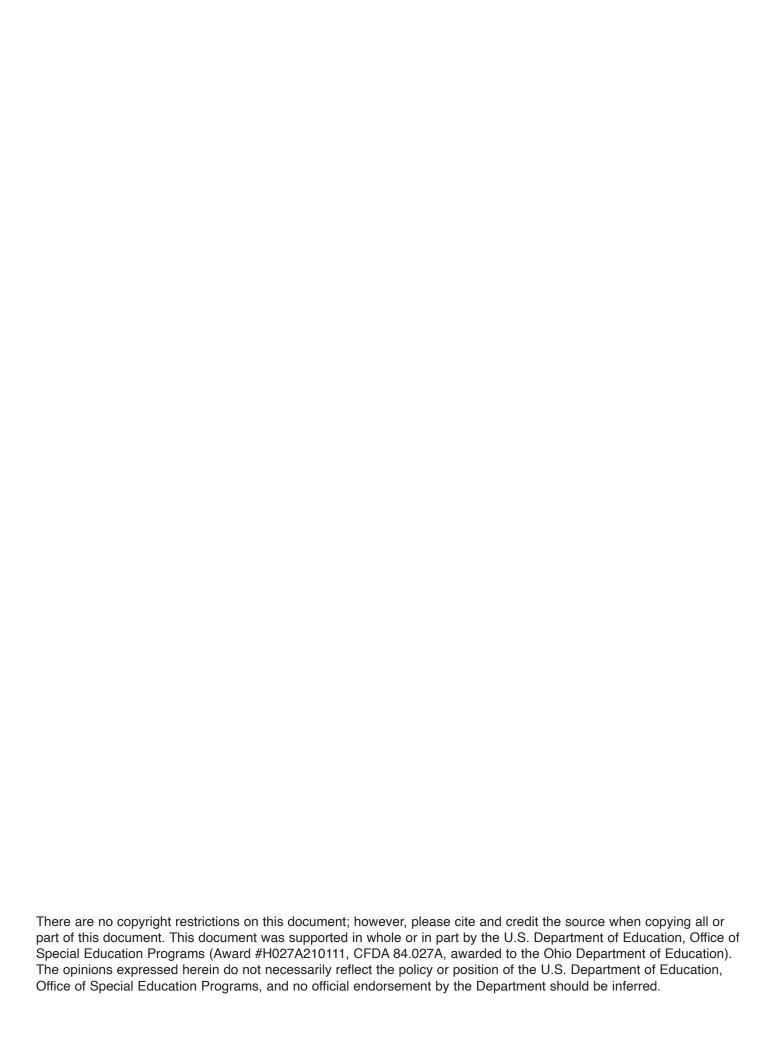


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## **Action for Children - AFC**

78 Jefferson Ave Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.224.0222 Fax: 614.224.5437 **Website: www.actionforchildren.org** 

#### **Program Description:**

Information and Referral - Via telephone or website, parents are linked to childcare resources in their area. AFC maintains a database of licensed childcare, preschool, and school-age programs, as well as childcare homes registered with AFC or certified with Job and Family Services.

TAPP - The Art of Positive Parenting - A workshop, three-or six-week classes designed to help today's parents listen to children's problems, set limits on behavior, and enhance communication skills. Classes are available in the community.

Parents Who Parent Separately - A six-week class for parents who are co-parenting due to divorce, dissolution, or the end of a relationship. The goals are to keep children out of the middle, make decisions that are best for the children, and communicate with the co-parent about the child's needs and situations.

Father Factor - A twelve-hour course designed to strengthen and honor the role of today's father. The goals are to provide men with a classroom curriculum that improves the attitudes and skills needed for responsible fatherhood and to assist men in discovering and cultivating their nurturing potential. AFC assists fathers to meet their essential daily needs, while also working towards a brighter future with education in parenting skills/techniques, community resources, navigating institutional barriers, and successful keys to co-parenting. Offered in multiple counties, in multiple formats.

Putting the Children First - A two-hour online course to help parents and other caregivers support children who are being parented in two homes due to divorce or dissolution. The online course is open to the public and is approved for parents who have filed in Franklin County.

Mothers Matter - Mothers have a very special role to play in the lives of their children. Learn the art of communicating in new ways that will help you better connect with your children and lead to a productive and positive relationship.

New Beginning for New Fathers - New Beginning for New Fathers seeks to help fathers in Franklin County to connect with their children. Designed for fathers ages 15-25, or expecting or new dads with a child under the age of one, New Beginnings for New Fathers offers parenting and co-parenting skills; assistance with paternity, parenting time, and child support; employment services; free resources to assist in establishing and building relationships with children; and money management instruction.

Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) - is a family-focused program designed to prepare children for kindergarten by helping families help their children succeed in school. This free monthly program for eligible families includes: Storybooks and activities, guidance from the parent partner, linkages to health and nutrition services when needed, and meetings with kindergarten teachers and principals to learn about school. Parents and their children will learn ways to: connect the letters of the alphabet to their sounds, learn more words, read stories together, complete preschool math, and use writing to learn how to read.

#### all R friends

Day Support Locations:

Westerville Dublin Gahanna Upper Arlington 3474 Johnny Appleseed Ct. 6157 Emerald Pkwy 851 Science Blvd 1980 Arlingate Lane

43231 43016 43230 43228

Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Fax: 614.918.3445 Fax: 614.918.3445

Lewis Center Grove City Supported Employment Supported Living Locations
7134 Gooding Blvd 1640 Buckeye Place and Main Office: Franklin + Delaware Counties

43015 43123 Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414

Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Phone: 614.357.1414 Fax: 614.918.3445

Website: www.allRfriends.info

## **Program Description:**

All R friends provides comprehensive support services for the developmentally disabled community in Central Ohio. Services include supported socialization and vocational training (i.e., day support), supported living (HPC), and supported employment services. These services include continuing education and independence training involving computer training and skill development, reading, writing, math, money, healthy menu planning, meal prep, baking, personal hygiene and care, communication, etiquette skills, and more.

The supported employment division works on personal skill and capability assessments, personal interests, and aptitude testing to determine one's readiness for the workplace. Help is provided to create resources, fill out job applications, potential job research, and best interview techniques.

Round-trip transportation is provided to and from the participant's residence daily. Supported socialization, continuing education, and vocational training (i.e., day support) is provided from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. M-F. Currently serve Franklin, Delaware, Union, Fairfield, and Licking counties.

To get more information about the programs, or to apply to be added to our waitlist for services, please visit our webpage at www.allRfriends.com.

Adults ages 18 and older who are no longer receiving school services are eligible for the services. Applicants for services must not pose a risk to themselves or others and must require care at staffing levels no greater than 1:3.

## **American Red Cross of Greater Columbus**

995 E Broad St

Columbus OH 43205-1322

Phone: 614.253.2740, 800.RED.CROSS or 800.733.2767

Fax: 614.253.1544 TTY: 800.750.0750

Website: http://columbus.redcross.org

## **Program Description:**

Home Fire Campaign – Sound the Alarm

Do you need a smoke alarm? The Red Cross and its partners can test existing smoke alarms and install up to three free smoke alarms for those that need them. Call 844.207.4509.

#### Preparedness Education

FREE Emergency Preparedness Training for Your Community! Preparedness programs are national, standardized, and free for community members taught by certified presenters. They are designed to help participants understand, prepare for, and respond appropriately to emergencies through an engaging and age-appropriate curriculum. Call 614.318.3248

## **Disaster and Emergency Preparedness for Youth**

#### Prepare with Pedro

Kindergarten-2nd Grade

A 30–45 min preparedness program for students that follows Pedro the Penguin and his friends as they learn how to be prepared and take action during an emergency.

#### The Pillowcase Project

3rd-5th Grade

A 40–60 min presentation that covers local hazards, coping skills, and personal and family preparedness through a "Learn, Practice, Share" framework.

## **Disaster and Emergency Preparedness for Adults**

#### Be Red Cross Ready

The presentation is designed to teach people how to prepare for and respond appropriately to disasters likely to occur in their community, such as hurricanes, wildfires, earthquakes, tornadoes, etc.

## Hands Only CPR

A 30-minute training teaching hands-only technique for CPR. Participants learn how to check for consciousness, call 911 (or the local emergency number), and give continuous chest compressions. CPR training certification is not provided through this course, but certification is available through Training Services.

# Ready Rating

A 30-minute presentation explaining our free membership program to help businesses, schools, or organizations become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies.

Other opportunities: volunteering, blood donation, CPR/First Aid/AED Training, Babysitter classes, Military-connected support,

# Arc of Ohio, The

1335 Dublin Rd. Suite 104 D Columbus, OH 43215

Website: www.thearcofohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

The Arc of Ohio is dedicated to advocacy for human rights, personal dignity, community participation of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, education, local chapter support, and family involvement. Individuals interested in the rights and concerns of citizens with developmental disabilities and their families.

## **Arthritis Foundation**

3740 Ridge Mill Dr Hilliard OH 43026 Phone: 614.876.8200 Toll-free: 888.382.4673

Fax: 614.876.8363

Website: www.kidsgetarthritistoo.org

## **Program Description:**

Power Pack Program - A backpack with fun and practical items for children and teens with rheumatic diseases and information and educational materials for parents.

Fall Family Day - A one-day event with educational and fun activities, typically held at the Columbus Zoo, COSI, or other family-friendly places.

Summer Camp for children with a rheumatic condition, parents should contact Flying Horse Farms.

# **Autumn Days**

202 W Johnstown Rd Columbus OH 43230 Phone: 614.575.9914 Fax: 614.575.9931

Website: https://www.autumndays.org

## **Program Description:**

The purpose of Autumn Days is to build self-esteem, and self-reliance, reduce social limitations, and encourage positive interaction within the community for individuals that require supportive living services. Our endeavor is to put forth every effort to meet individual needs and accommodate the ever-changing needs of those we serve. Every person deserves the opportunity to live an active and fulfilling life. Making that goal a reality is precisely the objective of our developmental disability programs and services.

# **Autism Society Central Ohio (ASCO)**

P.O. Box 272 286 Weydon Rd Worthington OH 43085 Phone: 614.284.6323 Fax: 614.888.3917

Website: http://www.autismcentralohio.org/

## **Program Description:**

ASCO provides autism education and support on a one-to-one basis as well as several meetings per year featuring speakers and information about available therapies and therapists. Low-cost conferences are sponsored at least twice per year. Meetings are announced on the website and in the quarterly newsletter.

# **Autism Society of Ohio**

470 Glenmont Ave Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.537.4079 Fax: 614.754.6332

E-mail: askASO@autismohio.org

Website: www.autismohio.org

## **Program Description:**

The Autism Society of Ohio is dedicated to improving the lives of all affected by autism in Ohio by providing information, referral, family support, advocacy, professional development, raising awareness, and resource development. The Autism Society of Ohio is the voice for autism in Ohio, advocating for individuals with autism, their families, and those who work with them in Ohio by working with all the different state agencies and the General Assembly to improve and increase services. The Autism Society Ohio has local offices in Columbus, Greater Akron, and Mahoning Valley, and there are six additional Autism Society local chapters around the state providing information and referrals, newsletters, seminars, support groups, and family events. Visit the website to find out all that is offered. Serving individuals with autism, their families, and those who work with them in Ohio.

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio**

#### Main Office

1855 E Dublin-Granville Rd 1st Fl Columbus OH 43229 Phone: 614.839.2447 Fax: 614.839.4770

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Serving Clark, Madison and Champaign Counties 625 Burt St Springfield OH 45505

Phone: 937.390.9900 Fax: 937.390.9965

# **Delaware County** Union County

39 W Winter St

Delaware OH 43015

Fax: 740.369.5437

Phone: 740.369.2447

940 London Ave Ste C Marysville OH 43040 Phone: 937.642.2157 Fax: 937.642.3129

Website: www.bbbscentralohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio, a United Way member agency, has been making meaningful, monitored matches between volunteer mentors and children since 1933. The fifth-largest Big Brothers Big Sisters agency in the country, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio serves thousands of children each year through the community-based mentoring program, school-based mentoring program (including Project Mentor), and mentoring programs at Camp Oty'Okwi in the Hocking Hills. The mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong enduring, professionally supported relationships that change their lives for the better. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio provides a system of ongoing evaluation and support, which is proven by independent studies to improve the odds that children will perform better in school. Avoid violence and illegal activities and have stronger relationships with their parents and others. Children between the ages of 5-16 years old who live in Franklin, Delaware, Union, Madison, Clark, or Champaign Counties.

## **Best Buddies**

PO Box 45353 Westlake OH 44145 Phone: 614.928.3383

Fax:

Email: ohio@bestbuddies.org

Website: https://www.bestbuddies.org/ohio/

## **Program Description:**

Best Buddies International is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to establishing a global volunteer movement that creates opportunities for one-to-one friendships, integrated employment, leadership development, and inclusive living for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD).

## **Cancer Support Community Central Ohio**

1200 Old Henderson Rd Columbus OH 43220 Phone: 614.884.4673

Fax: 614.884.1227

Email: kmoser@cancersupportohio.org Website: www.cancersupportohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

"No matter your race, sexual orientation, age, gender, ability, or socioeconomic status, Cancer Support Community's doors are wide open to everyone. We're committed to providing appropriate and ongoing support for all individuals impacted by cancer, especially those who face cancer health disparities.

Through scientific research, representation, and community feedback, we're working toward a future of equity, inclusion, and belonging, so that no one faces cancer alone."

# Capabilities, Inc

Corporate Office: 124 S Front St St Marys OH 45885 Phone: 419.394.0003 Fax: 419.394.2853

CEO: Katie Blumhorst

E-mail: authorizations@capabilitiesinc.biz Website: http://www.capabilitiesinc.biz

## **Program Description:**

Capabilities offers the following vocational services provided through collaboration and referrals from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (formerly RSC) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DoDD: Transition summer youth services, Project Search job coaching and job search, vocational testing, computer testing, career exploration, job seeking skills training, job development, job coaching, job retention, community-based assessments, work adjustments, computer training, clerical training, assistance with obtaining driving permit, and on-the-road drivers training. Capabilities has 11 offices across NW, SW, and SE Ohio.

Capabilities also offer the following vocational and day habilitation services through collaboration and referrals from local County Boards of Developmental Disabilities: benefits analysis, career planning, supported employment (job development/coaching/retention), small group, and community-based day habilitation, all-funded through Medicaid waivers. Waivers and Medicaid for day habilitation, vocational habilitation, supported employment benefits analysis, job development, coaching, exploration, and job retention.

# Career & Technology Education Centers (C-TEC) of Licking County

150 Price Rd Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.364.2832 Fax: 740.364.2691

Website: http://www.c-tec.edu

#### **Program Description:**

The Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County offers 20 career-technical programs for Licking County students in grades 11 and 12. Programs represent five career clusters: arts and communication, industrial and engineering systems, health sciences, human services, and information technology. C-TEC has a 3-tiered Work-based Learning Program for eligible seniors to work within their field of choice as well as a part-time transition to-work program for students who have greater needs.

# Catholic Social Services (CSS)

197 E Gay St Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.221.5891 Fax 614.228.1125

Website: www.colscss.org

## **Program Description:**

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is a faith-based social service agency focused on improving the quality of life of people of all faiths and backgrounds during some of their most vulnerable times of their lives. By serving people in ways that help seniors live independent, connected lives and families thrive; Catholic Social Services continues its 70-year legacy to address the community's unmet, pressing needs with compassion.

Senior Programs - Help seniors to remain independent and in their own homes for as long as possible. Senior Companion Program
Foster Grandparent Program
Payee Services
Money Management
Supportive Services
Transportation Services

Family Programs - Help families thrive. St. Francis Catholic Outreach Center Our Lady of Guadalupe Center

# **Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA)**

33 N High St

Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.275.5828 Fax: 614.272.3015 TTY: 614.228.1832

Website: www.cota.com

#### **Program Description:**

Mainstream Program is a shared-ride public transportation system, that enabling routes and schedules to be structured to transport passengers with disabilities efficiently to their destinations. Complete an application, interview, and be ADA-certified.

