals enrolled with us with a recorded announcement about the closing. Closings are also listed on WKYC’s Alert and on our website at www.CuyahogaBDD.org, cancellations.com and Facebook. A parent or designated caregiver is responsible for making the decision about an individual’s attendance.

Early Dismissal - If an AAC needs to close before the normal closing hour, the Center’s staff will call parents/guardians. Parents or guardians should be available for early contact on days when severe weather makes an early closing possible. Such closings do not necessarily mean early arrival of vehicles.

AACs must be able to contact parents/guardians in the event of late vehicles, early dismissals or emergencies. The AAC should also have an alternate phone number for someone who knows the rider when a parent or guardian is unable to be reached. Please notify your support administrator or AAC of any changes in emergency phone numbers.

Travel Training and Community Assessment

Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) is able to assist individuals, parents/parent groups, school staff and others with learning how to travel in the community in a safe manner, and to independently use public transportation (buses and rapid transit) and other types of transportation, like walking, biking or using a ridesharing service.

Using nationally-recognized best practices, CCBDD staff offer different travel training options. We can:

- Train and assess students individually
- Train school staff who perform travel training functions
- Provide technical assistance to school and agency staff
- Provide speakers to promote the value of travel training

Safety in the Community Training Videos

- Be sure to check out our 10 short safety videos and related instructional guide:
  - www.youtube.com/CuyahogaBDD
- CCBDD Travel Coordinators are members of the national organization, ATI (Association of Travel Instruction), and have presented at national conferences regarding their training curriculum and program success. If you are interested in any of these options or have questions, please call (216) 736-3680 or email Kuzmickas.Barry@CuyahogaBDD.org.

Could you pass a written driving test?

CCBDD can help!

Are you at least 15½ years of age and thinking about getting your

CCBDD Community Travel Training is offering assistance with studying for the written portion of the state driver’s test.

Training will take place during 1 hour sessions 1x a week at a convenient, community location.

Participants will be given study materials.

For more information, call (216) 736-2650 or email Kuzmickas.Barry@CuyahogaBDD.org.
COMMUNICATION

Communicating well and as often as necessary is a priority of CCBDD. We use many different methods to share information with individuals, families and the general public. These include print materials, telephone, email, videos, social media and in-person conversations/forums. Some of our materials are available in Spanish, and we have bilingual staff available to assist with language translation needs. Please make sure that you keep your contact information up-to-date with us by letting your support admin-istrator (SA) or CCBDD staff member know if you have changes. Please note that in the event of an emergency closing or severe weather, we use the home phone number you have given us to call individuals.

We are striving to support a greener environment and reduce printing costs, so we encourage you to share your email with us. This can be done simply and quickly on our website, www.CuyahogaBDD.org, by clicking on Sign-Up for our E-News, or by calling the public information line at (216) 736-2717.

The following are some of the ways you can connect with us regularly to learn timely and important information on a variety of topics:

- www.facebook.com/CuyahogaBDD
- www.youtube.com/CuyahogaBDD
- Public Information Line (216) 736-2717: Call this number anytime you have questions or wish to share comments.
- Website www.CuyahogaBDD.org

EXPLORE YOUR COMMUNITY

Spending time in the community has many benefits.
- Meet new people
- Learn new skills
- See different places
- Try new things
- Experience activities with others
- Exercise -walk, bike, swim & more
- Enjoy fresh air and being outside
- Improve your health and well-being

Travel training can help you explore the community. CCBDD travel coordinators can help you learn to ride a bus or rapid, use a ride-sharing service (like Uber or Lyft), ride your bike or simply walk to places of interest in your community. They can also teach you safety tips, how to identify street signs or simply walk to places of interest in your community. Travel training can help you explore the community.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

City/Township

Many cities and townships in Cuyahoga County offer transportation services for people with disabilities, including wheelchair accessible vehicles. Visit our website to see specific information on a number to call for each city or township, hours of operation for transportation services, and the cost.


Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)

All RTA buses, trains, trolleys and HealthLine vehicles are ADA-compliant. Major rail stations and passenger facilities are either ADA-compliant or are on a schedule for upgrades. For more information, visit www.ridera.com. RTA Paratransit service is provided to persons who, because of their disabilities, are unable to independently travel on the public transit system. In order to ride these specially-equipped Paratransit vehicles you must fill out an application which includes a medical section for your doctor to complete. For more information or to access the application, call (216) 566-5124 or visit: www.ridera.com/paratransit/certification.

