








# Franklin County Provider Fair






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## Community Resource Agencies


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<p><b>A Kid Again</b> www.aepohio.com</p> 	<p>Erin McGlone 330-501-1635 emcglone@akidagain.org <b>Table 6002</b></p>	<p>We provide hope, healing, and happiness to central Ohio families who have a child or multiple children suffering with a life-threatening condition. We put on monthly events called Adventures.</p>
<p><b>Action for Children</b> <a href="https://www.actionforchildren.org/">https://www.actionforchildren.org/</a></p> 	<p>Keith Wollenberg (614) 271-3855 kwollenberg@actionforchildren.org <b>Table 2006</b></p>	<p>Action for Children is a non-profit that offers services for families: parenting, home visiting, help with finding childcare and other resources, helping to find and retain foster parents.</p>
<p><b>Adaptive Sports Connection</b> www.adaptivesportsconnection.org</p> 	<p>LaQuinta Haynes (614) 389-3921 q@adaptivesportsconnection.org <b>Table 6001</b></p>	<p>Empowering the human spirit since 1992, Adaptive Sports Connection is a 501 (c) (3) organization dedicated to serving children, veterans, and adults with disabilities through outdoor and therapeutic recreation and education. We serve thousands of individuals with disabilities and their families every year in 44 counties in Ohio. With adaptive instructors, equipment, and over 6400 volunteers, we utilize the power of sports to push what's possible. Our goal is to help people focus on their ABILITIES - unleashing the power within to enjoy life no matter the challenges they face.</p>


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<p><b>Affordable Housing Alliance</b> www.ahaco.org</p> 	<p>Carlie Boos (614) 344-5027 carlie@ahaco.org <b>Table 5002</b></p>	<p>AHACO is a nonprofit organization that uses data, research, education, and advocacy to close Central Ohio's housing gaps. We are guided by the expertise and experience of our members who compose the spectrum of housing services including homeless advocates, developers, property owners, home-ownership proponents, lenders, and the philanthropic community.</p>
<p><b>Autism Society of Central Ohio (ASCO)</b> https://www.autismcentralohio.org/</p> 	<p>Ginny Bryan (614) 284-6323 info@autismcentralohio.org <b>Table 3004</b></p>	<p>Autism Society Central Ohio (ASCO) creates meaningful connections by empowering individuals and families in the Autism community with the resources they need to live fully. We provide information and referral, education, advocacy, and support, along with inclusive programs and family events designed to provide a disability-friendly experience. ASCO also offers a variety of support and social groups tailored to different ages, needs, and locations—ensuring everyone has a place to belong and connect.</p>
<p><b>Best Buddies</b> https://www.bestbuddies.org/ohio/</p> 	<p>Shannon Wilson 317-362-4768 shannonwilson@bestbuddies.org <b>Table 6004</b></p>	<p>Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization that works to create one-to-one friendships between individuals with an intellectual and developmental disability and an individual without. We do this in school based programs as well as in our adult friendship program.</p> <p>Quote from our website, "Offering One-to-One Friendship and Leadership Development programs for individuals with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) in Ohio."</p>
<p><b>Canine Companions</b> www.canine.org</p> 	<p>Patti Saniel-Banrey (740) 272-6327 patti.saniel-banrey@fcbdd.org <b>Table 1006</b></p>	<p>Canine Companions is a national program that trains and provides service dogs to Veterans and people with disabilities, absolutely free.</p>