# **Childhood League Center**

674 Cleveland Ave Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.253.6933 Fax: 614.253.6935

Website: www.childhoodleague.org

## **Program Description:**

Early Intervention Services for Young Children Birth to Three

Coaching Home-Based Program

Consultative team-based early intervention. Families develop a relationship with one Primary Service Provider to promote the family's confidence and competence to support their child's learning and development within the family's daily activities. Regular home visits year-round are supported by the full Early Intervention team. The team includes a Developmental Specialist, OT, PT, SLP, and Family Services Specialist.

## PLAY Project for Young Children

Social and play-based parent coaching approach helps guide families to build joint attention, engagement, and reciprocity with their young children, who have red flags or a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Center's PLAY Home Consultants use modeling, videotaping, and guidance to coach families, identifying play activities and interactions that are meaningful and engaging to their children. Parents incorporate intervention into their daily routines. No fee for enrolled children and families.

## Preschool Programs for Young Children Ages 2 1/2 to 5

Inclusive setting for children with identified delays (IFSP/IEP) and children who are typically developing. Half-day and full-day classes, 4 days per week.

Child-focused education integrated within the classroom setting.

Therapeutic early childhood educational services (OT, PT, SLP, Nurse, Family Service Specialists). Learning is enriched by relationships and opportunities for children with and without special needs.

Small classes, high adult-to-child ratio.

Parent education and support.

School year calendar; no fee for children with special needs; fee for children without identified delays.

## Teaching PLAY

Teaching PLAY is the classroom application of The PLAY Project that focuses on a child's functional development and interaction, so children with autism will be more successful in school both socially and academically. Each lead teacher, who is certified as Teaching PLAY Consultants, uses modeling, videotaping, and team discussions to identify play activities and interactions that are meaningful in the classroom environment.

# **Columbus Early Learning Centers**

Administrative Offices 1611 Old Leonard Ave Columbus OH 43219 Phone: 614.253.5525

Fax: 614.253.0279

Website: http://columbusearlylearning.org

## **Program Description:**

Columbus Early Learning Centers (CELC) has been providing high-quality early learning and affordable care to our city's children since 1887. The mission of Columbus Early Learning Centers is to help young learners develop, families succeed, and neighborhoods thrive. CELC's services make it possible for parents to work or attend school, while children are cared for in education-focused classrooms staffed by highly qualified early childhood teachers. Multiple locations serve children ages six weeks to five years, and home-visiting by Early Learning Specialists is also offered through the Parent Child+ Program. The healthy development of young children is fostered through play-based curriculum, health and wellness assessments, and programming and wraparound services, including onsite food pantries. In addition, established community partnerships provide the children with art and science enrichment. The centers are highly rated in Ohio's Step Up to Quality rating system.

Child Care Center Locations:

240 N Champion Ave 760 E Broad St 1350 Alum Creek Dr Columbus OH 43203 Columbus OH 43205 Columbus OH 43209

1150 E Main St 1400 Myrtle Ave Columbus OH 43205 Columbus OH 43211

# **Columbus Public Health**

240 S Parsons Ave Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.645.7417

Fax: 614.645.8324

Information line: 614.645.7748

Website: www.publichealth.columbus.gov

## **Program Information/Description:**

Columbus Public Health (CPH) is protecting health and improving lives, serving the City of Columbus and Worthington. CPH identifies and addresses public health threats, enforces laws that protect health, and provides services to prevent and control disease. Several programs specifically serve families, young children, and teens, including:

Alcohol and Drug Program - Abuse prevention, intervention, and outpatient treatment for alcohol and other drug abuse, addiction, and related problems.

Child Injury Prevention - Prevents injuries from birth to 18; provides access to care safety seats, bike helmets, and home inspections for childcare.

Dental Sealants - School-based program offers plastic coatings on the back permanent molars of 2nd and 6th-grade students.

Healthy Children, Healthy Weights - Promotes a healthy weight in children from birth to kindergarten. The program provides practical strategies to establish environments and policies that promote healthy weight in children. Parent tools and resources are also available online.

Healthy Homes - Provides in-home assessments and support to protect children against hazards at home by focusing on asthma triggers and lead poisoning.

Immunization Clinic - Immunizations and education for children and adults are offered at the main building in Columbus and Worthington Clinic.

Neighborhood Social Work - Helps residents link to services for a range of health, social service, and educational needs

Home Visiting - Programs for pregnant women, mothers, and babies.

My Baby and Me - Providing in-home care, education, and support for a healthy pregnancy, mother, and baby. Safe Communities - Promotes traffic safety through community coalition by focusing on safety belt use, drinking, and driving, speeding, pedestrian safety, teen driving, and motorcycle safety.

Safe Routes to School - Makes walking and biking to school a safer, easier, and more fun option for Columbus elementary and middle school students in participating schools.

Sexual Health Clinic - Testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) including diagnosis, treatment, and education. Confidential and anonymous testing is provided at the clinic and sites around Columbus.

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WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) - Supplemental food and nutrition education program for pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to the age of 5.

Y.E.S. (You're Extra Special) - A child-centered education prevention program for children whose lives have been affected by alcohol and other drug use. This 12-lesson support and education group is for children ages 8-13 years old.

For more about these services, visit Columbus Public Health at http://www.publichealth.columbus.gov

# Columbus Speech & Hearing Center - CSHC

510 E North Broadway Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.263.5151 Fax: 614.263.5365

TTY: 614.263.2299

Website: www.columbusspeech.org

## **Program Description:**

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center offers the following services in the speech department:

- Speech-language evaluations
- Individual Speech Therapy for:
  - Articulation
  - Expressive language
  - Receptive language
  - Pragmatics
  - Auditory processing
  - Voice
- Group therapy
- Special summer programs

For questions or to schedule, please call 614.263.5151

For questions of to schedule, please call 614.203.3131

- Department:
   Hearing evaluations, including infants
  - Hearing aid sales and services
  - · Cochlear implant services

For questions or scheduling, please call 614.261.5452 or e-mail hearing@columbusspeech.org.

Columbus Speech & Hearing Center offers the following services for children and adults in the Audiology

- Fluency (stuttering)
- Aural habilitation
- · Accent modification
- Augmentative communication
- · Orofacial myofunctional (tongue thrust) disorders

# **Community Computer Alliance**

744 Harmon Ave Columbus OH 43223 Phone: 614.223.1530 **E-mail: info@ccompa.org** 

E-mail: info@ccompa.org Website: www.ccompa.org

## **Program Description:**

Community Computer Alliance is a full-circle non-profit organization that gives back to the community that donates to us. Given your donations of items, Community Computer Alliance will test them to see if they work. Once we determined that status the items could follow different routes:

Refurbishable items enter our outreach program.

Non-refurbishable items enter into our electronic waste recycling program. Our Job Readiness Program helps those in the community who have differing abilities obtain skill sets that foster confidence, a great attitude, and an ability to work with others. Program participants learn how to refurbish a computer from the ground up. This includes:

Installing hardware & software Troubleshooting issues Proper data sanitation procedures

Serving individuals in the Job Skills program is a primary component of the Community Computer Alliance's mission to strengthen our community through technology. Fulfilling this mission at times requires CCA to limit Job Skills training participants in accordance with the confines of our space and staffing to ensure a safe work environment for CCA employees, volunteers, job coaches, and Job Skills program participants. Community Computer Alliance therefore reserves the right to refuse Job Skills training partnerships and/ or referrals on the basis of these space and/ or staffing limitations.

Community Computer Alliance does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, religion, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or any other basis as specified by federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and does not tolerate such discrimination by its staff.

# **Community Refugee & Immigration Services - CRIS**

1925 E Dublin Granville Rd Ste 102 Columbus OH 43229 Phone: 614.235.5747

Fax: 614.279.1342

Website: www.crisohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Parenting Classes - In Spanish, and Somali languages.

Help Me Grow - Service coordination in English and Spanish. Interpreters - Provided for speakers of other languages.

Parenting Classes - Expectant parents or children 0-8 years old.

Help Me Grow - Children 0-3 years old with a developmental delay or a medical diagnosis that may lead to a delay.

## **Concord Counseling Service**

700 Brooksedge Blvd Westerville OH 43081 Phone: 614.882.9338 Fax: 614.882.3401

Website: www.concordcounseling.org

#### **Program Description:**

Services at Concord Counseling for ages 4-21 include: individual and family therapy and medication management. For those 18 and older Concord Counseling Service also provides CPST services and support groups including Survivors of Suicide and Families in Touch (families of the chronically mentally ill) at the offices in Westerville. Also provides (short-term) individual and group counseling as well as referral/linkage to community resources in the school-based prevention programs in the Groveport Madison, Gahanna-Jefferson, New Albany, and Westerville school districts.

## **Creative Foundations**

20 Troy Rd.

Delaware OH 43015 Phone: 740.815.2308 Fax: 877.345.6733

Website: www.creativefoundations.org

## **Program Description:**

- · Adult day services
- · Residential services

I/O Waiver, SELF, level one waiver from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Home waiver. Supported Living from local County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

# **Dahlberg Gibson Learning Center - Hattie Larlham**

3675 Walford St Columbus OH 43224 Phone: 614.447.0606 Fax: 614.447.0609

Website: www.addohio.org

## **Program Description:**

A special needs center for children with various disabilities. Typically developing children serve as peer models. Provides early childhood curriculum, therapy, and parent support. Toddler and preschool programs, social work, speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and psychology services are available to qualifying children. Staff includes certified teachers, educational specialists, and social workers, along with a cook, custodian, and administrative assistant. The center class ratios are six children to one adult.

## **Delaware Area Career Center**

4565 Columbus Pike Delaware OH 43015 Phone: 740.548.0708 Fax: 740.549.1397

Website: www.delawareareacc.org

#### **Program Description:**

Delaware Area Career Center (DACC) is an innovative model for developing lifelong learners, quality leaders, and critical thinkers. DACC offers programs for high school students to apply learned skills to the workforce and prepare for higher education by earning college credit. Adult programs prepare workers to enter, compete, and advance in a changing work environment. These adult programs offer customized training for individuals and businesses in human resources, computer applications, management information systems, public safety, and other areas.

The application process is available on the website. Students complete an application which is signed by a home school counselor before it is sent to the DACC. All applications are reviewed by the DACC team. Consideration is given to students' credits for graduation.

# **Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD)**

7991 Columbus Pike Lewis Center OH 43035 Phone: 740.201.3600 Fax: 740.548.6760

Website: www.dcbdd.org

Intake and Eligibility (www.dcbdd.org/services/eligibility):

- For children under three years old, contact the Toll-Free Help Me Grow Referral Line at 800.755.4769
- For individuals three years of age and older, contact DCBDD's Intake & Eligibility Department at 740.201.3601 or intake.eligibility@dcbdd.org.

## **Program Description:**

Early Intervention

The Early Intervention program's goal is to identify and serve children under the age of 3 with developmental delays and disabilities as early as possible. Children are evaluated for delays in the areas of adaptive, cognitive, communicative, physical, and social-emotional development, using appropriate diagnostic tools.

If a child is determined eligible and has an established unmet need, the child and family will be connected with a Core Team of professionals. The Early Intervention team, comprised of a Service Coordinator, a Developmental Specialist, an Occupational Therapist, a Physical Therapist, and a Speech Language Pathologist will assist the family in creating an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). An IFSP is a family-driven document that is meant to be used as a road map for each individual family's services and identifies the outcomes that a family wants their child to meet. Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities strives to assist families in providing services in the child's natural environment, such as the home, daycare, or other places where the family spends time.

#### Service and Support Administration

Individuals aged 3 and above who are eligible for DCBDD services are assigned a Service and Support Administrator or SSA. The SSA meets with each individual and their team to discuss what is important to them and their goals for the future. This information is then used to develop an outcome-based Person-Centered Plan. The SSA serves as the primary point of coordination to develop and implement the plan. The SSA works closely with each individual, family, and team of support to ensure the highest quality of service delivery.

Support can include assistance with daily living needs, therapeutic needs, learning new skills, connections to resources and social groups in the community, as well as support to find and maintain a job. Some supports may also include adaptations or environmental modifications that increase independence and remove barriers to experiencing a personally fulfilling life.

# **Delaware Creative Housing/Creative Living Systems, Inc.**

437 Dunlap St Delaware OH 43015 Phone: 740.368.5803 Fax: 740.362.2477

Website: www.delawarecreativehousing.org

## **Program Description:**

Delaware Creative Housing, Inc. (DCH) provides housing by way of referral through the Delaware County Board of Developmental Disabilities for persons with disabilities. DCH provides property management for DCBDD two HUD projects. The lending closet is still operating and DCH receives donations and lends equipment free of charge. Donors are given a letter acknowledging their donation for tax purposes if they would like. Housing/Developmental Disabilities, Resource Lending Library, no eligibility requirements based on individual need.

# **Delaware Speech and Hearing Center**

494 W Central Ave Delaware OH 43015 Phone: 740.369.3650 Fax: 740.369.0812

TTY: 740.369.3650

Website: www.delawareshc.org

## **Program Description:**

- 1. Speech Language Pathology Identification, diagnosis, and treatment of speech and language disorders. Swallowing assessment and treatment.
- 2. Summer Preschool Language Stimulation Programs For two through five-year-old children with language delays and Summer Literacy Program: for children ages 5 to 7 years old.
- 3. Audiology Program Identification and diagnosis of hearing and hearing-related disorders. Differential assessments to support medical diagnosis of ear disease and balance disorders. Aural rehabilitation and hearing aid evaluation. Newborn-Infant Hearing screen & assessments.
- 4. Hearing Aid Dispensary Selection and acquisition of hearing aids. Analysis of hearing aids, major and minor repairs, service, accessories, loaner aids, and assistive listening devices.
- 5. Prevention and Education Presentations For parents, professionals, and organizations.
- 6. Counseling and Referral Focused on the nature and impact of communication disorders and provided in conjunction with evaluation and treatment services. Clients are referred to specialists and specialty programs as dictated by individual needs.
- 7. Occupational Therapy Identification, diagnosis, and treatment of problems with everyday living activities, including sensory, anxiety, or regulation disorders.

#### **Directions for Youth & Families**

1515 Indianola Ave Columbus OH 43201 Phone: 614.294.2661 Fax: 614.294.3247

Website: www.dfyf.org

#### **Program Description:**

Programs offered:

Anger Management Options - Franklin County youth ages 10-18 years old who are experiencing difficulty in appropriate expression of anger.

Building Bright Futures - case management and family support services to youth in grades 6-12 who are at risk for school failure.

Children of Murdered Parents and Siblings - young people ages 8-18 years old who have lost a loved one to homicide.

Children Who Witness Violence - young people ages 5-18 years old who have witnessed violent acts in their family, neighborhood, or surroundings.

Crittenton Youth Center - after-school/summer community-based prevention program for ages 8-18 years old using arts and recreation activities.

Family Outreach Substance Abuse Counseling - home-based outreach services to Franklin and Delaware County youth ages 12-17 years old having a history of substance abuse, delinquent behavior, and home and school problems.

Ohio Avenue Youth Center - after-school/summer community-based prevention program for ages 8-18 years old using arts and recreation activities.

Office-Based Counseling - counseling, psychological, and psychiatric services to adults, adolescents, children, families, and couples in Franklin County.

Outreach Counseling Program - home-based individual and family counseling for Franklin County youth ages 5-18 years old and their families.

Promises - addresses the emotional, physical, and behavioral effects related to sexual abuse; survivors ages 7-17 years old.

Positive Paths Parenting Classes - parenting services to strengthen families.

Ready, Set, Grow - children ages 3-6 years old who are at risk of not being ready to enter school.

Teen Parent Connection - home-based counseling and case management services to youth ages 12-21 years old who are pregnant and/or parenting.

# **Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio (DSACO)**

510 E North Broadway 4th Floor Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.263.6020

Fax: 614.263.6094

Website: http://dsaco.net

## **Program Description:**

Over the span of a lifetime — starting with a diagnosis and along every step of the way — you have someone here to help. DSACO exists to support families, promote community involvement, and encourage a lifetime of opportunities for people with Down syndrome. DSACO believes this can be achieved by providing families and individuals living with Down syndrome with meaningful, convenient, and unique opportunities to discover independence and celebrate their achievements.