Senior Transportation Connection (STC)

Senior Transportation Connection (STC) is available in Cuyahoga County for residents age 60 or older, or adult residents with disabilities of any age. Many cities use the Senior Transportation Connection for their daily transportation services.

STC Plus

STC Plus is a new service that offers seniors and people with disabilities who live in Cuyahoga County accessible transportation on evenings and weekends to social, recreation or worship destinations. Call (216) 265-1489 or visit www.rideSTC.org, to learn more.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

We believe that all people can access and participate as fully as possible in all aspects of an activity or service in the same way as any other member of the community. Inclusion in the community is one of CCBDD’s guiding principles. We encourage you to explore your community and participate in the many programs and activities available to the public. The following are just a few examples of places and opportunities that strive to include people of all abilities:

- Community recreation centers
- Public libraries
- Theaters/centers for performing arts
- Volunteer opportunities at local non-profit agencies
- Community festivals and celebrations
- Museums
- Cleveland Metroparks and community parks

The Cuyahoga County Board of DD encourages all people to explore their community and experience the many benefits the community has to offer. We’ve created a Community Resource and Transportation Guide to help with this and to share different transportation options. Visit www.cuyahogabdd.org/en-US/Your-Community.aspx for an interactive listing of places in the community and to access the Guide.

COMMUNICATION

All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your site for updates. For additional information, go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org or find us on Facebook.

Tips for parents of young children
- Be creative, don’t be afraid to go out and try something new.
- Take baby steps. The ultimate destination doesn’t have to happen the first trip. Maybe getting in the car is the first hurdle. Tackle things one at a time.
- Research before you go. Learn what they offer or don’t offer so you can be prepared.
- Ask your therapist (EI staff) to come along. We can help make things easier and provide strategies for success.

For ideas, go to www.Cuyahogakids.org.

INCLUSION begins with YOU

Volunteer services

Volunteers are a valued part of our team and play an important role in helping us connect with the community. Individuals who wish to volunteer with us should visit our website, www.CuyahogaBDD.org, and click on “Volunteer,” or call (216) 736-2722 for more information. Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age. Parents or guardians of individuals who assist with CCBDD activities and events are required to complete the volunteer application process.

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ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to be recognized for their talents, abilities and contributions, to help others, and to have a leadership role in developing policies that affect their lives. Participation in these advocacy groups, meetings and trainings is encouraged.

Groups and Meetings

- NE Ohio Regional Meeting: Bi-monthly-RSVP required. Various county locations
- People First: Meets monthly in Cuyahoga County
- Stir One Up Program (SOU): Meets monthly in Cuyahoga County
- Project STIR: Statewide Meetings, quarterly in Columbus-STIR grads only

Synergy Conference: Occurs annually in October. www.synergyohio.org

Training

- Good Life Ambassador Training: Contact Amy Smith
- Project STIR Training: Contact Dana Charlton

GOOD LIFE AMBASSADORS

The Cuyahoga County Board of DD supports Good Life Ambassadors, advocates with developmental disabilities, who educate the community by sharing their stories, inspiring others to celebrate the talents of people and disabilities, advocating for change, and participating in civic opportunities that promote the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all aspects of community life.

Good Life Ambassadors are available to come and speak at your agency, business, meeting, conference, and other opportunities that provide a platform for them to educate, inspire and motivate the community to celebrate and integrate all people. If you are interested in learning how we can connect you with one of our Good Life Ambassadors, please contact our advocacy and community outreach coordinator at (216) 736-2924.

THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH DD

In 1986, the Ohio Legislature passed and Governor Richard F. Celeste signed a Bill of Rights of persons with developmental disabilities. Ohio Revised Code Section 5123.62:

- 1. Be treated nicely at all times and as a person
- 2. Have a clean, safe place to live in and a place to be alone
- 3. Have food that is good for you
- 4. Be able to go, if you want, to any church, temple, mosque
- 5. Be able to go to a doctor or dentist when you are sick
- 6. Be able to have people help you with the way you walk, talk, do things with your hands, act or feel, if you need it
- 7. Be able to have people help and teach you, if you want
- 8. Be able to have time and a place to go to be by yourself
- 9. Be able to call, write letters or talk to anyone you want about anything you want
- 10. Be able to have your own things and be able to use them
- 11. Be able to have men and women as friends
- 12. Be able to join in activities and do things that will help you grow to be the best person you can be
- 13. Be able to work and make money
- 14. Be treated like everyone else
- 15. Not be hit, yelled at, cursed at or called names that hurt you
- 16. Be able to learn new things, make friends, have activities to do and go out in your community
- 17. Be able to tell people what you want and be part of making plans or decisions about your life
- 18. Be able to ask someone you want to help you, let others know how you feel or what you want
- 19. Be able to use your money to pay for things you need and want with help, if you need it
- 20. Be able to say “yes” or “no” before people talk about what you do at work or home or look at your life
- 21. Be able to complain or ask for changes if you don’t like something without being afraid of getting in trouble
- 22. Not be given medicine that you don’t need or held down if you are not hurting yourself or others
- 23. To vote and learn about laws and your community
- 24. To say “yes” or “no” to being part of a study or experiment