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<p><b>Center for Disability Empowerment</b>  <a href="https://www.disabilityempowerment.net/">https://www.disabilityempowerment.net/</a></p> 	<p>Chrissy Bailey  614-575-8055  cbailey@disabilityempowerment.net  <b>Table 1001</b></p>	<p>If you're a person with any disability of any age who lives in Franklin, Delaware, Licking, or Union County Ohio, the Center for Disability Empowerment (CDE) can help you find resources to live, learn, worship, work, and play in your community, in your own way. Our community-based, non-residential center is guided by your choices. We will help you create an Independent Living Plan (ILP) with the steps and resources you need to reach your goals, whether they're big or small.</p>
<p><b>Columbus Metropolitan Library</b>  <a href="http://www.columbuslibrary.org">www.columbuslibrary.org</a></p> 	<p>Stephanie Burley  614-849-1203  sburley@columbuslibrary.org  <b>Table 5004</b></p>	<p>Columbus Metropolitan Library is open to all. We have 23 locations to serve the community.</p>
<p><b>Columbus State Certificate Program</b>  <a href="http://www.csc.edu">www.csc.edu</a></p> 	<p>Mandy Mernedakis  (614) 287-5098  mmernedakis@csc.edu  <b>Table 4000</b></p>	<p>Columbus State offers 2 certificate programs designed for students with a developmental or intellectual disability; Early Childhood Aide and Human Services Assistant. Both programs are one year long and provide the supports of a teaching assistant and practicum experience to gain work skills.</p>
<p><b>COTA Mainstream</b>  <a href="http://www.cota.com">www.cota.com</a></p> 	<p>Corrina Hyde  (614) 275-5965  hydec@cota.com  <b>Table 5001</b></p>	<p>The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is the regional public transit provider for greater Columbus and Central Ohio. We serve an area with more than 1.2 million residents and help people take more than 19 million trips every single year. Mainstream is COTA's paratransit service that provides origin-to-destination rides for individuals who are not able to access COTA's fixed-route service.</p>




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<p><b>Department of Developmental Disabilities</b>  <a href="https://dodd.ohio.gov">https://dodd.ohio.gov</a>  </p>	<p>Angelia Blake  614-981-3753  angelia.blake@dodd.ohio.gov  <b>Table 3001</b></p>	<p>The DSP &amp; Provider Support Team strives to connect and build relationships among providers and county boards through connecting with local resources and/or department subject matter experts and providing resources and/or making recommendations.</p>
<p><b>Elevate DD</b>  <b>Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio</b>  <b>Learning Aid Ohio</b>  <b>Adult Literacy Ohio</b>  <a href="http://www.elevatedd.org">www.elevatedd.org</a></p>    	<p>Rachel Heiber  614-263-6020  rheber@adulliteracyohio.org  <b>Table 5005</b></p>	<p>ElevateDD increases authentic inclusion for people with developmental disabilities by amplifying voices, supporting families, illuminating opportunities, and launching innovative solutions. ElevateDD houses three communities: DSACO: Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio, Learning Aid Ohio, and Adult Literacy Ohio.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-DSACO serves 23 counties in central and southern Ohio and provides people with Down syndrome and their families meaningful, convenient, and unique opportunities to connect and engage with each other and their communities.</li> <li>-Learning Aid Ohio is a statewide program that connects learners on IEPs with one-one-one tutoring to stay on track with their learning goals through personalized learning sessions.</li> </ul> <p>Adult Literacy Ohio provides one-on-one learning support for - adults who wish to improve their reading, writing, and communication skills.</p>






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<p><b>Epilepsy Alliance Ohio</b> www.epilepsy-ohio.org</p> 	<p>Emma Kamphaus (614) 725-1031 emma.kamphaus@epilepsy-ohio.org <b>Table 4004</b></p>	<p>Epilepsy Alliance Ohio is a nonprofit organization working to provide no-cost services to those living with epilepsy. We are proud to provide advocacy and counseling services, work and school assistance, seizure first aid training, support groups, summer camp for kids with epilepsy, art therapy, and more! We aim to provide support to those living with epilepsy as well as caregivers, friends, and families of people living with epilepsy.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Auditor's Office</b> www.franklincountyauditor.com</p> 	<p>Beth Fairman Kinney 614-525-6045 beth.kinney@franklincountyohio.gov <b>Table 2005</b></p>	<p>The Auditor's office handles a wide variety of important responsibilities that affect all of Franklin County's residents and businesses. The office assesses property values that determine property taxes, and helps senior, veteran and disabled citizens get tax relief. The office also licenses our dogs, as required by state law. The Auditor's office oversees all of the county's weights and measures, ensuring consumers get what they pay for at gas pumps and retail store scanners.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County DD Special Olympics</b></p> 	<p>Andrea Stonebraker 614.342.5989 Andrea.Stonebraker@fcbdd.org <b>Table 6000</b></p>	<p>Franklin County DD Special Olympics offering year around sports programs.</p>



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<p data-bbox="243 272 659 350"><b>Franklin County Board of DD Diversity Committee</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="779 272 1079 407">Sean Patterson 614-342-5385 Sean.patterson@fcbdd.org <b>Table 3000</b></p>	<p data-bbox="1150 272 1875 581">Among the missions of the FCBDD Equity Committee are: Help create a dynamic and diverse experience for the individuals served for Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Help ensure that our agency maintains and increases its efforts to advocate for – and to celebrate – people of every race, ability and identity. Help develop and implement strategies and plans to ensure the agency is diverse in its approach to promoting and evaluating its staff, promote inclusive hiring, promotion, and evaluation processes within the Board.</p>