# **Dungarvin Ohio, LLC.**

294 East Campus View Blvd Columbus OH 43235 Phone: 614.880.6000

Fax: 614.880-6002 Toll-Free: 800.646.4612

Website: www.dungarvin.com

#### **Program Description:**

Dungarvin Ohio provides a variety of support to individuals with special needs. Dungarvin serves adults and children with developmental disabilities, mental health issues, or who have a dual diagnosis. Individual Options (I/O) waiver services, Level 1 waiver services, treatment and family foster care, and various individually contracted services for a multitude of services to individuals with special needs.

## **Dyslexia Institutes of America**

2700 E Main Street Ste 110 Columbus OH 43209 Phone: 614.340.5592

Fax: 614.448.3344

Website: www.diaohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Dyslexia diagnostic assessments and remediation therapy focused on improving cognitive and phonological skills. Dyslexia Institutes of America has the ability to assess individuals aged 4.5 to adult, determine if dyslexia is present, what kind of dyslexia, and the severity of the dyslexia. Based on these findings, Dyslexia Institutes of America prescribes a multi-sensory therapy plan to help the individual remediate dyslexia.

# Early Childhood Resource Network+ - ECRN+/YMCA Community Strengthening Programs

1907 Leonard Ave Columbus, OH 43219 Phone: 614.389.3880 Fax: 614.382.8986

Website: www.ymcacolumbus.org/locations/ecrn

#### **Program Description:**

Y CARES - Y CARES is a community health program designed for families who are expecting and/or have infants under the age of one. We provide wrap-around service for the entire family, providing resources, supplies, and support to help strengthen the family, increase infant vitality, and reduce maternal stress.

Early Intervention - Ohio Early Intervention (formerly Help Me Grow) is a statewide system that provides coordinated services to support parents of infants and toddlers (ages, birth -3) who have a medical diagnosis or developmental delay. El is grounded in the philosophy that young children learn best from familiar people in familiar settings. We provide support and resources to assist parents and caregivers in enhancing children's learning and development through everyday routines.

Equipment Loan Program - Equipment Loan Program (serving over 200 individuals each year): We loan out adaptive equipment to children, teens, and adults for 90-day loan periods. Equipment includes walkers, bolsters, feeding chairs, sensory devices, and other adaptive equipment.

Community Support Site - Community Support Site provides speech therapy services (individual and group) for children in the Franklin County Early Intervention program who have a diagnosed speech delay or disability. Coaching services are provided by Speech and Language Pathologists in community settings and natural environments for the families.

Family Support/Inclusion Services - Provides association support regarding implementing inclusion policies and procedures. Support services for families who have children, teens, and young adults with delays, disabilities, and special health care needs. We provide inclusive, community-based opportunities such as hiking groups, pool parties, informational sessions, and other activities.

SPARK - SPARK is a free, family-focused school readiness program that works with families to help get their children ready for kindergarten by building academic and social skills and is home-based. Families who participate in SPARK meet at least once a month in their homes with their Parent Partner. At each visit, families receive a new book, a lesson that focuses on a specific learning activity, activities to work on until the next visit and educational supplies. Developmental screenings and literacy and math assessments help to determine what goals to set for both the child and the family.

Stable Families - The Stable Families program is a home visiting service where we provide comprehensive services, resources, and support to families experiencing economic or family instability. Using a 2Gen strengths-based model, we focus on the entire family and align services that meet family needs to support their success. We focus on school stability, maintaining secure and appropriate housing, and assisting families so they increase their income. Families must have a child enrolled in an Early Childhood Education/Learning Program Pre-K-12th grade, must live in Franklin County, must not currently be experiencing hopelessness, and must be willing to participate in service coordination for up to a year.

Juvenile Justice - The Juvenile Justice Department focuses on the healthy development of youth who are at risk or underprivileged. Programs in the department center around day treatment as an alternative to suspension and expulsion for local school districts (PALS), at-risk teen mentoring (Fresh Start), counseling and referral services for victims of crime (VOCA), and various solutions designed to reduce truancy, day-curfew, and associated delinquency.

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Y Without Walls - Programs offered through the YMCA are funneled into the community through the YWW. Although many of these programs are centered around youth development, these initiatives are not the limits. Currently, YWW is leading STEM initiatives at schools and community centers throughout Franklin County. Y Without Walls also houses the New American Welcome Center, which is designed to help immigrants through a combination of integration services, collaborations with community leaders and businesses, and strategies to connect and build cross-cultural understanding between immigrants and U.S.-born residents.

Training and Child Check - We provide training to families, teachers, and community providers on Trauma Informed Care, Mental Health First Youth and Adult, Child Development, Diverse-Abilities/Inclusion, and Challenging Behaviors Support and coaching. We also offer free developmental, vision, and hearing screenings for children 3-5 years old.

## Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio, Inc. - Early Intervention

Early Intervention Manager – Pam Moser 3830 Trueman Ct Hilliard OH 43026

Phone: 614.228.5523 or 800.860.5523

Fax: 614.228.8249

Website: http://EasterSealsCentralOhio.org

Facebook: Easter Seals Central and Southeast Ohio

#### **Program Description:**

The Early Intervention Program provides a comprehensive child development program for children from 12 months to three years of age, ensuring quality, individualized educational and therapy services as necessary. Our centerbased program is offered 3 days per week on Tues, Wed, and Thu. The staffing ratio is a maximum of 8 children to 2 adults. We have a morning session from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. and an afternoon session from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. The program runs from Sept. through May. In addition to the center-based classroom, all families are required to participate in Home Visits with their child's Developmental Specialist. These visits follow the coaching model and are a time to address concerns with development related to the family's daily routines. These visits take place in the home or at an alternate location decided upon by the family and teacher. Coaching visits continue in the months of June and July for currently enrolled students.

The staff will provide developmentally appropriate curriculum, experiences, and activities, as well as therapeutic intervention for children in need of such services. Classrooms are staffed by Developmental Specialists and Early Intervention Assistants. The Developmental Specialists are certified by the Ohio Department of Disabilities. We have an Occupational Therapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, and Physical Therapist on staff who are licensed through the State of Ohio. We also have a licensed Music Therapist one day per week in each classroom.

Children are enrolled in our program through the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities and need to be currently enrolled in the Help Me Grow program.

# **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO)**

2080 Citygate Dr Columbus OH 43219 Phone: 614.542.4106

Website: http://www.escco.org

## **Program Description:**

## **Campus-Based Transition (CBT) Programs**

The ESC of Central Ohio has partnered with area institutions of higher education to give Central Ohio students with disabilities an opportunity to explore, develop, and refine skills necessary to enter competitive employment. Students focus on individualized transition plans to achieve future adult living and career aspirations.

The ESC offers three unique programs on the campuses of Columbus State Community College and The Ohio State University, which serve students 18-22 who have completed or met all graduation requirements and have elected to defer their high school diploma. Each applicant for CBT is considered a candidate for all three programs and is accepted based on availability, individual needs, and work experience.

Each CBT classroom is staffed with a team of highly skilled and licensed/certified staff, including: an intervention specialist, paraprofessional, and transition specialist. The CBT programs foster the greatest level of independence in student work and daily living skills by providing links to adult services and developing self-determined, student-centered plans for the transition from school to work. Students are provided with authentic learning experiences with their peers both on campus and in the community.

#### **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program**

The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program is designed to meet the unique needs of students identified with hearing losses ranging from moderate to profound. The program addresses various communication modalities including aural/oral, PSE (Pidgin Signed English), and ASL (American Sign Language) for elementary to high school-aged students.

The ESC works collaboratively with district educators so that students with hearing impairments can participate in general education classes with specialized instruction and support provided by licensed teachers of the deaf who address each child's unique learning needs. This support includes the implementation of Individualized Education Program goals, curricular modifications, accommodations, and small group instruction as appropriate.

Services include an educational audiologist to maximize residual hearing and make classroom amplification recommendations on an individual basis. Speech and language pathology services are provided to develop and maximize speech and language with the use of residual hearing while supported by a full academic team. The team of highly qualified/licensed professionals also may include educational interpreters as well as a mental health specialist, and occupational and/or physical therapy services as needed.

## **Early Learning Peer Model Program**

This half-day, center-based Early Learning program provides trans-disciplinary services to preschoolers with and without disabilities in public school buildings and childcare centers.

The program is designed to provide child-centered, enriched learning activities that are developmentally appropriate and aligned with the Ohio Department of Education Early Learning Content Standards. Classrooms are divided into interest centers such as art, dramatic play, block building, manipulatives, and sensory. Materials and activities at each interest center are individualized for the children. Busy and quiet activities alternate, and time is set aside for the children to meet as a group with the teacher for planned activities.

Students with disabilities benefit from small group instruction in a supportive environment that includes interacting with typically developing preschool peer models.

Early Learning Programs at the ESCCO are supported by a team of highly qualified and licensed/certified professionals, which may include a teacher, paraprofessional, occupational therapist, speech and language pathologist, physical therapist, and adapted physical education teacher as deemed appropriate by an IEP team.

Itinerant preschool special education services are also available to assist children in their home, preschool, or childcare setting. Staff work collaboratively with district personnel and families to support transition planning and develop and implement Individualized Education Program goals designed to meet the unique needs of preschoolers with a disability.

Services are provided in the child's natural setting by a certified early childhood intervention specialist for a minimum of four hours per month.

#### **Behavioral Support Classroom (BSC)**

The ESCCO offers classes designed to support the unique needs of students in a public-school setting who experience significant emotional and behavioral challenges that impede learning. Students are supported by a team of highly skilled and licensed/certified professionals including a teacher, paraprofessional, transition specialist, and a mental health specialist, as deemed appropriate.

The staff, provided by the ESCCO, works collaboratively with district personnel to develop, and implement Individualized Education Program goals. In addition, the staff assists students, parents, and district personnel and serves as a liaison between school and mental health agencies in the community.

The program design promotes and facilitates student access to the general education environment through a blend of educational and mental health strategies and supports to ensure a comprehensive curriculum designed to meet the social, emotional, and academic needs of each student.

Students participating in the ED Collaborative Learning Centers benefit from small group instruction as well as a highly specialized and structured learning environment.

#### Low Incidence

The Center for Student Services provides classes designed to support the unique needs of students in the public-school setting who experience moderate to intensive disabilities. Serving students ages 5-21, the program is a link in the continuum of program options for students with disabilities. The program promotes and facilitates inclusion opportunities for students with appropriate support. Students are supported by a team of highly qualified and licensed/certified ESC professionals, which may include a paraprofessional.

Related services are provided on an individual basis. The staff works collaboratively with district personnel to support students and parents. The staff develops and implements Individualized Education Program (IEP) goals designed to meet the needs of each student. With a maximum class size of eight, students also benefit from small-group instruction in a highly specialized learning environment.

## **Project SEARCH**

Project SEARCH is a partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, which serves as a host business, to offer a 9-month intensive internship program. This is for students who are in their last year of high school and the goal is competitive integrated employment. Students must tour the program and apply for admittance the year prior to attending.

The Structured Teaching for Autistic and Communications Delayed Kids program provides a continuum of educational services for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families. The STACK program is based on the principles of the TEACCH model from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and provides a structured learning environment that recognizes differences in the rate and nature of development within and among children with ASD.

The STACK program is comprised of classes for students, ages kindergarten through high school. Classes are in public school buildings allowing for access to the general education curriculum, opportunities for peer interactions, and a more fluent transition between the continuum of program options.

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#### Structured Teaching for Autistic and Communication-Delayed Kids (STACK)

Strategies used in STACK classrooms are designed to decrease the behavioral challenges often observed when working with students with autism. STACK advocates the use of visually cued instruction to facilitate organization and independence and infuses other effective teaching methods such as Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS), Direct Instruction, and Applied Behavioral Analysis, into the program. STACK classrooms use both individual and group instruction to increase and generalize mastered independent skills.

Students demonstrating the ability to succeed in the general education learning environment are included in the general education classroom with support by a team of specialists.

STACK classrooms are staffed with a team of highly skilled and licensed/certified staff including a teacher, paraprofessional, and related service personnel who specialize in the delivery of educational services for students with ASD. The staff strives to work collaboratively with families and district personnel to meet the unique needs of each child.

Students in the STACK program benefit from small group instruction in a highly specialized learning environment as well as the opportunity to receive other related services on an individual basis.

## Structured Teaching Reinforced In a Visual Environment (STRIVE)

The Structured Teaching Reinforced In a Visual Environment (STRIVE) program is for students identified under any disability category that need a highly structured environment with visual supports. Critical components of the program include direct instruction in social skills and opportunities for self-regulation. Students in the STRIVE program are served in a general education setting to the greatest extent possible.

## Ventures Academy Located in Delaware County And Ventures II Located in Franklin County

Ventures Academy is an alternative education program providing a structured and safe learning environment to students in need of social, emotional, and behavioral interventions. Our highly qualified, licensed, and certified professionals specialize in delivering individualized instruction that enhances self-efficacy and strengthens students' academic and social skills. Ventures Academy works alongside each student's home district and conducts routine student evaluations to ensure progress on educational and personal goals.

# **Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Columbus**

895 Central Ave Ste 550 Cincinnati OH 45202 Phone: 877.504.0437

Fax: 513.721.0799

3857 N High St Ste 206 Columbus OH 43214 614.725.1015 513.721.0799

Website: www.epilepsy-ohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and Columbus is a private, non-profit social service organization providing services to people living with Epilepsy/Seizure Disorder, their families and caregivers as well as providing public education. The Epilepsy Foundation's mission is to enhance the quality of life for those affected by epilepsy, to increase the understanding of epilepsy in Central Ohio, to lead the fight to stop seizures, find a cure, and overcome the challenges created by epilepsy.

#### Services include:

Counseling Services are provided by licensed counselors to assist in maximizing the personal, social, and educational adjustment of those affected by epilepsy. Facilitated support groups for teens, young adults, mature adults, and parents of children with epilepsy are held monthly to provide a forum for mutual support and personal growth.

Information and Referral staff are available to assist persons with questions related to epilepsy in a variety of settings including school, workplace, and the community, as well as for current and accurate information on epilepsy, co-occurring medical conditions, treatment options, medication assistance, and referral to educational and community resources, government programs, or medication assistance.

Annual Educational Seminar conducted in November to raise awareness of epilepsy and to provide families, adults, educators, nurses, and other health care practitioners current information on epilepsy research, treatments, and advocacy issues by highly qualified professionals in a variety of fields.

Residential and Day Camps provide an opportunity for children to enjoy childhood experiences in an atmosphere where seizures do not spoil the fun and where youth learn new coping skills through meeting others who have lived successfully with epilepsy.

Community Educational Programs tailored to specific audiences including staff of daycare centers, teachers and students in grades K-12, employers, civic and fraternal groups, school nurses, geriatric facilities, health care organizations, etc.

# Franklin County Children Services (FCCS)

855 West Mound St Columbus OH 43223 Phone: 614.275.2571

Website: https://childrenservices.franklincountyohio.gov

## **Program Description:**

Franklin County Children Services Mission is clear — Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency, and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.

Children Services is the public agency mandated by federal and state law to ensure that our community's children are safe and well cared for. We provide protection, care, and permanence for children who are abused, neglected, or dependent. By being in partnership with more than 100 agencies and organizations, and with the help of over 700 employees, 500 kinship families, 200 adoptive families, 500 volunteers and mentors, and hundreds of community foster parents, the agency is committed to making sure that every child has a safe and stable home. Children Services' social workers and support staff work to build stable and supportive living settings for young people, strengthen family life, and assist parents in meeting their responsibilities to their children. FCCS receives approximately 30,000 referrals annually through our 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline 614.229.7000.