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**MDA - CCBDD Board**
Meeting, 5:30pm

**Earth Day**
SAW, Inc. Board Meeting, Ryan Agricultural Center, 7:30am

**Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga Cty.**
Hiring Event, Parma, 12 - 3pm
To register, call (216) 931-7348

**Autism Awareness Month**

**Special Olympic Greater Cleveland Bowling Tournament**
Wickliffe, noon

**National Volunteer Week**
thru 4/13

**SOUP Advocacy Group**
Meeting, 10:30am
Garfield Hts. Library, 5409 Turney Rd., For info or to RSVP, call (216) 736-2722

**All sites closed**

**Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga Cty.**
Meeting Upside of Downs, 10am

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(216) 265-3030

**Rocky River Adult Activities Center**
20120 Detroit Road
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Manager – Laura Cooper
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**Forest Hill Center**
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**Green Road Services Center**
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(216) 861-0250

**Southwest Adult Activities Center**
4720 Hinckley Industrial Parkway
Cleveland, Ohio 44103-6003
Manager – Karen Fifelski
(216) 749-0356

**William Patrick Day Services Center**
2421 Community College Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-3118
(216) 736-2920
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We believe that all people can access and participate as members of the community. Inclusion is one of CCBDD’s guiding principles. We encourage you to explore your community and participate in the same way as any other member of the community.

The Cuyahoga County Board of DD encourages all people with disabilities who live in Cuyahoga County accessible activities and events.

### LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

**Senior Transportation Connection (STC)**

- **STC Plus** is a new service that offers seniors and people with disabilities who live in Cuyahoga County accessible transportation. These facilities are either ADA-compliant or are on a schedule for wheelchair accessible vehicles. Visit our website to see specific information on a number to call for each city or township, hours of operation for transportation services, and the cost.

**Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (RTA)**

- Senior Transportation Connection for their daily transportation which includes a medical section for your doctor to sign.

**www.riderta.com.**

**Senior Transportation Connection (STC)**

- Visit our website, www.stc.org, to learn more.

**Ryan Agricultural Center**

**MDA - CCBDD Board Meeting**

- 5:30pm

**Meeting**

- 5:30pm

**Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga City**

- Meeting New Avenues, 10am

**MDA - CCBDD Board Meeting**

- Ryan Agricultural Center 7:30am

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**Museums**

**Community festivals and celebrations**

**Theaters/centers for performing arts**

**Public libraries**

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- Summer Games, OSU

- thru 6/30

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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- **• senior centers**

### MISCELLANEOUS

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**SPECIAL SERVICES**

Greater independence and to improve the quality of the persons with developmental disabilities; to encourage training, career growth and customized supports for environment.

The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) is a governmental entity that provides services to people with developmental disabilities in the Cuyahoga County with developmental disabilities. Established in health needs.

Support and are consistent with a positively focused, least that is aligned to Ohio’s regulations around behavioral home, job or day program are being served in a manner review and oversight function across the county to behavioral health systems. The department also provides able for some individuals that cannot be met within other a review and oversight function across the county to behavioral health systems. The department also provides a wide range of services with the common goal of helping a variety of settings, including emergency situations, team meetings, typically start with an assessment and then culminate in recommendations for some combination of environmental and the broader community on a variety of behavioral and education aimed at helping individuals develop the liaisons, psychology assistants and other related disciplines.

Department is comprised of a group of licensed clinical a range of services with the common goal of helping individuals develop the liaisons, psychology assistants and other related disciplines.

Behavioral services center on assessment, consultation and evaluation, where applicable, with the individual’s community coordination and community linkage.

Speech/language services include assessment, inter-vention and health promotion. CCBDD Nursing provides speech/language services include assessment, inter-vention and health promotion. CCBDD Nursing provides communication services and deaf services.

Individuals who communicate primarily in American sign language and require a sign language interpreter to access services should utilize the services of a sign language interpreter. An interpreter should be provided at no cost to the individual. Requests for services may be made at program sites, through education, advocacy and the provision of service for children, birth through two years of age, families provide services that help improve communication between two parties who do not share a common language.