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<p><b>Franklin County Board of DD</b>  <b>What's Next</b>  <a href="http://www.fcbdd.org">www.fcbdd.org</a></p> 	<p>Anne Russell            (614) 342-5550  <a href="mailto:anne.russell@fcbdd.org">anne.russell@fcbdd.org</a>  <b>Table 3000</b></p>	<p>The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities (FCBDD) is a county agency providing supports to children and adults who have developmental disabilities. Services are provided to residents of Franklin County, Ohio. We are helping people to live, learn and work in our community and supporting parents and family members with life-long services where needed.</p> <p>*What's Next is a 6 week program providing information to prepare for transitioning from being a student to the adult world of benefits, services, and planning! Topics include Medicaid, Waiting Lists and Waivers, Social Security, Guardianship, Wills, Estates, and Trusts, Post High School Education and Employment, and Recreation with presentations from FCBDD as well as community partners and professionals. Caregivers and Young Adults participate in separate programs on the same information. The Young Adults have a lot more fun! This program is completed in small groups (typically 15 families) to allow for situation specific questions and answers!</p>




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<p><b>Franklin County Family &amp; Children First Council</b>  <a href="https://www.franklinfamilyfirst.org/">https://www.franklinfamilyfirst.org/</a></p> 	<p>Tamera Walls  tamera.walls@escoco.org  614- 983-0056  <b>Table 3005</b></p>	<p>The mission of Franklin County Family and Children First Council (FCFC) is to increase the access, capacity, and effectiveness of services for the most vulnerable Franklin County youth and their families. Programs within the agency: Help Me Grow- Early Intervention- Early Intervention (EI) provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. Your service coordinator will put together a team who will determine if your child is eligible for EI. If your child is eligible, the team will work with your family to learn more about your family’s priorities and your child’s needs and work with you to develop a service plan. EI is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. Every family served in EI will have a local EI team that consists of a service coordinator, service providers, and your family. Multi-System Service Coordination/Wraparound Program: Provides a collaborative approach to help families with children who have complex behavioral/developmental needs across multiple child-serving systems. Multi-System Facilitators connect agencies, people, and services to work with families to develop a coordinated plan of care for their child and family. FCFC believes utilizing the team approach helps to organize services to better meet the specific and unique needs of the family. Multisystem Care Teams are available to any Franklin County family with a child or youth (age birth through 21 years old) needing help with coordinating services from two or more programs.</p>



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<p><b>Franklin County Board of Elections</b>  <a href="https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/">https://vote.franklincountyohio.gov/</a></p> 	<p>Josiah Lanning  (614) 525-4092  <a href="mailto:jeffrey.lanning@vote.franklincountyohio.gov">jeffrey.lanning@vote.franklincountyohio.gov</a>  <b>Table 2001</b></p>	<p>The Mission of the Franklin County Board of Elections is to provide election services, information and education to the residents of Franklin County so that they can exercise their right to vote and have confidence that the elections are fair, impartial and accurate.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Department of Jobs and Family Services</b>  <a href="http://www.franklincountyohio.gov">www.franklincountyohio.gov</a></p> 	<p>Adrienne DeGrands  844-640-6446  <b>Table 2007</b></p>	<p>Provide public benefits such as SNAP, TANF, Medicaid, Publicly Funded Child Care and PRC to Franklin County residents.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Guardianship Service Board</b>  <a href="http://www.guardian.franklincountyohio.gov">www.guardian.franklincountyohio.gov</a></p> 	<p>Aimee Somerville  614-525-2413  <a href="mailto:ajsomerville@franklincountyohio.gov">ajsomerville@franklincountyohio.gov</a>  <a href="mailto:GuardianshipServiceBoard@franklincountyohio.gov">GuardianshipServiceBoard@franklincountyohio.gov</a>  <b>Table 2000</b></p>	<p>The Guardianship Service Board (GSB) is appointed as Guardian of the Person for adult residents of Franklin County, Ohio with a substantial mental impairment or developmental disability who have been declared incompetent by the Franklin County Probate Court. We are appointed by the Franklin County Probate Court to serve as guardian of last resort meaning there is no other adult or entity available and/or appropriate to be guardian. Referrals for GSB services come from specific sources, not the public. As guardian, we are involved in situations that require a decision maker with authority to consent to things such as medical or mental health care and residential placement.</p>