# Family Focus (North Central Mental Health Services)

1301 N High St Columbus OH 43201 Phone: 614.227.6865 Fax: 614.227.6873

E-mail: tmarble@ncmhs.org

Website: http://www.ncmhs.org/FamilyFocus.htm

## **Program Description:**

Family Focus offers comprehensive assessment and treatment services to children, adolescents, and families, helping them to resolve problems and improve their quality of life. Services include outpatient counseling for children and families focusing on a wide range of problems including school difficulties, behavior problems (home and school), physical and/or sexual abuse, substance abuse issues, childhood depression and anxiety, hyperactivity, communication issues, adjustment issues, and parent management skills.

Outpatient counseling for individuals and families. Case management (limited), psychiatric evaluation (referred by clinician only), and medication management (must be in conjunction with therapy).

## Franklin County Developmental Disabilities Special Olympics

2879 Johnstown Rd Columbus OH 43219 Phone: 614.342.5984

Fax: 614.342.5677

Website: https://fcbdd.org/services/recreation/

#### **Program Description:**

Special Olympics is a competitive sports training and competition program. Athletes have practices to prepare for competition in the following sports: basketball, bocce, bowling, downhill skiing, golf, gymnastics, ice skating, powerlifting, roller-skating, tennis, track, soccer, softball, swimming, and volleyball. The minimum age is 8 – and must be enrolled for services by FCB/DD. If not, contact your local school district.

# Good Hands Supported Living, Ltd.

2491 E Dublin Granville Rd Columbus OH 43229 Phone: 614.899.7320 Fax: 614.899.7326

Website: www.ghslohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Good Hands Supported Living (GHSL) is a developmental disability adult day service. GHSL offers a wide variety of educational, recreational, and leisure activities so that consumers may choose what they want to do. In addition, GHSL activities are geared to provide experiences that enhance consumers' lives and broaden their skill sets. Want to learn to play chess, build your computer skills, play basketball, garden, or participate in a relaxing yoga class? At GHSL, all these activities and more are available and part of the regular programming.

A few of the other activities that consumers may participate in at GHSL include: Healthy Habits Club; arts & crafts (painting, drawing, seasonal art, mosaics, mixed media); music enrichment; entertainment; games (outdoor, indoor, board, computer, and electronic--including Wii); movement & exercise; movie club; shopping and thrifting; sports (basketball, bowling, baseball, & more); fun science experiments; and the sweet success program--individualized academic endeavors.

Good Hands Supported Living's goal is to provide whatever assistance consumers need while maintaining their dignity and promoting their independence. Toileting assistance and medicine administration are available if needed. GHSL provides door-to-door transportation for consumers for both the day and evening shifts; GHSL is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Consumers are welcome to attend five days a week or just one day-it's their choice.

If you are interested in attending Good Hands Supported Living Habilitation Center let your Social Security Administration (SSA) know so they may begin the paperwork and help you live a more satisfying life.

## **Greenleaf Job Training Services, Inc.**

510 E North Broadway Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.261.3110 Fax: 614.261.6336

Website: www.greenleafjts.com

# **Program Description:**

Greenleaf JTS provides employment support services to individuals with differing abilities so that each person may enhance those abilities to achieve greater productivity, self-sufficiency, and independence services include preemployment assessments and training, job-seeking skills training, summer youth programs, job development, job coaching, and long-term support.

Individuals with differing abilities at least 14 years of age and interested in community employment now or in the near future (program-specific requirements - call for details).

## Help Me Grow- Early Intervention - Ohio

2760 Airport Dr Suite 130A Columbus Ohio 43219 Phone: 614.699.0515

Fax: 614.351.2010

Website: https://ohioearlyintervention.org/

#### **Program Description:**

Early Intervention (EI) is a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three with developmental delays or disabilities. 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. Your team works with you in your home or other places; you and your family spend time developing a coordinated plan called an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). You and your team will work through your IFSP plan to use your existing supports and resources—and build upon them—to learn to enhance your child's learning and development.

#### **Home Health Connection**

6797 N High St Worthington OH 43085 Phone: 614.839.4545 Fax: 614.540.1088

Website: www.hhc-oh.com

#### **Program Description:**

Home Health Connection recognizes the needs of developmentally disabled individuals and their families. Home Health Connection strives to create an enduring relationship and provide the proper care for individuals or family members. For over a decade, Home Health Connections has met the needs of clients by tirelessly supporting them every step of the way.

Services that assist with daily life, including:

Homemaker Needs (cleaning, cooking, organizing, laundry, etc.)
Health Care Needs Medication Assistance

Community Involvement Transportation
Recreation Education
Vacations ADS

Skilled Nursing Professional Therapists

Wheelchair Life Van And much more

Multi Service Agency - includes level 1 @ IO Certification (Waivers), Transportation, Medicaid, TDD waiver.

### I AM BOUNDLESS, INC.

445 E Dublin Granville Road Worthington OH 43085 Phone: 800.409.2729 Website: iamboundless.org

#### **Program Description:**

Am Boundless is an Ohio nonprofit serving people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and behavioral health challenges. Our approach to whole-person care celebrates each individual and empowers them to become active participants in the communities where they live, work, and play. In addition to our main campus in Worthington, Boundless has locations in Medina, Newark, Perrysburg, West Carrollton, and Youngstown.

#### APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA), AUTISM, AND MORE

- ABA Therapy and Community ABA Services ABA-certified therapists design a personalized treatment plan.
   that uses positive reinforcement, art, music, puzzles, games, outdoor adventures, and more to help build communication, social, academic, and adaptive skills while also decreasing challenging behavior. Community ABA can take place in the home, at a school, or in a supported living setting. For intensive ABA therapy, 1:1 staffing is available.
- I Center-Based Services Our center-based programs are rooted in ABA and empower kids and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities, and other behavioral and mental health challenges to achieve their full potential.
- Early Identification Clinic Our EIC helps identify children six and under with autism spectrum disorder and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. A multi-disciplinary team of Boundless clinicians assesses your loved one and works together to identify the support and services necessary for them to thrive.

#### COMMUNITY

- After-School and Day Programs Designed to help young people who may struggle outside of a traditional school setting, the goal of these programs is to return the student to their local school district. Licensed behavioral health providers and other health care professionals use a mix of art, music, puzzles, games, outdoor adventures, role-play, and more to practice emotional management, increase positive behavior, and improve self-esteem and confidence.
- Adult Day Programs These programs provide ongoing opportunities for adults to connect with their peers, learn new skills, and explore their community. We take the time to get to know each of our participants and then develop person-centered programming that appeals to their individual needs and interests. Boundless offers a variety of virtual, center-based, and entirely community-based adult day services.
- Employment Services Boundless does more than just find someone a job. We take an in-depth look at the person's life to help them find rewarding employment through one of our many community partners. We also offer job coaching and check-ins to improve job retention.
- Vocational Training Our vocational training program—sometimes called vocational habilitation—helps
  people with I/DD or behavioral health challenges to develop and grow the general skills necessary for a wide
  range of jobs. Our program focuses on practical skill development that encourages independence, selfdetermination, and competitive community employment.

#### RESIDENTIAL AND FAMILY

 Family Support Services - The State of Ohio provides family support services for Franklin County families who

have chosen to keep their family member with complex needs associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and behavioral health challenges at home. Funding is available on a limited basis through Boundless for a variety of services and equipment.

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- Supported Living Boundless' Supported Living program helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and behavioral health challenges, who live in their own homes or apartments, lead independent lives, and become active members of their communities. Boundless staff visit homes as needed, daily for up to a single hour each week, helping with a range of activities, including personal hygiene, money management, shopping, housekeeping, cooking, community outings, and more.
- Licensed Homes/ICF Boundless ICFs provide support tailored to the unique needs of each person, with an emphasis on empowerment to achieve personal goals. Our ICFs offer residents private bedrooms and bathrooms and a shared community space to connect with their neighbors.
- Multi-System Youth Programs Our multi-system youth (MSY) program is a residential option for teenagers
  and young adults who cannot be served in their natural homes and require specialized services supported by
  multiple public systems. We assist these young people by providing behavior support, active treatment, and
  opportunities to develop daily living skills and deeper connections to their community.
- Parent Directed Program The Boundless Parent-Directed Program (PDP) is a one-of-a-kind service for
  individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities who live with a family member or in their own home
  and direct their own services. As part of the PDP program, we handle the paperwork and administration so you
  can focus on ensuring the best care for you or your loved one.
- Respite Services Respite services provide short- to medium-term relief to eligible families with adults or children with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) or behavioral health challenges such as autism living in the home. Services vary by county.
- Boundless Health specializes in serving individuals and families with I/DD or other complex needs with their
  primary and dental care. Boundless Health offers person-centered care for the whole family and provides a
  warm and sensory-friendly environment with extended appointment times as needed. Medicaid and most major
  health insurance are accepted.

#### Available Services:

- · Wellness exams and physicals
- · Sick visits for patients of all ages
- Contraception and counseling for family planning Management of chronic health conditions
- · Blood draws and urine collection for lab testing
- · Rapid tests for flu, strep, A1C, and more
- Vaccinations
- · Counseling and Psychiatry
- Dental
- Speech and Language Therapy
- Telehealth Some services are available online.

We also offer help coordinating services through:

- Case Management
- OhioRISE Care Coordination

## **JDRF Southern & Central Ohio Chapter**

8035 Hosbrook Road Ste 210 Cincinnati OH 45236 Phone: 513.793.3223

Website: www.jdrf.org/socentralohio/

#### **Program Description:**

JDRF is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Our strength lies in our exclusive focus and singular influence on the worldwide effort to end T1D.

Vision: A world without type 1 diabetes

Mission: Improving lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications

## Lancaster City Schools - Preschool Program

425 Whittier Dr Lancaster OH 43130-4376 Phone: 740.687.7340 Fax: 740.687.7208

Website: www.lancaster.k12.oh.us

#### **Program Description:**

**Program Description:** 

The program offers children and their families a carefully planned environment to stimulate and nurture each child's development physically, socially, emotionally, cognitively, and aesthetically. The needed skills are incorporated into the daily schedule through the vehicle of play. Inclusive classes help students learn from and with each other. Specialists provide support services within the classroom environment with few exceptions. All preschool programs are accredited through NAEYC. Lancaster City Schools preschool program has been recognized by Step Up to Quality as a 5-star preschool program. Step Up To Quality (SUTQ) is Ohio's quality rating and improvement system for licensed learning and development programs. SUTQ recognizes learning and development programs that exceed licensing, health, and safety standards. Age 3-5 years old. Ninety-six children with special needs and 96 typically developing children.

## Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Head Start/Early Head Start

1743 E Main St PO Box 768 Lancaster OH 43130 Phone: 740.681.4881 Fax: 740.687.1385

Website: www.faircaa.org

#### **Program Description:**

The program offers part and full-day preschool options and home-based services for pregnant women and children birth to five. Children are exposed to a wide variety of learning experiences and have the opportunity to socialize with peers of their age. Each child's development is assessed, and the curriculum is individualized to promote development. Children must be income-eligible for Head Start/Early Head Start services. Eligibility Children age birth-5 years old. Ten percent of Head Start's population is reserved for children with disabilities.

## Learning Never Ends, LLC

Central West South

5909 Cleveland Ave 5047 Transamerica Dr 200 Hill Rd South
Columbus OH 43231 Columbus OH 43228 Pickerington OH 43147
Phone: 614.899.8100 Phone: 614.850.7472 Phone: 614.828.8032
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Fairfield 230 N Columbus St. Lancaster OH 43130 740.785.5876 HunterH@LNEohio.com

Website: https://www.lneohio.com

#### **Program Description:**

Learning Never Ends provides life-long learning and wellness opportunities to individuals with developmental disabilities. Programs encourage and promote self-determination and empowerment in a caring, safe, and fun learning atmosphere. Adult-Day Habilitation program offers creative arts, performing arts, education programs, day trips, community exploration, health and wellness programs, and sensory integration programs. In addition,

Learning Never Ends offers a Summer Camp for high school students ages 15-18 years old. The program accepts students who receive the I/O Waiver; however, private pay options are available as well.

Learning Never Ends also offers a Vocational Habilitation Program which provides job coaching, job training, cleaning, clerical, and shredding opportunities for individuals with disabilities at competitive hourly wages.

Round-trip non-medical transportation services are provided for both the Day Habilitation and Employment programs; private pay options are available for transportation services for the High School Summer Camp.

Learning Never Ends Adult Day Habilitation and Vocational Habilitation Programs provide services to individuals ages 18 and older with developmental disabilities who receive the following:

- I/O
- Level I
- SELF Waiver

Learning Never Ends Summer Camp provides services to students with developmental disabilities, who are still attending high school and are eligible to receive Community Respite Services.

## **Legal Aid Society of Columbus - LASC**

1108 City Park Ave Ste 100 Columbus OH 43206

Phone: 614.224.8374 (Main Number - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F)

614.241.2001 (Intake Number - 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. M-F)

Fax: 614.224.4514

Website: www.columbuslegalaid.org

## **Program Description:**

Provides free legal assistance to address civil (NOT CRIMINAL) legal needs of families in the areas of health, public benefits, housing, tax, consumer, domestic relations, education, expungements, and naturalization. Specifically, assist children in the areas of SSI terminations and problems with Medicaid, IEPs, school discipline, and access to education. Families must generally be at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

## Leo Yassenoff - Jewish Community Center Early Childhood - LYJCC

## Main (Gym & ECLC) North

1125 College Ave Columbus OH 43209 Phone: 614.559.6253

Fax: 614.231.8222

## North (ECLC Only)

6121 Olentangy River Rd Worthington OH 43085 Phone: 614.764.2414

Fax: 614.764.2415

## **New Albany (ECLC Only)**

150 E Dublin Granville Rd New Albany OH 43054 Phone: 614.855.4885

Fax: 614.855.4872

#### Website: www.columbusjcc.org

#### **Program Description:**

The center offers a special needs summer camp Arye for eight weeks in the summer. Services are provided to individuals between the ages of 5-22 years old with varied mental, physical, cognitive, and/or psychological abilities and disabilities, at their main campus. The children transition between multiple areas such as adaptive physical education, adaptive movement and music swimming, socialization skills, sensory room, and much more. Please call for more details. Level 1 Waivers or IO Waivers are no longer accepted. Must be a member of LYJCC.

## **Licking County Coalition for Housing**

23 1/2 S Park PI Ste 200 Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.345.1970 Fax: 740.345.8826

Website: www.lcchousing.org

## **Program Description:**

Homeless transitional housing; homeless prevention services; rapid re-housing; re-entry housing; housing options/ resource referrals; housing provider for Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities; free income tax preparation. Income guidelines apply, and eligibility varies by program/funder.

## Licking County Developmental Disabilities - Early Childhood Services

116 N 22nd St Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.349.6588 Fax: 740.322.6990

Website: http://lcountydd.org

#### **Program Description:**

Early Childhood Services, support families with children birth through age five who experience developmental delays. A delay is when a child does not reach developmental milestones at the expected time. Developmental delays can occur in one or more areas such as gross motor, fine motor, language, social/emotional, or cognition.

The early childhood team works with parents/caregivers to promote their child's development and participation in everyday activities that are important to them.

Family Focused Services are provided in the home and/or other locations the parent chooses and typically at times that are convenient for families.

Coaching with Compassion is when children learn best from someone they have a relationship with, like parents/caregivers. By coaching parents, focusing on their strengths, and supporting and empowering parents to build their capacity to meet their child's unique developmental needs.

Parent's Priorities Services will focus on what is important to parents. Service providers will help parents address challenges that they encounter during daily routines, such as bath time, getting dressed, and mealtimes.

Play is about infants, toddlers, and young children learning through play. Know that if a child is doing something he likes to do, he will do it more often and will therefore have more opportunities to practice (which in turn will promote development). As a result, we assist parents in identifying what interests their child and what he or she likes to do. Together, the parent and service provider will identify fun learning opportunities that occur during play and other daily activities

At the end of each visit, the parent and service provider will develop a plan that will incorporate fun learning activities into the family's daily routines. This plan will be reviewed at the beginning of the next visit.

For children under the age of three, a child must have a developmental delay or a mental or physical diagnosis that puts him/her at a significant risk of developing a delay. Eligibility is determined through the Ohio Early Intervention program. To make a referral, call 800.755.4769.