To access interpreter services, please contact the phone numbers below.

- (216) 736-2716.
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**RSVP, call (216) 736-2722**

- SAW, Inc. Board Meeting Ryan Agricultural Center 7:30am
- SAW, Inc. Board Meeting TBD 7:30am
- MDA - CCBDD Board Meeting 5:30pm

**Meeting, 5:30pm**

**7:30am**

**Ryan Agricultural Center**

**TBD**

**Board Meeting**
Towards this goal, services and supports include providing Individual employment services and supports to individuals with disabilities. Supports focus on obtaining skills to help achieve valued occupational outcomes, including community employment. Supports for individuals include employment-related tasks such as preparing the individual to work and gain skills for successful work. Individuals receiving Vocational Habilitation Services must meet eligibility requirements and are determined to be capable of working.

In partnership with Bright Beginnings (formerly Help Me to Fly), CCBDD has established a presence in the community. Both programs support individuals through a continuum of services from direct supports to typical supports for adults and children with disabilities. Both programs utilize funding from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

PSP will develop strategies together to enhance their child's environment as a coach to support the family's ability to be involved in every aspect of their children's lives. The PSP team will work with families to develop behavioral plans and strategies that can be implemented at home and school. The PSP team will also work with other caregivers to support these outcomes in the places where they occur.

CCBDD adheres to an Employment First policy in the workforce. CCBDD is committed to increasing the number of people with disabilities employed in the community. The Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County works with local businesses in the community to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County supports its mission and efforts. Meetings are scheduled in partnership with the Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga County.

Down Syndrome Awareness & National Disability Employment Awareness Month

1 Employment Collaborative of Cuyahoga City Meeting WPDSC, 10am. For info, call (216) 931-7348

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11 Staff Inservice Day (AACs closed)

12 Down Syndrome Day

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17 SAW, Inc. Board Meeting Ryan Agricultural Center 7:30am

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21 SAAUP Advocacy Group Meeting, 10:30am Garfield Hts. Library, 5409 Tatum Rd., For info or to RSVP, call (216) 736-2722

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24 MDA - Public Hearing on Programs & Expenditures 5:30pm, CCBDD Board Meeting, 6:30pm

25 October 25 marks County Boards of DD's 52nd Anniversary (In 1967, the Ohio General Assembly established a board of DD in all 88 counties.)

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*All dates and times are subject to change. Please contact your site for updates. For additional information, go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org or find us on Facebook.
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**All sites closed**

**AACs closed**

**Winter begins**

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**Additional terms can be found at www.dodd.ohio.gov/**

-hood and cause people living with them difficulties in certain chronic conditions which are due to mental or physical conditions.

-IEP special education and/or related services receive a free, Developmental disabilities occur among all socioeconomic areas of life, such as language, mobility and learning.

-a planning process between families and professionals is the individualized family service plan. It describes those services and the person responsible for implementing the plan.

-control in life, work toward their desired outcomes and services and supports that ensure the individuals have and supporting the individual to have a valued life in the community. We follow a philosophy of self-determination that outlines the services, supports and goals that meet the individual's desired outcomes and needs. Person-Centered Planning individual's desired outcomes and needs.

-Service Coordination is when people with developmental disabilities, either individually or in groups, speak or act on their behalf. Self Advocacy is a process of assisting individuals with handicaps, no matter how young a person is, and to provide by trained respite providers within the family home day supports, including employment, and advocacy and self-determination. Language), behavior and curriculum support, family resources and respite care, adult and leisure-oriented programs for seniors. They also include support administration and assist those we support using an individualized, person-centered approach.

-TODAY, CCBDD serves more than 12,000 individuals annually across the age span. The services CCBDD provides cover a broad range from early intervention and assist those we support using an individualized, person-centered approach.

-Mission of supporting and empowering people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work and play in the community. We follow a philosophy of self-determination that outlines the services, supports and goals that meet the individual's desired outcomes and needs. Person-Centered Planning individual's desired outcomes and needs.

-The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) was created by the Ohio General Assembly in 1967 along with those in all Ohio counties as a result of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).

-CCBDD operates on an annual budget of approximately $180 million. 63% of that operating revenue comes from a 3.9-mill continuing property tax that passed with or immediate family members of individuals enrolled with CCBDD.

-CCBDD has facilities located throughout the county. There are eight adult activities centers, a seven-member volunteer board directs the operations of CCBDD. Two members are appointed by the presiding judge of the Cuyahoga County Probate Court and on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities awarded the CCBDD a three-year accreditation in 1985 and every three years since.