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<p><b>Franklin County Office on Aging</b> www.officeonaging.org</p> 	<p>Dennis Wheeler 614-525-7166 dennis.wheeler@franklincountyohio.gov <b>Table 1004</b></p>	<p>Our agency provides home based and support services to Franklin County resident 60 years or older. We assist them in maintaining their independence and age in place.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Probate Court</b> https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/</p>  	<p>614 525-3894 probate@franklincountyohio.gov <b>Table 2003</b></p>	<p>The Franklin County Probate Court has jurisdiction over the following types of cases: Administration of Estates, Guardianships, Trusts, Civil Litigation on Probate matters, Adoptions, Civil Commitment for Mental Illness, Birth Certificates (delayed birth registration, birth certificate corrections, gender marker change), Name Change, &amp; Marriage Licenses.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Public Health</b> www.myfcph.org</p> 	<p>(614) 525-3160 fcph@franklincountyohio.gov <b>Table 2004</b></p>	<p>The Franklin County Board of Health was established in October 1919 as a result of the Great Influenza, the most devastating pandemic flu on record. We have operated as a full-service health department in the State of Ohio since that time. In 2010, the department's name and logo changed to Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to more accurately reflect all the services performed. Our Board is still known as the Franklin County Board of Health.</p>
<p><b>Franklin County Recreation</b> <b>Hattie Larlham</b> www.hattielarlham.org</p> 	<p>Jon Eblin 614-607-7751 jon.eblin@hattielarlham.org <b>Table 6003</b></p>	<p>Hattie Larlham is a not-for-profit organization providing care and support to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our service area includes Northeast Ohio and Central Ohio. Franklin County Recreation is an evening and weekend social activity program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Franklin County Recreation offers a wide variety of community-based activities and events for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.</p>



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<p><b>I Am Boundless</b> www.iamboundless.org</p> 	<p>Stephan Cooke scooke@iamboundless.org (614) 401-9754 <b>Table 3006</b></p>	<p>I Am Boundless has forty years of expertise providing person-centered care through program and services to individuals with complex needs associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges. In addition to our programs, we have expanded our mission by adding health care services through Boundless Health. Boundless Health provides care that is inclusive, providing care for every age and family member and providing Behavioral Health, Primary Care, and Dentistry all in the same facility. Unlike other medical facilities, we have carefully designed peaceful physical environments that are both aesthetically pleasing and support the unique needs of the I/DD community.</p>
<p><b>Jeremiah's Corner</b> Jeremiahscorner.com</p> 	<p>Jessica Bennett 614-721-4422 <b>Table 6007</b></p>	<p>Jeremiah's Corner is a community-based organization dedicated to supporting individuals of all ages and abilities through inclusive, hands-on learning experiences and wraparound support services. We offer early intervention for children birth to age 3, adaptive preschool and enrichment classes, life skills training for teens and adults, tutoring, family workshops, and disability inclusion consulting for businesses and public spaces. Rooted in advocacy and inclusion, Jeremiah's Corner empowers individuals with developmental disabilities and their families by fostering independence, creativity, and connection in a welcoming, accessible environment.</p>



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<p><b>Lifecare Alliance</b> www.lifecarealliance.org</p> 	<p>David Imwalle 614-437-2905 dimwalle@lifecarealliance.org <b>Table 4007</b></p>	<p>Keeping people safe, independent, and living in their own homes – where they want to be! LifeCare Alliance assists clients facing medical conditions, disabilities, or aging in place in Franklin, Madison, Marion, Champaign, and Logan counties. Our services restore their sense of stability and self-reliance by providing Nutrition, Health, and Support. <b>NEED OUR SERVICES? CALL US TODAY AT 614-278-3130.</b></p>
<p><b>Mid-Ohio Food Collective</b> www.mofc.org</p> 	<p>Clara DeHart 614-782-5503 cdehart@mofc.org <b>Table 4006</b></p>	<p>MOFC is a food bank that serves central Ohio residents. We supply and operate food pantries across the region, and can help you find and connect to free food resources in your area. Our team can also assist with applying for and navigating SNAP (food stamp) and Medicaid benefits, as well as connecting to other relevant community resources.</p>
<p><b>MORPC</b> www.morpc.org</p> 	<p>Michelle Montgomery mmontgomery@morpc.org <b>Table 5000</b></p>	<p>Residential Services/ Home Repair. We provide free attic or wall insulation, furnace and or hot water repair or replacement.</p>