For children ages three through five, two developmental delays must be present. For determination of eligibility, call the LCBDD admissions coordinator at 740.349 6588.

## **Logan Elm Local Schools Preschool Program**

9579 Tarlton Rd Circleville OH 43113-9717 Phone: 740.474.7501

Fax: 740.477.6525

Website: www.loganelmschools.com/

### **Program Description:**

The Logan Elm Special Needs Preschool offers activities to enhance the development of social, cognitive, language, motor, and self-help skills of children 3-5 years old. Consultation, planning, and home visits are available. If determined necessary through the evaluation and IEP process, related services such as speech/language, occupational, and physical therapies are available. This program serves both typically developing preschoolers and those with special needs. The classroom is in a public elementary school, with a full-time teacher and aide and transportation is provided.

#### Mental Health America of Ohio

2323 W 5th Ave Ste 160 Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.221.1441 Fax: 614.221.1491

Website: www.mhaohio.org

## **Program Description:**

#### Get Connected

- Assist individuals and families in connecting with appropriate mental health services in the community, and advocate on their behalf
- Listen compassionately to concerns or complaints and assist in finding a solution.
- Empower individuals and family members to advocate for themselves.
- Help individuals and families navigate the mental health system.

#### Legislative Advocacy

• Advocating for public policies that recognize mental health as vital to our state's health and well-being • Mental Health Caucus to educate public officials on mental health issues.

#### **Support Groups**

- Depression
- Anxiety
- · Bipolar Disorder
- Families in Touch
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- POEM (Perinatal Outreach and Encouragement for Moms) Peer Recovery Supporters Group
- Voices Worth Hearing (open to people with schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, or other disorders with symptoms of psychosis)

#### Education

- Mental Health First Aid Instruction
  - Certified instructors of Mental Health First Aid provide on-site and virtual education and certification in this program
- Community-based programs
- Peer Recovery Supporter Certification Training and support
- MHA Ohio hosts the Ohio MHAS state certification training multiple times a year and provides support to certified.
   PRS and PRS-in-training

#### Pro-Bono Counseling Program

• Free short-term counseling for the uninsured and underinsured

#### **Milestones Autism Resources**

4853 Galaxy Parkway Ste A Warrensville Heights OH 44128

Phone: 216.464.7600 Fax: 216.464.7602

Website: milestones.org

#### **Program Description:**

Founded in 2003, Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of autistic individuals, families, caregivers, and professionals by providing autism strategies for life through educating, coaching, and connecting the autism community with resources. We envision a community in which autistic individuals reach their full potential as contributing members of society, are recognized for their strengths, and are supported in their challenges. Milestones serves professionals, parents, and individuals of all ages and abilities through an annual conference, consultations, and training, a free autism Helpdesk, and a robust website with more than 1,500 resources, including our new Milestones Autism Planning (MAP) tool.

## **Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)**

Care Centers Wexner Medical Center CarePoint East 543 Taylor Avenue Columbus OH 43203 Phone: 614.293.4969

Nationwide Children's Hospital 555 S 18th St Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.722.2203

Website: www.mda.org

#### **Program Description:**

Provides services for individuals who are diagnosed with one of the forty-three neuromuscular diseases covered by MDA. These services include clinics at Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital, assistance with repairs/modifications to durable medical equipment, summer camps, support groups, and community resources. Must be diagnosed with one of the forty-three diseases covered by MDA.

## My Place To Be

17 N Chalfant Ave Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.899.4296

Website: http://www.myplace2b.org E-mail: cmilner@myplace2b.org

#### **Program Description:**

My Place To Be's mission is to help children learn techniques to navigate the social world. Teaching social-emotional learning skills to children in a positive learning environment. My Place to Be is a safe place for children to express themselves. It is a place where all children are treated with dignity and respect and can learn self-awareness through sensory integration, and experiences with drama, music, art, and nature. It is My Place To Be's mission to help children realize their full potential and grow into caring adults.

#### Classes:

Camp Make Believe Kids - for 1st grade to 6th grade - This is an 8-step 32-week program - each month you learn about a new character that teaches new information about social awareness, making and keeping friends including bullying, and how to protect ourselves.

#### Step UP!

The STEP UP Program was adapted from the Camp Make Believe Kids® 8-Step Program, specifically for the blossoming teenager. The goals of the STEP UP Program are to prevent self-destructive behaviors and promote positive mental health in teenagers. It is an innovative program that teaches social and emotional learning.

Teens are stressed out for many reasons: academic, social, sports, romantic, body issues, hormones, bullies, and more. STEP UP teaches kids to cope with these stressors in a healthy and productive way. This program teaches teenagers and their parents key social and emotional learning concepts that promote self-confidence, self-awareness, empathy, and social skills while equipping them with tools and strategies for self-control and self-motivation.

#### How this program works:

STEP UP is modeled after the Camp Make Believe Kids® Program and is targeted at helping students: • Develop healthy social skills

- Label & express feelings appropriately
- Understand and respect the boundaries of ourselves and others.
- · Express empathy
- Decrease the intensity of negative feelings
- Stop displaying and responding to manipulation (bullying, peer pressure)
- Learn to self-regulate thoughts and behavior
- Self-motivate promoting resiliency to bounce back from stressful situations

Star Ability Theatre Program is an annual drama program that currently partners with The Weathervane Playhouse Children's Theater WYART program to give children with special needs the chance to perform and learn social skills through drama and the arts. The lessons conclude with a performance at the end, open to the community. Playing Right Preschool Class is a small playgroup program helping 3-5-year-olds learn to play and how to interact with peers in a small group setting.

Parent Support/Awareness is about raising a child with special needs, which can be challenging, and at times overwhelming. My Place To Be offers a parent program to help with challenging behaviors, and to give parents tools to be able to parent consciously and positively.

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My Place To Be Fit:

My Place To Be Fit is a new program for children on the autism spectrum and any children who need a little boost in self-confidence!

Some Benefits of Exercise Programs for Children on the Spectrum:

- Improves self-confidence and self-esteem
- Improves communication skills
- Lessens the occurrence of self-stimulating behaviors typical of children on the spectrum Reduces the rate of children on the spectrum being overweight.
- Creates body awareness
- Improved motor skills and functionality
- Enhanced social performance and reduced aggression

## **NAMI Franklin County**

1225 Dublin Rd Ste 50 Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.501.6264 Fax: 614.501.6267

mail@namifc.org

Website: http://www.namifranklincounty.org

#### **Program Description:**

Education, support, and advocacy for persons with severe mental illness and their families. Free 6 - or 12-week class for relatives of adults with a mental illness. Free 3 - or 6-week class for caregivers of minor children with a mental illness. Free 10-week recovery education class for adults living with mental illness. Classes cover symptoms and treatments as well as coping and communication skills. Call for more information. Location: Various

*NAMI Connection Recovery* is a peer-facilitated recovery support group open to anyone aged 18 and over with a mental illness. The group meets the last Saturday of the month from 12-1:30 p.m. NAMI Connection meets at Talbot Hall, located at 1492 E Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203. Location: East Columbus

Tea & Tears Family Support Group facilitated is a support group open to family members of a person with a mental illness. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7 p.m. at the Main Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, 96 S. Grant Ave., Columbus OH 43215. Location: Downtown Columbus

Tea & Tears Westerville Family Support Group is a facilitated support group open to family members of a person with a mental illness. The group meets the fourth Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m. at Church of the Messiah, 51 N. State St., Westerville, OH 43081. Location: Westerville

#### NAMI Franklin County education programs are free but do require advance registration

*NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program* offers free educational programs, for family members and caregivers of individuals living with mental illness.

*NAMI Peer-to-Peer Recovery Program* is a 10-week, unique, experiential recovery program for people living with mental illness interested in establishing and maintaining their wellness and recovery. Tuesday, January 10, 2017 - March 14, 2017, Time 6-8 p.m., Location Chalmers P. Wylie VA Ambulatory Care Center, 420 N James Rd., Columbus, 43219

*NAMI Basics Education Program* is for the parent or caregiver of a child aged 17 or younger who has anxiety, depression, mood disorders, OCD, ADHD, ODD, PTSD, or another brain disorder. This free three-week course helps parents and caregivers advocate for their children within school and healthcare settings while promoting the need for self-care, coping, and communication skills.

*NAMI Mentor Program* connects families and caregivers with caring coaches who help you deal with the realities and difficulties of caring for a loved one with mental illness. Contact us at 614.501.6264 or mail@namifc.org to learn more.

Family Support Group is for support for caregivers and family members caring for a loved one with mental illness. Central - 2nd Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 7 p.m., NAMI Ohio, 1225 Dublin Rd., Ste 125 Columbus, OH 43215 or Central - 4th Wednesday of each month 5:30 - 7 p.m., Columbus Metropolitan Library 96 S Grant Ave., Columbus, OH 43215

Grupo de Apoyo Amigas Latinas - Aapoyo a cuidadores y familiares que cuidan a sus seres queridos con enfermedades mentales. Por favor llame a Marbella Caceres at 1.800.374.2806, para verificar fecha de la reunion. El Primer Lunes de cada mes (First Monday of each month), 10 a.m. to 12 mediodia, 755 Stelzer Rd, Trailer #39, Columbus, OH 43219

NAMI Connection - A recovery support group for adults living with mental illness. The class is taught by those in recovery. NAMI Connection meets at the following location for 90 minutes.

"Talk with someone who understands...someone just like you." Talbot Hall (next to OSU East Hospital)
12 noon - 1:30 p.m. Every Saturday
1141 Phale D. Hale Dr., Columbus, OH 43205

New Birth Christian Ministries 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Room 212) Every Monday 3475 Refugee Rd., Columbus, OH 43232 Contact: Laurita Barber 614.530.4554

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion

444 Butterfly Gardens Dr Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.722.2000

Website: https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-

pavilion

#### **Program Description:**

The Big Lots Behavioral Health Pavilion at Nationwide Children's Hospital represents an effort to address that need. Thanks to Big Lots and their Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital constructed America's largest center dedicated exclusively to child and adolescent behavioral and mental health on a pediatric medical campus.

Featuring inpatient services, intensive outpatient services, a Psychiatric Crisis Department, and research all under one roof, this integrated pediatric behavioral health approach serves as a model for other healthcare systems across the nation.

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Center Autism Spectrum Disorders

195 W Schrock Rd Westerville OH 43081 Phone: 614.355.7570 Fax: 614.355.7580

Website: https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/center-for-autism-spectrum-disorders

#### **Program Description:**

The Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at Nationwide Children's Hospital provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary care focusing on evidence-based treatment, education, research, and advocacy for children with the diagnosis of ASD. The mission is to provide assistance to every child and family affected by ASD who is in need.

Services for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) include:

- Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) based on principles of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for toddlers, preschoolers, school-age and transition-age children
- Behavioral Consultation
- Educational Consultation
- Asperger's Counseling Services and Social Skills Group
- Parent Training
- · Community Education and Outreach

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Center for Family Safety and Healing

655 E Livingston Ave Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.722.8200 Fax: 614.722.3196

Website: https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/search-results?q=Center%20for%20Family%20Safety%20 and%20Healing

#### **Program Description:**

This is a multi-disciplinary organization devoted to the evaluation, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence. The mission is to foster a safe community by breaking the cycle of violence through coordinated, comprehensive services in the treatment and prevention of child abuse and domestic violence. Medical and forensic care, trauma-specific mental health services, education, and training are some of the many services offered.

Eligibility Children with suspected child abuse concerns up to age 21 years old. Parent support groups are available for child sexual abuse and domestic violence concerns.

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Close to Home Centers

700 Children's Dr Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.722.2000

Website: https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/locations/close-to-home-locations

#### **Program Description:**

Testing, treatment, and care for children and families are closer to you than ever. Our Close To Home Centers bring a full range of diagnostic and therapeutic services for newborns, children, and young adults to your neighborhood. Find a location on the website.

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Early Childhood Development Program

700 Children's Dr Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.722.3635 Fax: 614.722.3641

Website: www.nationwidechildrens.org

#### **Program Description:**

Early Childhood Specialist works with children birth-5 years old and their families, who may benefit from developmental or educational services throughout a hospitalization. Services include sharing information on child development, providing developmental play and activities; completion of developmental assessments and screenings; linkage to community early intervention and preschool programs, and participation in the development of the IFSP or IEP when appropriate. Children currently hospitalized, birth-5 years old who are experiencing developmental delays or are at risk for developmental delays.

## Nationwide Children's Hospital - Speech Pathology

700 Children's Dr Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.722.2200 Fax: 614.722.4000

Website: www.nationwidechildrens.org

#### **Program Description:**

Speech/language evaluations and therapy. Specialty evaluations and treatment for swallowing disorders, oral motor/feeding, fluency, Central Auditory Processing Disorders (CAPD), cochlear implant, hearing impaired, voice, and augmentative/alternative communication (AAC). Various groups for language development and social skills. Services are provided Monday-Friday year-round.

## **Nisonger Center - Adult Behavior Support Services**

385 McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.685.6705

Fax: 614.685.9701

Contact:

Annalice Delawder

E-mail: Annalice.Delawder@osumc.edu

Betsey A. Benson, PhD, Director E-mail: Betsey.Benson@osumc.edu

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

## **Program Description:**

The Adult Behavior Support Services Unit of the Nisonger Center develops, implements, and monitors support strategies for adults with challenging behaviors. The unit works with individuals, families, day programs, residential programs, and service coordinators of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The Nisonger Adult Behavior Support staff meets with family, day programs, transportation, and residential personnel to perform a functional assessment of the person's challenging behaviors. In consultation with the individual's team, they then develop support strategies. Nisonger Behavior Support staff trains personnel in strategies implementation and monitoring according to guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Meetings are arranged at the individual's day program and residences, as needed. Staff includes psychologists, behavior specialists, and graduate students.

- Adults, ages 18 and older, who participate in Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities programs.
- Referrals are made by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities service coordinators. No direct referrals are accepted.

## **Nisonger Center - Aspirations**

285A McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.685.3188

Fax: 614.366.6373

Contact:
Jeff Siegel
E-mail Jeffrey.Siegel@osumc.edu

Website: http://aspirationsohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

A social and vocational skills support group for teens and young adults (13+) with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Group leaders facilitate an atmosphere of acceptance and friendship. The program was established in 2002 by the Department of Neurology and the Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University. Group sessions focus on issues of friendship, responsibility, work, and independence. Participants are guided in discussions about planning for employment, teamwork, self-awareness, and understanding others. The program helps participants build self-confidence, learn from one another, and establish skills leading to more positive work and social relationships.

All Aspirations groups meet at Nisonger Center unless noted below.

- Social Skills Training Program Two groups of 6-8 members meet 75 minutes once a week for nine consecutive weeks. The teen group meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m., and the adult group meets for 75 minutes on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. for nine consecutive weeks.
- RECAP (Aspirations Adult Reunion Group) Graduates of the eight-week program meet monthly on the first Sunday of each month.
- Outreach Women of Aspirations (WoA) (adult females on the autism spectrum) meet monthly on the second Sunday of the month; contact womenofaspirations@gmail.com. Aspiration Guys (adult males on the autism spectrum) meet on the third Sunday of every month; contact guysofaspirations@gmail.com. Teen Aspirations Club meets monthly on the fourth Sunday of the month from 4:30-6:00 p.m.; contact Jeff for the location. The hope is that by being a part of the book club and other groups, people will become interested in joining the eight-week social skills training program.
- Family Support Groups the eight-week program has a parallel session for family members providing resource information and validation. These programs also maintain parent and peer mentors who provide friendship and guidance. The family support component is almost exclusively family-driven and facilitated.
- Nisonger Center Aspirations Goals developing self-awareness and insight, learn how to experience positive social interactions and relationships, foster insight into the importance of rewarding employment, explore solutions to challenging situations in our personal and professional lives, and foster friendships.
   Higher functioning adults and teens on the autism spectrum or others experiencing the same social challenges ages 13+.