-DODD continually reviews our programs and services to ensure they meet the needs of Developmental Disabilities (DODD).
### Community Directory

#### Advocacy
- Advocacy and Protective Services (APS)
  - P.O.Box 22897
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44112
  - (216) 378-8030
- The Arc of Greater Cleveland
  - 2421 Community College Ave.
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44115
  - (216) 622-0755

#### Benefits
- Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44115
  - (216) 431-4500
- Food Assistance Information
  - (216) 987-7000
- Social Security Administration
  - 1-800-772-1213

#### Court Agencies
- Cuyahoga County Probate Court
  - 1 West Lakeside Avenue
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44113
  - (216) 443-8785
- Offenders with DD
  - Cuyahoga County Adult Probation
  - Marion Building
  - 1276 West 3rd Street
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44113
  - (216) 443-5515

#### Educational Resources
- Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County
  - 6393 Oak Tree Boulevard South
  - Independence, Ohio 44131
  - (216) 524-3000
- Bright Beginnings (formerly Help Me Grow of Cuyahoga County)
  - 6393 Oak Tree Blvd. Suite 201
  - Independence, Ohio 44113

#### Legal Services
- Legal Aid
  - 1223 West 6th Street
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44113
  - (216) 687-1900
- Disability Rights Ohio
  - 300 Civic Center #300
  - Columbus, Ohio 43215
  - TTY 1 (800) 858-3542

#### Referral Services
- Academy of Medicine - Physicians Referral Service
  - 6100 Oak Tree Blvd. Suite 440
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44131
  - (216) 520-0110
- First Call for Help - United Way Services
  - 1331 Euclid Avenue
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44115
  - (216) 575-0001
- Healthy Start
  - Free health insurance for children and teens
  - Starting Point
  - (216) 987-7000
- 24-hour Mental Health Emergency/Information/
  - Referral Line for Adults and Children
  - (216) 987-7000
- 24-hour Family Helpline/Bellflower Center for
  - Prevention of Child Abuse
  - (216) 229-8800

#### Vocational Services
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
  - (formerly Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation)
  - 14650 Detroit Avenue, Suite 200
  - Lakewood, Ohio 44107-2160
  - FAX (216) 237-3250
  - (614) 955-7840
  - 1-866-325-0026
- Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities
  - 1275 Lakeside Avenue East
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1129
  - (216) 241-8230
- Intake & Eligibility Department
  - (216) 736-2673
- www.CuyahogahDD.org

### Medical & Dental Services
- **MetroHealth Medical Center Main Campus**
  - 2500 MetroHealth Drive
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44109
  - (216) 778-7800
- **MetroHealth Medical Center**
  - Adult & Pediatric Comprehensive Care Units
  - 2500 MetroHealth Drive
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44109
  - (216) 788-5198
- **MetroHealth Medical Center Dental Clinic**
  - 2500 MetroHealth Drive
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44109
  - (216) 788-4725

#### Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services
- **Circle Health Services (formerly Free Clinic of Gr. Cleveland)**
  - 12201 Euclid Avenue
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44106
  - (216) 721-4010
- **Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services**
  - Collinwood
    - 10322 St. Clair Avenue
    - Cleveland, Ohio 44110
    - (216) 851-1500
  - East Cleveland
    - 15201 Euclid Avenue
    - Cleveland, Ohio 44121
    - (216) 957-5000
  - Hough
    - 8300 Hough Avenue
    - Cleveland, Ohio 44103
    - (216) 231-7700
  - Miles/Broadway
    - 9127 Miles Avenue
    - Cleveland, Ohio 44105
    - (216) 325-6544
  - **Medical Only**
    - Cleveland Clinic
      - 9500 Euclid Avenue
      - Cleveland, Ohio 44106
      - (866) 320-4573
    - University Hospitals
      - 11100 Euclid Avenue
      - Cleveland, OH 44106
      - (888) 844-8447
    - University Hospitals Center for Comprehensive Care
      - (216) 844-3230

#### Dental Services Only
- **Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine**
  - 2124 Cornell Road
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44106
  - Adults (216) 368-8730
  - Children (216) 368-6185
- **Kenneth T. Knieck**
  - 7057 West 130th Street
  - Parma Heights, Ohio 44130
  - (440) 888-9755
- **Cleveland Dental Institute**
  - 11201 Shaker Boulevard
  - Cleveland, Ohio 44104
  - (216) 867-2738

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The Arc of Greater Cleveland has compiled a list of private dentists in Cuyahoga County who work with patients with developmental disabilities. To obtain a copy, call (216) 622-0755.