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<p><b>Nationwide Children's Partners for Kids</b> <a href="https://partnersforkids.org/">https://partnersforkids.org/</a></p> 	<p>Samantha Meadows 614-355-3693 <a href="mailto:samantha.meadows@nationwidechildrens.org">samantha.meadows@nationwidechildrens.org</a> <a href="mailto:pfkcarecoordination@nationwidechildrens.org">pfkcarecoordination@nationwidechildrens.org</a> <b>Table 4002</b></p>	<p>Partners For Kids has a special focus on addressing inequities facing children covered by Medicaid, who are some of the state's most vulnerable. Partners For Kids is responsible for the care of more than 470,000 children covered by Medicaid Managed Care across 47 counties. Because Partners For Kids size and scope, we have the rare ability to address each part of the Institute for Healthcare Improvements Triple Aim. Our care coordination service programs help improve the lives of children and their families by making healthcare easier to use.</p>
<p><b>OCALI</b> <a href="http://www.ocali.org">www.ocali.org</a></p> 	<p>614-410-0321 <a href="mailto:ocali@ocali.org">ocali@ocali.org</a> <b>Table 3003</b></p>	<p>Inspiring change and promoting access for people with disabilities across the lifespan is at the heart of everything OCALI does. We believe all people with disabilities deserve to have the opportunity to live their best lives throughout their entire lives—at school, home, work, and in the community. Pulling together the best minds, best research, and best practices, OCALI strives to equip and empower people through professional development and training, information, tools, and guidance, accessible materials and resources, and community engagement initiatives.</p>
<p><b>Ohio Attorney General's Office</b> <a href="http://ohioattorneygeneral.gov">ohioattorneygeneral.gov</a></p> 	<p>Danielle Murphy 614-728-1170 <a href="mailto:danielle.murphy@ohioago.gov">danielle.murphy@ohioago.gov</a> <b>Table 2002</b></p>	<p>We offer information on protection of fraud, scams and identity theft protections. We also have information on social media pointers for parents and consumer protections.</p>


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<p><b>Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities</b> www.ocecd.org</p> 	<p>Elaine Hamilton 614-794-7201 elaineh@ocecd.org <b>Table 1005</b></p>	<p>The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, educators and agencies who provide services to them. OCECD works through the coalition efforts of over 40 parent and professional disability organizations and over 70 individual members which comprise the Coalition. OCECD has also been funded since 1984 to serve as the Parent Training and Information Center (PTI) for the state of Ohio from the federal government, U.S. Dept of Education, Office for Special Education Programs.</p>
<p><b>Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel</b> www.occ.ohio.gov</p> 	<p>Tonja Stewart Shaw 614-752-0230 tonja.stewartshaw@occ.ohio.gov <b>Table 1003</b></p>	<p>The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is the statewide legal representative for Ohio's residential consumers in matters related to their investor-owned electric, natural gas, telephone, and water services. <i>Mission</i> : The Ohio Consumers' Counsel advocates and educates to secure for Ohioans affordable, reliable and equitable residential utility services that are essential to their well-being. <i>Vision</i> :To be an independent voice of Ohio residential consumers, including at-risk communities, for achieving justice, equity and regulatory reform regarding their utility services.</p>




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<p><b>Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council</b> ddc.ohio.gov</p> 	<p>Donna Foster 614-738-3603 donna.foster@dodd.ohio.gov <b>Table 1002</b></p>	<p>The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) works to make positive changes that help people with developmental disabilities and their families live more independently, be more productive, and feel included in their communities. The Council was created under a federal law called the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. It is part of a larger group called the Ohio DD Network. The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities helps support the Council and serves as its official state partner. Council members and staff work together to choose important issues that affect Ohioans with developmental disabilities and include these issues in a plan called the Five-Year State Plan. The Council provides grants to fund projects that support the goals in the Five-Year State plan.</p>
<p><b>Ohio Disability and Health Partnership</b> <a href="https://nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program/">https://nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program/</a></p> 	<p>Misha Durga 614-395-1300 durga.mishra@osumc.edu <b>Table 4005</b></p>	<p>We are a grant program that aims to improve access to health and wellness for Ohioans with disabilities. We are housed at the Ohio State University Nisonger Center. Serving people with Intellectual and Developmental disability in Franklin and surrounding counties.</p>