## Nisonger Center - Child Behavior Support Services

385 McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.685.6705

Fax: 614.685.9701

Contact:

Kelly Barnett, Clinical Program Manager E-mail: kelly.barnett@osumc.edu Susan Havercamp, PhD, Director

E-mail: susan.havercamp@osumc.edu

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

#### **Program Description:**

The Behavior Support Services unit of the Nisonger Center develops, implements, and monitors support strategies for individuals with challenging behaviors. The unit works with individuals, families, day programs, residential programs, and service coordinators of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

The Nisonger Behavior Support staff meets with the family, school personnel, day programs, transportation, service providers, and residential personnel to perform a functional assessment of the person's challenging behaviors. In consultation with the individual's team, they then develop behavior support strategies. Nisonger Behavior Support Services staff trains personnel in plan implementation and monitoring according to guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Staff includes psychologists, behavior specialists, and graduate students.

- Children, adolescents, and adults, ages 4 and older, who participate in Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities programs.
- Referrals are made by Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities service coordinators.

## Nisonger Center - Early Childhood Education

275 McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210

Phone: 614.685.3191

Contact:

Deanna Kropf, Program Manager E-mail: Deanna.Kropf@osumc.edu

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/ece

#### **Program Description:**

Nisonger Center - Early Childhood Education Mission is to educate young children with developmental delays as well as children who are typically developing. The program is located on the OSU Medical Center campus in McCampbell Hall. The Early Childhood Education Program is a part of the Nisonger Center, which has a mission to support all people with intellectual delays and their families, from birth to adulthood.

University students and faculty from a broad range of disciplines work with teachers and therapists to help children meet educational and therapeutic objectives. The staff consists of early intervention specialists, licensed early childhood special educators, occupational and physical therapists, speech and language pathologists, general education teachers and assistants, a director, a program manager, a program coordinator, and a program assistant.

The Agency offers guided early education experiences designed to support the development and special needs of children enrolled in the center. Assess the children bi-annually and develop individual goals and strategies for attaining them. Offers family support and education, including home visits and parent-teacher conferences. Also, offer assessments, set educational goals, and hold parent conferences for our typically developing peers who are in the classrooms.

The program is a full-day inclusive childcare program; there is one infant room, two toddler rooms, and two preschool rooms.

Infants - 6 weeks to 18 months.

Toddlers - 18 months to 3 years of age

Preschoolers - 3 years to 5 years of age (before kindergarten)

The program is open Monday-Friday from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. The typical peer spots are open to children of students, faculty, and staff who work or attend The Ohio State University or The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, as well as people who work outside the University and Medical Center. Any children who have early Intervention needs can be a part of our program if they have been identified through Help Me Grow and reside in Franklin County. The facility also supports children who have qualified for services through their local school district.

In addition to the program located in McCampbell Hall, the facility supports children at the OSU Child Care Center on Ackerman Rd. Nisonger Center has a contract with them to offer itinerant services to children who have qualified through Help Me Grow. There are limited spots available, and staff coordinates the enrollment process with the childcare center administration.

For information about qualifying your child for early intervention services, contact the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities at 614.475.6440. For more information about the Nisonger Early Childhood Education Program or Itinerant early intervention at the OSU Child Care Center, please contact Angie Alley at 614.685.3203 or Angela. Alley@osumc.edu.

Children from 6 weeks through 5 years at McCampbell Hall and 6 weeks through 3 years at The OSU Child Care Center are eligible. Children must reside in Franklin County and qualify for either Early Intervention or Preschool Special Education services through the FCBDD, Help ME Grow or the child's local school district. Typically, developing peers ages 6 weeks to 5 years may also participate in the full-day childcare program as peer models.

## Nisonger Center - Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Dental Program (IDD)

1581 Dodd Dr 345 McCampbell Hall Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.685.3197 Fax: 614.685.3212 Contact:
Diana Zuber
E-mail: NisongerDental@osumc.edu

#### Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

## **Program Description:**

- To provide dental health services for infants, children, and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).
- To provide training for students enrolled in dental and dental hygiene programs as well as postgraduate-level pediatric dental residents and fellows.
- To provide technical assistance to community agencies and programs that will improve and enhance oral health.

A complete range of oral health services is available. When appropriate, referrals to dental specialists will be made.

The McCampbell Hall facility is open Monday through Friday with services available by appointment. A 24-hour emergency service is available for patients of record.

The Nisonger Center Dental Program has a professional staff comprised of pediatric and general dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, and an office manager.

## **Nisonger Center - Johnstown Road Dental Program**

Franklin County Early Childhood Education Center Contact: 2879 Johnstown Rd Stacey Grubb

Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.342.5795 Fax: 614.342.5804

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

## Program Description:

- To provide oral health services for infants and children through age 21 with and without developmental disabilities who are unserved and/or under served.
- To provide training for students enrolled in dental and dental hygiene programs as well as postgraduate-level pediatric dental residents and fellows.
- To provide technical assistance to community agencies and programs that will improve and enhance oral health.

A complete range of oral health services is available. Referrals to dental specialists will be made when needed.

The Nisonger Center Johnstown Road Dental Program is open Monday through Friday with services available by appointment. A 24-hour emergency service is available for patients of record.

The staff includes a pediatric dentist, dental assistants with advanced training (EFDA), pediatric dental residents, and dental and dental hygiene students.

## **Nisonger Center - Next Chapter Book Club**

285D McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210

Phone: 614.685.6718 Fax: 614.366.6373 Contact: Jillian Ober, MA

E-mail: Jillian.Ober@osumc.edu

E-mail: Stacey.Grubb@osumc.edu

Website: https://nisonger.osu.edu/adult/adult-clinics-services/next-chapter-book-club/

#### **Program Description:**

Next Chapter Book Club participants gather weekly for one hour in such places as local bookstores, coffee shops, and café to read aloud and discuss a book of their choosing. Two or more trained volunteers facilitate each club. NCBC members reinforce literacy skills, make social connections, take part in their community, and have a lot of fun doing it!

The office staff consists of a program manager and a literacy specialist. Volunteer Facilitators include students, family members, retirees, people with disabilities, and people from all walks of life. NCBC members in Franklin County, OH include people with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 18 and up, no matter their reading level or type of disability.

## Nisonger Center - School-Aged Autism and Developmental Clinic

1581 Dodd Dr 395 McCampbell Hall Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.685.6701

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

#### **Program Description:**

To provide families with diagnostic evaluations, reevaluations, and/or behavioral consultations of school-aged youth. The multiday clinic assesses a student's developmental strengths, skills, and needs. Parents are able to discuss their concerns with an interdisciplinary team that evaluates the child's developmental and behavioral abilities.

The interdisciplinary evaluation team consists of faculty and trainees from psychology, developmental behavioral pediatrics, and speech-language pathology with other disciplines included as indicated.

The evaluation consists of a review of the child's previous records; a clinical interview with the parents and other significant care providers, and an assessment of the child's current developmental abilities and/or behavioral needs. Developmental and behavioral assessments may consist of structured and unstructured play-based observation and interactions, clinical interviews, and standardized testing. At a follow-up appointment, assessment results, and recommendations are discussed with the parents to develop support and services. Parents or guardians are provided a developmental and behavioral profile of the child, recommendations, and/or relevant diagnoses. A formal report is given to the parents and a copy is sent to the referring professional and/or primary care physician.

The clinic is held on Thursdays at the Nisonger Center.

## Nisonger Center - Special Education and Transition Services Program

1581 Dodd Dr 257 McCampbell Hall Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.292.7550 Contact:

Margo Vreeburg Izzo, Ph.D.,
Program Director
E-mail: Margo.Izzo@osumc.edu

Shannon Prince, Program Assistant Shannon.Prince@osumc.edu

Phone: 614.685.3185

Website: nisonger.osu.edu/

#### **Program Description:**

The Special Education and Transition Services Program conducts research to develop, deliver, and disseminate state-of-the-art 21st-century programs, products, and services that support the needs of transition-age youth and adults with disabilities to improve their post-school outcomes in education, employment, and independent living. The goal of the program area is to empower youth with disabilities to become self-determined individuals, which positively impacts the guality of adult life for both the individual and their families.

Services provided include but are not limited to: transition assessment; job coaching, development, and placement; self-advocacy and technology training; post-secondary educational support research; social skill support; outreach.

The program is in operation Monday through Friday throughout the year; however, some projects provide services on an academic calendar basis.

The Special Education and Transition Services, faculty and staff provide services and support for individuals who are 14 years of age or older from all disability categories. Current projects and programs serve individuals with a) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities; b) Specific Learning Disabilities; c) Visual Impairments, and d) Deaf/ Hard of Hearing.

#### **Current Projects**

Aspirations Ohio (Aspirations), provides opportunities for young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) to discuss their own vocational and social experiences in a support group setting while receiving structured guidance on key skill areas. There is a cost-recovery fee for the program. Contact: Jeffrey.Siegel@osumc.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/aspirations or http://www.aspirationsohio.org/.

Next Chapter Book Club (NCBC), provides adolescents and adults with intellectual disabilities the opportunity to read and learn to read, talk about books, and make friends in a community setting. Sponsors: Columbus Foundation/Franklin County Board of DD. Contact Fish.1@osu.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/ncbc or http://nextchapterbookclub.org/.

Ohio's STEM Ability Alliance (OSAA), focuses on recruiting and supporting high school, college, and graduate students with disabilities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields through community and university partnerships.

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Contact: Victor.Johnson@osumc.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/osaa to download the OSAA at OSU replication guide.

Transition Options in Post-Secondary Settings for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TOPS) facilitates access to employment, college coursework, internships, and independent living through customized supports for young adults with intellectual disabilities. Past Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education. There is now a cost-recovery fee. Contact Jessie.Green@osumc.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/tops to download the application.

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Scaling-Up Envision IT - A Model for Teaching 21st Century Skills to Students with Disabilities (Envision IT) focuses on developing the reading, technology, career, and financial literacy skills of high school students with disabilities through a comprehensive online curriculum called Envision IT (EIT). Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education. Contact Andrew.Buck@osumc.edu or Alexa.Murray@osumc.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/eit.

Using E-Mentoring and Assistive Technologies to Increase Academic and Transition Outcomes (E-Mentoring) focused on developing the reading, technology, career, and financial literacy skills of high school students with disabilities through the OSU Nisonger Center E-Mentoring Program (EMP) that includes an online curriculum with electronic and in-person mentoring. Sponsor: U.S. Department of Education. Contact Alexa.Murray@osumc.edu or visit http://go.osu.edu/ementoring to download the E-Mentoring replication guide.

## Nisonger Center - Social Programs - Relate to Me

357E McCampbell Hall 1581 Dodd Dr Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.366.3276

Fax: 614.366.6373

Contact: Mike Valentino, MSW, LSW E-mail: Michael.Valentino@osumc.edu

Website: https://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/social\_programs/

#### **Program Description:**

An Enrichment Program of Aspirations, Relate to Me is a 10-week program about relational and sexual health for adults (ages 18+) with autism or other disabilities. Topics addressed in the program include, but are not limited to:

- Thoughts, Feelings, Behaviors
- Relationships
- · Boundaries and Consent
- Unhelpful, Harmful, and Illegal Behaviors
- Looking for a Special Someone
- · Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation
- Dating
- Intimacy, Sex, and Sexuality
- Sexual Decision-Making

The tenth session of Relate to Me is a Speed Social, which is a fun and low-pressure event that gives participants the opportunity to practice one-on-one interpersonal skills in a warm and non-judgmental environment.

## **Northrup & Associates**

6422 E Main St Ste 103 130 NorthWoods Blvd Ste B

Reynoldsburg OH 43068 Columbus OH 43235 Phone: 614.864.6620 Phone: 614.864.6620 Fax: 614.864.6690 Fax: 614.864.6690

Website: northrupandassociates.com

#### **Program Description:**

Speech/language pathology private practice providing evaluations and treatment for birth through college-aged young adults. Expertise in the areas of autism, auditory and language processing disorders, social language/ pragmatic language disorders as well as articulation, phonological, and oral myofunctional disorders. Programs include SLY (Social Language Youth) Groups and Reading instruction available with Wilson, and Stevenson trained tutor.

## OSU Medical Center, The Center for Autism Services and Transition (CAST)

3691 Ridge Mill Dr Hilliard OH 43026 Phone: 614.688.9220 Referral: 614.688.8220

Fax: 614.688.9249

Website: call for information

#### **Program Description:**

The Center for Autism Services and Transition (CAST) is a primary care medical home for adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders. CAST's primary focus is to provide excellent primary medical care as well as care coordination and support for patients with Autism Spectrum Disorders during the transition to adulthood and beyond. CAST staff includes physicians trained in both pediatrics and internal medicine (adult primary care) nurse/care coordinators, social workers, clinical pharmacists, and medical support staff who have all been trained in working with people with autism. CAST has the capability for on-site lab draws and works to accommodate patients' and families' needs and makes medical care accessible for all patients, regardless of the challenges they face in obtaining care.

## OSU - Office of Student Life - Department of Recreational Sports - Adapted Recreational Sports - ARS

B149 RPAC 337 Annie and John Glen Ave Columbus OH 43210 Phone: 614.688.8787

Fax: 614.688.1350

Website: www.recsports.osu.edu/community-programs

#### **Program Description:**

ARS offers Children's Adapted Aquatics, Children's Gymnastics, and Sports Exploration classes.

Children's Adapted Aquatics (CAA) - Teaches skills in progression, allowing participants to swim and play safely in the water. Participants, with one-on-one instruction, will be individually assessed on their swimming skills. Instructors will create weekly lesson plans to work with each child on their water safety and swimming skills.

Children's Gymnastics - A small group introductory class that focuses on motor skill development, body awareness, hand-eye coordination, socialization, listening, and fun for ages 3 and older. Participants progress through fundamentals of basic tumbling and gymnastics skills.

Sports Exploration session will consist of 6, 1-hour programs featuring 3 different sports. Participants will be taught the basic rules, gameplay, and techniques of each sport. Attire should be loose-fitting athletic clothes and close-toed shoes.

Also, provide any reasonable accommodations necessary for the members. Accommodations come free with membership. For organizations in the Great Columbus area, ARS provides opportunities for Customized Programs to be created. These programs allow outside organizations to rent space in the facilities on a one-time or recurring basis for recreational use at a base cost of \$45/hour/instructor.

All members and non-members of the facilities are welcome to enroll in any of the youth instructional programs. Accommodations are free to members. Customized Programs are open to any organization, regardless of affiliation to the university.

## The Ohio Affiliate of Prevent Blindness Vision Care Outreach Program

1500 W 3rd Ave Ste 200 Columbus OH 43212

Phone: 614.464.2020; ext. 122

Fax: 614.481.9670 TTY: 614.464.2020

Website: http://ohio.preventblindness.org/

#### **Program Description:**

The Prevent Blindness Children's Vision program is designed to provide comprehensive vision care to uninsured and under-served individuals in the state of Ohio. Services offered include free vision care education, eye examinations, eyewear, and, in some instances, medical treatment for eligible children and their families. Contact Prevent Blindness about the qualification process.

- Individuals are at 200% of the current Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- The individual is linked with a referring partner agency/school and has an advocate from that referring. agency/school who is to serve as a liaison between the individual and Prevent Blindness.
- The referring agency qualifies the individual for the VCO program and submits an online application to Prevent Blindness; and
- The individual is not enrolled in Medicaid or any other insurance that has vision benefits.

## Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)

470 Glenmont Ave Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.410.0321 Fax: 614.262.1070

Toll Free: 866.886.2254

Website: www.ocali.org

#### **Program Description:**

Based in central Ohio, OCALI is a recognized global leader in creating and connecting resources and relationships to ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity to live their best lives for their whole lives. Providing evidence-based resources, training, tools, and professional development, OCALI strategically partners with service organizations and invests in developing partnerships with families, schools, professionals, and others to support individuals with autism and other disabilities

#### **Ohio Center for Deafblind Education**

5080 Tuttle Crossing Ste 325 Dublin OH 43017 Phone: 614.897.0020

Website: www.ohiodeafblind.com

#### **Program Description:**

Providing services in Ohio for individuals birth through 21 years with deafblindness including no-cost technical assistance to families, education personnel, and service providers through professional learning, training, and information dissemination. We provide professional learning and training using a tiered model that includes universal (tier 1), targeted (tier 2), and intensive (tier 3) supports, information dissemination, networking, consultation (through the Deafblind Technical Assistance Program or DBTAP), registration of children and youth (birth through age 21) with combined hearing-vision loss through the annual deafblind census, outreach services, and support for preparation of qualified providers in low incidence sensory disability areas

## Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)

125 Executive Drive, Suite 200 Marion OH 43302

Phone: 844.382.5452 Fax: 740.383.6421 TTY: 740.382.5452

Website: www.ocecd.org

#### **Program Description:**

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational interests of children with disabilities. OCECD endorses and promotes efforts to provide appropriate quality education for children and youth with disabilities. Staff across Ohio collaborates with parent support organizations to offer information, training, and support to parents of children with any disability ages birth - 26 years old.

Parents of children with disabilities needing assistance - OCECD works with parents to help them obtain appropriate educational services for their children with disabilities. If parents need one-to-one assistance, please call 844.382.5452 ext. 20 or e-mail Martha Lause at ocecd@ocecd.org.

Any individual or organization whose goals and objectives are parallel to OCECD's is eligible to join. Currently, there are 38 regional and statewide member organizations affiliated with OCECD.

## Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children

25 S Front St Mail Stop 409 Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.466.2650

Fax: 614.387.0968 TTY: 877.644.6338

Website: www.education.ohio.gov - Keyword search students with disabilities

#### **Program Description:**

The Office for Exceptional Children provides leadership, technical assistance, and support to parents, local education agencies, universities, and State Support Teams (SSTs) to ensure that children who are gifted and those with disabilities succeed at reaching their full potential. Through its major activities, the office:

- Works to increase access to, and progress in, the general curriculum, increase attendance and graduation rates, and decreased dropout, suspension, and expulsion rates of all exceptional students.
- · Oversees identification and services for students who are gifted.
- Oversees support for the education of children with disabilities and provides resources to foster parent-school relationships.

Additional support and services funded by the Ohio Department of Education for students with disabilities include the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence Disabilities and the Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness.

Education and services are also provided through the Ohio State School for the Blind (www.ossb.oh.gov), Ohio School for the Deaf (www.ohioschoolforthedeaf.org), and Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) (www.ocali.org).

# The Ohio Health Developmental Follow-up Program/The Women's Center at Riverside Methodist Hospital

3535 Olentangy River Rd Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.566.5336 Fax: 614.566.3678

#### **Program Description:**

This program offers pediatric developmental assessments as well as family education and support to those infants considered to be at risk for motor, cognitive, neurobehavioral, and speech delays.

## **Ohio Hispanic Coalition - OHCO**

Main Office West Office
6161 Busch Blvd Ste 311 3556 Sullivant Ave
Columbus OH 43229 Columbus OH 43204

Phone: 614.840.9934 Phone: 614.272.5004 or 614.275.1755

Fax: 614.840.9935

Website: www.OhioHispanicCoalition.org

#### **Program Description:**

Lay Health Promoters, HIV Testing and Counseling, Domestic Violence Prevention and Support, Sexual Assault Prevention and Support, Child Care Seat Safety, SNAP Enrollment. Additional Programs include: Interpreter & Translation Services, English as a Second Language and Citizenship Classes, and After School and Summer Enrichment Programs.

## **Ohio Newsboys Association (Charity Newsies)**

4300 Indianola Ave Columbus OH 43214-2221 Phone: 614.263.4300 Fax: 614.262.8810

Website: www.charitynewsies.org

#### **Program Description:**

Provides new clothing to full-time students (grades K-12) who live in Franklin County and attend in-person school. Does not provide assistance for Pre-K or Head Start or children under the age of 5. Applications are taken starting in July through the first week of December or until the application maximum is achieved (approximately 15,000 children). A referral is not required for assistance. A referral from a school social worker is required for immediate assistance in an emergency. Charity Newsies provides help for victims of fires and other disasters year-round with a referral from the American Red Cross. Applications are available online at www.charitynewsies.org.

- Applicant must live in Franklin County and children receiving assistance must attend in-person school in grades K through 12 in public, private, catholic, or charter schools.
- · Applications are available at www.charitynewsies.org

#### **Ohio Self Determination Association**

6155 Huntley Rd Ste I Phone: 614.562.1375

E-mail: OSDA2011@gmail.com

Website: www.osdaohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

OSDA creates change that empowers people with disabilities and their families to direct their lives.

#### Ohio State School for the Blind

5220 N High St Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.752.1152 Fax: 614.752.1713

Website: www.ossb.oh.gov

#### **Program Description:**

The Ohio State School for the Blind provides an educational program for blind and visually impaired students ages 5-21 years old. In addition to elementary, middle, and high school academic programs that meet the state's minimum requirements, the school offers its students an expanded curriculum and pre-vocational and daily living skills in which students are taught the skills they will need to become the most independent adults possible.

Related services identified through an assessment process may include Braille, Speech and Language, Psychological Services, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Orientation and Mobility, Adaptive Physical Education, Transition Services, and Adaptive Technology.

In August 2005, the Ohio State School for the Blind established an Outreach Program and Services Department that provides technical assistance, professional development, materials, and resources to families and local school districts serving children who are blind and visually impaired including those with multiple disabilities. The program and services include:

- 1. Educational Assessment Clinic
- 2. School Age Outreach Services
- 3. Parent Mentor Program
- 4. Center for Instructional Supports and Accessible Materials (CISAM) 5. Accessible Materials Production Center
- 6. Summer Enrichment Camps
- 7. Preschool Outreach Services

For more information call: 614.752.1374 or www.ossb.oh.gov.

Any child living in Ohio aged 5-21 years old, whose visual impairment adversely affects his or her educational performance, is eligible for consideration to attend the Ohio State School for the Blind. The superintendent of the school district in which the student resides must recommend placement in the school.

## Open Door Art Studio (A Division of Columbus Center for Human Services, Inc.)

1050 Goodale Blvd Grandview Heights OH 43212

Phone: 614.486.4919 Fax: 614.429.0140

Website: www.opendoorartstudio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Open Door Art Studio, located in Grandview, Ohio, provides art education and art services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Open Door Art Studio acts simultaneously as a creative space and as a gallery.

At our comprehensive art studio, artists with disabilities work collaboratively with professional artists. Skills are developed by providing individualized education and an environment of mutual respect. Creative freedom allows for "expression without limitation". The art facilitators provide assistance with basic cognitive and physical needs, but never compromise the integrity of an individual's original creation. Open Door offers an ever-expanding variety of mediums for studio artists to explore which include but are not limited to drawing, painting, sculpture, papermâché, ceramics, collage, fiber, and textiles.

Our gallery regularly features the amazing artwork created at Open Door. In addition, it celebrates and displays the work of artists with disabilities from similar art programs and the community. Open Door artists also have their work featured at alternative display spaces, galleries, and various art festivals.

Artists are supplied with all the materials to create their art and receive the proceeds from the sale of their work. Through this process, they gain a sense of purpose, validation, and self-worth. Aside from these benefits, artists at Open Door develop meaningful peer relationships, become active members of the local arts community, and gain a greater sense of independence.

Open Door Art Studio is a licensed, day habilitation provider. Accept Individual Option (I.O.) Waivers, Level One Waivers, ICF-ID, and private payment options.

# **Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities**

400 E Campus View Columbus OH 43235 Phone: 614.438.1250 Fax: 614.438.1257

Website: http://www.ood.ohio.gov

### **Program Description:**

The Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) assists people with physical, mental, and emotional disabilities through vocational rehabilitation and other services.

The Bureau for Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) assists with vocational rehabilitation and other services for Ohioans who are blind or have a visual impairment.

Basic services for both bureaus may include counseling and planning for an employment goal, personal and work adjustment training, vocational training, supplies related to employment goals, physical and mental restoration, work placement, and follow-up on the job.

Transition services are also available and designed to help youths with disabilities cross the bridge from school to employment and independence.

An individual has a physical or mental impairment that constitutes or results in a substantial impediment to employment; can benefit from services in terms of an employment outcome; and requires VR services to prepare for, secure, retain, or regain employment.

The minimum age for transition services is 14 years old.

### **Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness**

470 Glenmont Ave Columbus OH 43214 Phone: 614.410.0380 Fax: 614.262.1070

Email: outreach\_info@ocali.org

Website: www.deafandblindoutreach.org

### **Program Description:**

The Outreach Center for Deafness and Blindness increases access, communication, and equity for learners who are deaf, hard of hearing, blind, or visually impaired. We do this by connecting resources, providing training for professionals, and fostering relationships to equip communities to support families and learners where they are, with what they need, when they need it to learn, grow, and live their best lives.

## **PBJ Connections**

9734 Jug St NW Pataskala OH 43062 Phone: 740.924.7543 Fax: 740.924.2205

Website: www.pbjconnections.org

## **Program Description:**

PBJ Connections provides professional mental and behavioral health therapy for children as young as 6 years old, adults, and families. We offer telehealth, in-person office visits and equine (horse) assisted psychotherapy in Pataskala and Johnstown. Follow us on Facebook or visit our website for other wellness programs.

# Pickaway County Community Action Organization, Inc. Early Head Start

465 E Ohio St PO Box 697 Circleville OH 43113 Phone: 740.474.9544 Fax: 740.477.4803

Website: www.picca.info

### **Program Description:**

Early Head Start (EHS), operated by PICCA, is a federally funded, income-based program serving families with infants and toddlers, birth through three years of age, and pregnant women/teens. Early Head Start works to enhance the development of very young children, promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, and promote healthy family functioning. The program currently provides services to 72 children and pregnant women/teens in the community. Early Head Start ensures that children are ready for school and families are ready to support their children's learning.

### **Program Options:**

Center-Based - The EHS classroom is located in our Ohio Street facility at 465 E. Ohio Street Circleville, Ohio. Operating hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, year-round. The teachers use the "Creative Curriculum" for classroom planning.

Home-Based - Families participate in weekly 90-minute child development-focused home visits using the "Parents as Teachers" curriculum. Families also can attend play groups which are held in different places throughout the community.

Eligibility for participation in the Early Head Start Program is determined by the age of the child and family income. Both program options provide services to families with children who have special needs.

# Pickaway County Community Action Organization, Inc. Head Start (PICCA)

145 E Corwin St Circleville OH 43113 Phone: 740.474.7411 Fax: 740.477.3319

Website: www.picca.info

#### **Program Description:**

Head Start (HS), operated by PICCA, is a federally funded, income-based program serving families and children with preschool age children 3-5 years old. PICCA Head Start has 12 classrooms at four different sites in the county. Head Start currently serves 212 children in the centers focusing on building self-help and school readiness skills to help prepare them for kindergarten.

Center Base - Children can attend the program in full-day or part-day classes. Monday through Thursday; class times vary depending on the site. Full-day classes run 7 hours a day beginning in August and ending in May. The half-day classes are 3.5 hours and begin in September and end in May. All our sites and teachers throughout the program use "Creative Curriculum" for classroom planning.

Eligibility for participation in the Head Start Program is determined by the age of the child and family income based on the number of persons living in the home. Children with disabilities are served in all our classrooms and receive services from their local service district as part of their IEP. Foster children are eligible regardless of family income.

# The Planned Lifetime Assistance Network of Central Ohio (PLAN of Central Ohio)

2201 Riverside Dr Columbus OH 43221 Phone: 614.586.4049 Fax: 614.586.4051

Website: www.plancolumbus.org

## **Program Description:**

PLAN of Central Ohio is a nonprofit that tends to the needs of individuals impacted by mental illness and/or addiction. We have monthly socialization events for our clients, provide supplementary case management, and assist with future care planning. We also operate a Recovery Community Organization (RCO) that serves as a support for individuals with substance use disorders who are looking to engage in recovery. We coordinate care to treatment centers, psychiatric hospitals, community resources, and public benefits.

## Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio (PPGOH)

Headquarters Circleville Delaware

 206 É State St
 133 Lewis Ave
 152 W Central Ave

 Columbus OH 43215
 Circleville OH 43113
 Delaware OH 43015

 Phone: 614.224.2235
 Phone: 740.474.4741
 Phone: 740.369.1766

 Fax: 614.224.2267
 Fax: 740.420.2885
 Fax: 740.369.6276

Phone Toll-Free: 1.800.230-PLAN

 East/Central Ohio
 Franklinton
 North Columbus

 3255 E Main St
 1511 W Broad St
 18 E 17th Ave

 Columbus OH 43213
 Columbus OH 43222
 Columbus OH 43201

 Phone: 614.222.3531
 Phone: 614.222.3525
 Phone: 614.222.3604

 Fax: 614.222.3529
 Fax: 614.222.3608
 Fax: 614.222.3612

Website: www.ppgoh.org

#### **Program Description:**

Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio is a trusted source of reproductive health care serving sixty-eight counties in Ohio including; Franklin, Delaware, Madison, Marion, Pickaway, Union, Fairfield, and Licking. The largest provider of preventive well-woman care for low-to-moderate-income women in Central Ohio, PPGOH provides testing for and treatment of sexually transmitted infections to adults and teens of both genders. PPGOH also offers education programs and community resources to promote responsible sexual health decisions. Each year, PPGOH reaches more than 52,000 people through health care services and education programs. PPGOH is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2012 from the merger of Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio and Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio to help low-income women gain access to birth control services. Over the years, trained professionals have provided reproductive health care and education to more than 1.2 million people.

Reproductive Health Care - Gynecological services include pelvic exams, pap smears, breast exams, cancer screenings, and laboratory tests. Basic infertility and mid-life services for women are also available.

Birth Control Information and Supplies - Abstinence education, oral contraceptives, Depo-Provera, condoms, spermicide, diaphragms, IUDs, emergency contraception.

Pregnancy Testing and Options Information - Information on all options needed for responsible reproductive health decisions - referrals provided as needed. Pregnancy termination services are provided by PPGOH East Health Center; Medication abortion is available through the first seven weeks of pregnancy, and surgical services are provided through the fifteenth week and sixth day of pregnancy. For surgical procedures, IV sedation is available.

Screening of Sexually Transmitted Infections - Information, screening, treatment, and/or referral for women, men, and teens with infections such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, genital warts, herpes, syphilis, and HIV/AIDS.

Education Programs - Available to schools and community groups. Intended to help participants develop a positive view of sexuality by providing them with the tools to make informed decisions about their sexual health. Ageappropriate program content may include: reproductive anatomy and physiology, abstinence, communication/negotiation/refusal skills, healthy relationships, risky behaviors, birth control, teen pregnancy, safe sex, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections, or other related information.

Programs for parents also available - Designed to expand their knowledge of human sexuality and assist them in becoming an "ask able" parent. Additional information can be found on our website, or via e-mail education@ ppcoh. org, or call 614.224.2235 ex 3013.

## **Recreation Unlimited**

7700 Piper Rd Ashley OH 43003 Phone: 740.548.7006 Fax: 740.747.3139

Website: www.recreationunlimited.org

### **Program Description:**

Summer day camps, summer residential camps, year-round respite weekend camps and specialty camps, are available to individuals with disabilities. Rental opportunities are also available to groups of all ability levels.

# **Robert K Fox Family YMCA**

465 W Sixth Ave Lancaster OH 43130 Phone: 740.654.0616 ex 244 or 243

Fax: 614.801.8447

Website: http://www.ymcalancaster.org/

## **Program Description:**

Camp Discovery Before/After Care Preschool

#### School Choice Ohio

1335 Dublin Rd Ste 50-A Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.223.1555 Fax: 614.223.1565

Email: info@scohio.org

Website: www.scohio.org

### **Program Description:**

School Choice Ohio is the only statewide organization that informs parents about their child's education options and advocates for the expansion of quality options for every child. Office hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Jon Peterson Special Needs Scholarship Program - Provides a scholarship to children in grades K-12 with special needs who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP) from their home school district. Scholarships are worth up to \$27,000 and can be used to pay for services at private service providers, like therapists or education-related services at participating private schools.

Note: Families can apply for the scholarship year-round.