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<p><b>Ohio Family 2 Family</b> www.ohiof2f.org</p> 	<p>Meredith Evans (513) 803-6379 meredith.evans@cchmc.org <b>Table 3007</b></p>	<p>At Ohio Family to Family, we strive for all families of children and youth with significant healthcare needs to receive optimal care, support, and resources, ensuring the best health outcomes. We provide personalized guidance, education, and training to families and the professionals who work alongside them. With our lived experience and deep understanding of disability-related systems, Ohio Family to Family is distinctly positioned to support families navigating complex medical, educational, and community landscapes—ensuring everyone has the opportunity to live their best life</p>
<p><b>OhioRISE</b> <a href="https://managedcare.medicareid.ohio.gov/managed-care/ohiorise/">https://managedcare.medicareid.ohio.gov/managed-care/ohiorise/</a></p> 	<p>Alex Miller 614-671-2782 millera18@aetna.com <b>Table 1007</b></p>	<p>OhioRISE and the specialized managed care program is making major strides in supporting more youth and families in need. More Ohio children than ever are being supported through a program that coordinates community resources to provide the best possible care for kids facing complex mental and behavioral health needs.</p>


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<p><b>Ohio Self Determination Association</b>  <a href="https://osdaohio.org/">https://osdaohio.org/</a></p> 	<p>Dana Charlton  (614) 563-0788  osda2011@gmail.com  <b>Table 1000</b></p>	<p>improve the lives of People with Developmental Disabilities. The following is what our mission is to expand awareness of self-determination principals: freedom, support, control, responsibility, confirmation, relationships, dreams, and choice.To provide self-determination and training resources.</p> <p>To promote and recognize advocacy efforts and assist in organizing advocacy efforts throughout Ohio. To assist advocates to connect with and educate policymakers and achieve leadership positions.</p> <p>To provide self-determination best practice input to state and local governing organizations.</p>
<p><b>The Ohio State University Nisonger Center</b>  <a href="https://nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program/corecompetenciesondisability/">https://nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program/corecompetenciesondisability/</a></p> 	<p>Vinotheni Viswanathan  614-685-3185  vinotheni.viswanathan@osumc.edu  <b>Table 4001</b></p>	<p>LIDS, or Learning and Interpersonal Development Services, is Nisonger Center’s newest program area led by Dr. Jessie Green. LIDS seeks to improve quality of life for people with disabilities and their families by promoting social and vocational skills, campus and community inclusion, interpersonal connections, and lifelong learning. LIDS represents the combination of two former departments, Transition Services and Social Programs. (i.e., Ace!, Aspirations, Next Chapter Book Club, and TOPS), and multiple other research grants.</p>

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<p><b>The Ohio State University Nisonger Aspirations Program</b>  <a href="https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/adolescent-clinics-services/aspirations-ohio-2/">https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/adolescent-clinics-services/aspirations-ohio-2/</a></p>  	<p>Michael Valentino  614-306-8538  <a href="mailto:nisongeraspirations@osumc.edu">nisongeraspirations@osumc.edu</a>  <b>Table 4001</b></p>	<p>Aspirations Ohio is a part of the Nisonger Center's Social Programs (Autism College Experience and Next Chapter Book Club). Established in 2002 by The Ohio State University's Nisonger Center and the Department of Neurology, Aspirations is a group-based social skills and support program that supports adolescents and adults (13-30 years) with autism spectrum disorder and their families.</p> <p>Led by Program Manager Michael Valentino MSW/LSW and Caregiver Facilitator/Project Manager Tracey Manz, group leaders facilitate discussions and activities focused on building social and vocational skills as well as self-confidence and a sense of belonging for teens and young adults with autism. Aspirations also offers resources and supports to parents and caregivers navigating their son or daughter's transition from adolescence into adulthood.</p>
<p><b>The Ohio State University Nisonger Ace! Program</b>  <a href="https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/ace-autism-college-experience-at-osu/">https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/ace-autism-college-experience-at-osu/</a></p>  	<p>Karen Krainz Edison  614-293-0536  <a href="mailto:Karen.KrainzEdison@osumc.edu">Karen.KrainzEdison@osumc.edu</a>  <b>Table 4001</b></p>	<p>Autism College Experience (Ace!) is a part of Nisonger Center's Social Programs (Aspirations Ohio, Friendship Connection, Next Chapter Book Club). Ace! is a program to help The Ohio State University students with autism or similar communication difficulties confidently navigate the college experience.</p> <p>This is done by coordinating services that foster self-determination, social communication, and campus connections. Ace! staff will assist students in achieving academic, social, and post-graduate goals at The Ohio State University.</p>

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<p><b>The Ohio State University Nisonger</b>  <b>TOPS Program</b>  <a href="http://www.go.osu.edu/tops">www.go.osu.edu/tops</a></p>  <p>Transition Options in Postsecondary Settings (TOPS)</p>	<p>Dr. Jessie Green            614-685-3185  <a href="mailto:transitions@osumc.edu">transitions@osumc.edu</a>  <b>Table 4003</b></p>	<p>The TOPS Program at The Ohio State University Nisonger Center offers individuals ages 18 and older with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) a unique opportunity to engage in academic coursework at Ohio State and gain meaningful work experiences while developing independent living skills and participating in campus and community organizations, social and volunteer activities, and other events. The TOPS Program is a 2- and 4-year Workforce Development Certificate focusing on Academics, Career Development, Independent Living and Self-Determination.</p>

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<p><b>The Ohio State University Nisonger Next Chapter Book Club</b>  <a href="https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/social_programs/">https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/social_programs/</a></p>  	<p>Jillian Ober  614-685-6718  jillian.ober@osumc.edu  <b>Table 4003</b></p>	<p>Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC) is a book club for anyone 18 years old and over, no matter your reading ability. If you are under the age of 18, we make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Book clubs include up to 8 adults with disabilities and 2 trained volunteers who help as much as needed. Club members meet weekly for one hour to get to know each other and take turns reading a book they've chosen. There is no cost to join! Led by Program Manager Michael Valentino MSW/LSW and Caregiver Facilitator/Project Manager Tracey Manz, group leaders facilitate discussions and activities focused on building social and vocational skills as well as self-confidence and a sense of belonging for teens and young adults with autism. Aspirations also offers resources and supports to parents and caregivers navigating their son or daughter's transition from adolescence into adulthood.</p>
<p><b>Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities</b>  <a href="http://www.ood.ohio.gov">www.ood.ohio.gov</a></p> 	<p>614-466-4575  <b>Table 3002</b></p>	<p>Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the State of Ohio agency that empowers Ohioans with disabilities through employment, disability determination, and independence. Working with partners in business, education, and non-profits, OOD facilitates individualized employment plans for Ohioans with disabilities (physical, intellectual, sensory, and mental health) as well as helps Ohio companies recruit and retain employees with disabilities.</p>

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<p><b>Valemee</b> www.valemee.com</p> 	<p>Benjamin Wiley 740-248-1476 ben@ksmsportsandfitness.com <b>Table 6006</b></p>	<p>Valemee® is a fitness program designed to support people with physical, neurological, and developmental challenges—and their caregivers—in reaching optimal health. The name Valemee® (“Value Me, Empower Me”) reflects our commitment to building confidence, independence, and self-efficacy. Adaptable for any skill level and personalized to each user, Valemee® makes fitness accessible to all. Our mission is to empower and value individuals with unique needs, helping them overcome barriers to fitness and independence so everyone can achieve greater wellness and personal growth. Adaptive personal training in an inclusive setting is available with Valemee Fitness Professionals, who modify and tailor workouts based on each client's goals and needs.</p>
<p><b>Volunteers of America</b> www.voa.org</p> 	<p>Robert Broomfield 614-546-8119 robert.broomfield@voahin.org <b>Table 5003</b></p>	<p>At Volunteers Of America we provide services and assistance for veterans. Our SSVF and HVRP Program assists with housing and employment needs as well as case management.</p>

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<p><b>Westerville Parks and Recreation</b>  <a href="http://www.westerville.org">www.westerville.org</a></p> 	<p>Shane Thompson            614-901-6848  <a href="mailto:shane.thompson@westerville.org">shane.thompson@westerville.org</a>  <b>Table 6005</b></p>	<p>Westerville Parks and Recreation provides recreational accessibility throughout the park system and at the Westerville Community Center. The program offers multiple events and activities for individuals with developmental physical or invisible disabilities. Some programs include wheelchair basketball open gyms, inclusive seasonal dances, and various other inclusive activities at our Parks and Community Center location. All programs through Westerville Parks and Recreation are inclusive.</p>