Autism Scholarship Program - provides a scholarship to children between the ages of 3 and 21 with autism who have an IEP from their home school district that states the student needs autism-related services. Scholarships are worth \$31,500 and can be used to pay for services at private service providers, like therapists or education-related services at participating private schools.

Note: Families can apply for the scholarship year-round.

EdChoice Scholarship Program - provides scholarships to students in grades K-12 who attend or are assigned to attend an underperforming school on the Ohio Department of Education's EdChoice Designated list. Scholarships are worth up to \$7,500 and can be used toward tuition at participating private schools.

Note: All steps must be completed by June.

Income-Based Scholarship Program - provides scholarships to students who are entering grades K-12 whose family income is 250 percent or below Federal Poverty Guidelines. Scholarships are worth up to \$7,550 and can be used toward tuition at participating private schools.

Note: All steps must be completed by June.

# Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc., The

7908 Myers Road Centerburg OH 43011 Phone/Fax: 740.625.9324 Toll Free: 877.815.4042

Website: www.shanecenter.org

#### **Program Description:**

Located at Willow Farm in Centerburg, Ohio, and situated on 40 beautiful acres in scenic Knox County, The Shane Center is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through innovative equestrian activities.

Founded in 1993 as Equine Assisted Therapy, Inc. by Karen and Joel Sanchez, The Shane Center is the oldest therapeutic riding program in Central Ohio and has a reputation for providing safe, quality, family-oriented services that are second to none. The center is a proud Premier Accredited Center of PATH, International (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship), which has been a global authority, resource, and advocate for equine-assisted activities and therapies since 1969. From its humble beginnings 21 years ago, Willow Farm has evolved into a beautiful state-of-the-art therapeutic equestrian facility due to the efforts of the board members, the staff, the volunteers, and the families whose lives they touch. Providing exciting and innovative therapeutic equestrian services has always been the goal.

The Benefits - Some of the benefits of riding a horse can include improved self-esteem and confidence, increased muscle strength and balance, better trunk control and posture, improved hand-eye coordination, enhanced communication and social skills, improved focus, and concentration, as well as fun, friendship, and learning responsibility.

Programs - Shane Centers go beyond riding as they teach all the students the basics of horse care with an emphasis on safety and handling the horse on the ground.

Therapeutic Riding - The flagship program that uses the medically acknowledged benefits of riding a horse to improve the physical, emotional, and cognitive well-being of participants, plus it's FUN! This is no PONY RIDE! Riding a horse helps take clients beyond the confines of their disabilities. Typically, students are between the ages of 5 and 21 years old, but adults are also served if their needs can be met. Students use their abilities to learn the actual skills involved in riding a horse. The active participation required by riding allows students to benefit from the physical, cognitive, emotional, and social aspects of horseback riding.

Horsin' Around - Designed for independent riders with special needs, as well as typical beginner and intermediate youth and adults. Lessons focus on learning natural horsemanship methods both on the ground and in the saddle and can include games and activities as well as videos and demonstrations. Classes emphasize learning to ride in balance and rhythm with the horse and focus on enabling students to be well-rounded equestrians.

StableMates - This volunteer program enables participants to help care for the horses used in the riding programs.

Shane's Cavalry - This program serves veterans and their families. Program offerings include therapeutic riding and horsin' around.

Staff - Shane Center's professional team is ready to serve you! All the instructors are certified therapeutic riding instructors and accomplished equestrians. Volunteers participate in ongoing training and are dedicated to making your experience second to none!

The Shane Center serves individuals ages 4 and up who have a variety of disabilities including; cerebral palsy, down syndrome, spina bifida, autism spectrum disorders, developmental delays, learning disabilities, attention deficit disorders, as well as other cognitive and physical disabilities. Physician consent to participate in equestrian activities is required (forms provided). Sessions: Private and group lessons are offered year-round in 8-week sessions. Applications are accepted year-round. Call to schedule an appointment to visit the farm, tour the facilities, and participate in a prospective new client assessment.

## Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL)

418 S Broad St Lancaster OH 43130 Phone: 740.689.1494 TTY: 740.689.1494

Website: www.socil.org

#### **Program Description:**

SOCIL provides assistance with any disability-related questions including but not limited to: Advocacy, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, High School Transition, Nursing Home Transition, and Information and Referral. SOCIL can also provide technical assistance for businesses to comply with the ADA. Individuals with disabilities of all age groups living in Fairfield and Hocking Counties.

# **Special Olympics Ohio**

3303 Winchester Pike Columbus OH 43232 Phone: 614.239.7050 Email: sooh@sooh.org

Website: https://sooh.org

### **Program Description:**

Special Olympics Ohio provides a lifetime of opportunities to athletes of all ages, at no cost to them, through the transformative power of sport. Our core programs of Sports, Unified Champion Schools, Healthy Athletes, and Athlete Leadership go beyond sporting events; they drive social change that enables whole community participation for people with intellectual disabilities.

# Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc. (SSTI)

8740 Orion PI Ste 110 Columbus OH 43240 Phone: 614.734.7777 Fax: 614.388.5995

Website: www.specializedspeech.com E-mail: info@specializedspeech.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/specialized speech

Instagram: @sst.therapy

### **Program Description:**

Specialized Speech Technologies, Inc. provides comprehensive speech, occupational, and physical therapy assessments and treatment plans that target areas including myofunctional or tongue thrust disorders, articulation, or speech delays and/or disorders, expressive/receptive language delays and/or disorders, daily living skills, gross and fine motor delays, handwriting difficulties, sensory integration needs, picky eating, and assistive technology strategies. SSTI also offers hearing screenings and customized seminars.

Individual and group therapy sessions are available.

## St Vincent's Family Centers

1490 E Main St Columbus OH 43205 Phone: 614.252.0731 Fax: 614.252.8468

TTY: 614.252.2069

Website: www.svfc.org

#### **Program Description:**

A family service organization serving children 0-18 years old with severe emotional and behavioral challenges. Specialized programming includes Therapeutic Preschool: A year-round program for children 3-6 years old using a family systems approach. Therapeutic School-Age Program: a structured school environment for children 51/2 - 12 years old who have been unsuccessful in a regular classroom setting.

Extended Day - After-school programming for children 51/2 - 12 years old intended to prevent out-of-home placement or aid in transitioning between settings.

Residential - Long-term and short-term residential services for boys and girls aged 5-13 years old, providing structured therapeutic treatment 24 hours each day.

Outpatient Services - A family-centered counseling service for children aged 2-18 years old, and their caregivers, Latino, ages 3-18 years old.

Community Support Services - Community-based services for children aged 3-18 years old and their caregivers focused on increasing healthy family functioning.

Deaf Services - A multifaceted therapeutic program with inpatient/outpatient services for deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing youth, ages 2-18 years old.

Intensive Home-Based Treatment - Focuses on in-home crisis intervention for children and their families seeking alternatives for out-of-school or hospitalization. This team provides an array of mental health services to children 3-18 years old for their mental health needs.

Foster Care - Providing a SAFE home environment with caring foster parents and clinical services as needed. This program serves children from birth to 21 years old.

## State Support Team Region 11

2080 Citygate Dr. Columbus OH 43219 Phone: 614.753.4694 Fax: 614.753.4699

Website: www.sst11.org

#### **Program Description:**

Ohio uses a tiered system of support—state, regional, and district—to create a single unified system that can meaningfully build the capacity of every district to move all children to higher levels of academic achievement.

The State Support Team Region 11 (SST 11) is one of Ohio's 16 regional SSTs. As a part of the Statewide System of Support, the State Support Team collaborates with schools, families, regional partners, and the Department through a continuous improvement process to ensure each child in Ohio has access to a high-quality education. Using a connected set of tools to improve instructional practice and student performance on a continuing basis, SST 11 staff assists districts in the development of a unified system of education. This unified system builds the capacity of every district to move all students, including those with disabilities, to higher levels of performance.

SST 11 works closely with the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Improvement and Innovation, Office for Exceptional Children, Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, Office of Whole Child Supports, and Office of Approaches to Teaching and Professional Learning. State Support Team consultants are educators with expertise in Ohio's Improvement Process (OIP), Literacy, Early Learning and School Readiness, Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports, and Special Education. SST 11 provides services and technical assistance to school districts, educational service centers (ESCs), community schools, early childhood centers, and families in seven Central Ohio counties.

SST 11 services Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Licking, Madison, Pickaway, and Union Counties. SST 11 also provides services to Chillicothe district in Ross County. There is no cost to the services the SST provides.

### **Sun Behavioral Health Columbus**

900 E Dublin Granville Rd Columbus OH 43229 Phone: 614.706.2786

Website: www.suncolumbus.com

### **Program Description:**

The mission of SUN Behavioral Health is to partner with communities to solve the unmet needs of those who suffer from mental illness.

Safety – promote an environment of healing

Teamwork – maintain a positive attitude and commitment to others Integrity – do what is right even when no one is watching Compassion – communicate hope in everything we do.

Our values reflect the behaviors that our employees determine to be essential to providing best-in-class services. A company-wide nomination process led to the formation of our Values Committee, which consists of fifteen people across three of our hospitals, who led the process of creating SUN's values. Our four values are at the core of what we do. Each value reflects behaviors that we hold ourselves to on behalf of our patients, their loved ones, and each other.

## Syntero, Inc.

**Dublin Location** 

299 Cramer Creek Ct Dublin OH 43017 Phone: 614.889.5722

Fax: 614.889.9335

Intake: 614.889.5722 ext. 133 Primary care: 614.526.3285

Website: http://www.syntero.org

### **Upper Arlington Location**

1560 Fishinger Rd Columbus OH 43221 Phone: 614.457.7876 Fax: 614.457.7896

Intake: 614.889.5722 ext. 133

### **Program Description:**

The mission of Syntero is to advocate and support the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities by providing professional, compassionate, behavioral health, and social services that adapt to the changing needs of the community. Through the combined resources of the Dublin Counseling Center and Northwest Counseling Services, Syntero offers a variety of outpatient mental health and drug and alcohol treatment and prevention services.

#### Services Included -

- Outpatient mental health and substance abuse counseling services
- Outpatient psychiatric services
- · Community-based case management services for children and adults
- Prevention and education services for youth and adults
- Treatment and prevention services for students
- Grief and loss support groups including at a loss
- · Therapeutic support groups addressing a variety of concerns
- Women's Empowerment, Alcohol Education, Anger Management programs
- Services for older adults and their caregivers, including professional services and supportive services provided by volunteers
- Integrated primary care and behavioral health care at the Dublin location in partnership with Primary One Health. Primary care appointment contact 614.526.3285.
- Intensive outpatient program for adolescents and adults
- Community-based education and training programs

#### Who We Serve -

- · Individuals including children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly
- Couples
- Families
- Students from pre-school through high school

#### School Based Services -

- Prevention services
- Teacher trainings and consultation
- · Parent education and coaching
- · Specialized groups for at-risk students
- · Grief response team and trauma services
- Referrals and linkage to mental health and community resources

Locations in Dublin, Lewis Center, Mill Run in Columbus, and Mount Gilead OH

### **Tolles Career & Technical Center**

7877 US Highway 42 S Plain City OH 43064

Phone: 614.873.4666 or 800.644.3140

Fax: 614.873.6909

Website: www.tollestech.com

#### **Program Description:**

Tolles' vision is to be the choice of students and families for expert career-technical and academic education. Tolles offers an education that is true to the core competencies and subjects offered at a traditional high school boosted and enriched with bankable skills that pay dividends to those that attain them. Adult learners are also offered a lift out of their current situation with market-driven, practical programs affordable for those looking to retool and refocus. Tolles job is clear, the direction is up, and the students are lifted.

Established in 1974, Tolles is a career and technical school providing a launchpad for both high school students and adult learners. By combining bankable skills with rigorous academics Tolles continues to post uplifting results for students and the community.

Students must be enrolled in one of the following seven school districts: Dublin, Fairbanks, Jonathan Alder, Hilliard, London, Madison-Plains, and Jefferson Local school districts.

### **Union County Department of Human Services**

940 London Avenue Ste 1800 Marysville OH 43040

Phone: 937.644.1010 or 800.248.2347

Fax: 937.644.8700

Website: http://www.co.union.oh.us/Department-of-Job-Family-Services/

# **Program Description:**

Childcare, employment resource center, child support, adult and children protective services, Medicaid, OWF, and food assistance.

# **Union County Family YMCA**

1150 Charles Ln Marysville OH 43040 Phone: 937.303.9285 Fax: 937.644.9703

Website: www.unioncountyymca.org

#### **Program Description:**

Union County Family YMCA offers before and after-school care at Plain City Elementary School. Activities for children of all ages including: gymnastics, swim lessons, competitive and non-competitive sports leagues, martial arts, Friday night skate, and many other programs and activities.

# Via Quest Day Services

525 Metro Place N Ste 300 Dublin OH 43017 Phone: 855.289.1722

Fax: 614.889.5847

Website: www.viaquestinc.com

#### **Program Description:**

ViaQuest Day & Employment Services provides fundamental support to empower adults with disabilities to live their best lives while achieving optimum health and independence. We deliver on this promise in a setting that is safe, inviting, challenging, and fun.

### Adult Day Support

- · Community Integration Activities
- Opportunities to Volunteer
- Paid Vocational training program
- Participant Interest Form personal discovery
- Personal, social, and vocational skill building
- Group and individual therapy
- Community psychiatric supportive treatment services available
- Participant Council-ran by participants for feedback and decisions about programming and community.
   involvement
- Transportation Provided to and From the Program

#### **Employment Services**

- Community-Based Assessments (paid) In-housework opportunities (paid)
- Job Development
- Job Coaching Career Exploration

### Westerville Parks & Recreation

350 N Cleveland Ave Westerville OH 43081 Phone: 614.901.6500 Fax: 614.901.6523

Website: www.westerville.org

### **Program Description:**

Teen/Adult access to recreation programs.

## **Worthington Special Olympics**

1207 Leicester Place Columbus, OH 43235 Phone: 614.823.4333

Website: worthingtonspectialolympics.com

Or Email: worthingtonspecialolympics@yahoo.com

### **Program Description:**

Worthington Special Olympics (WSO) is an affiliate organization of Special Olympics Ohio, Inc., a private non-profit organization (501 C-3). The goal of Worthington Special Olympics is to provide a Special Olympics program in Worthington, Ohio, to enhance the social and physical growth of Special Olympics athletes and to encourage them to perform at their best according to their individual abilities. Training and competitions are offered for aquatics, athletics, basketball, bowling, gymnastics, powerlifting, and soccer. It is an all-volunteer organization.

Residents of Worthington School District with intellectual disabilities. Athletes must be eight years old to compete but may (with permission of coach and program coordinator) begin practices at age seven.

## Youth Advocate Services (YAS)

2323 W Fifth Ave Ste 150 Columbus, OH 43204 Phone: 614.258.9927 Fax: 614.745.1964

Website: www.yasohio.org

#### **Program Description:**

Youth Advocate Services is a is a nationally accredited, state-certified, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to Promoting Positive Futures for youth and families in Central Ohio through 3 purposeful family-driven programs: Behavioral Health, Ohio Early Intervention, and Foster Care. Since 1978, we believe that sound, culturally competent, clinically relevant services should be available and easily accessible to all regardless of socioeconomic status.

#### **Behavioral Health**

Funded by the individual's Medicaid Health Plan, we provide outpatient counseling that promotes the recovery and resiliency of persons with behavioral or mental health challenges through prevention, education, and support services. We assist clients in developing skills that promote socially appropriate functioning in family, community, and academic settings, following the recovery model of healing. [For ages 4 to 65+ / Franklin County only]

Available Behavioral Health services include: • Individual Counseling

- Group Counseling
- · Family Counseling
- Family Support/Education
- Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment
- Mental Health Assessment
- Therapeutic Play
- · Early Childhood Mental Health
- Full Clinical Assessment
- · Individual Treatment/Planning
- Clinical Social Work
- Positive Behavioral Intervention
- Public School Special Education Testing Advocacy
- School-based Behavioral Interventions and Academic Support In-Agency Psychiatric Evaluation and Medication Management

(NOTE: Our in-agency psychiatric services are for YAS Behavioral Health and Foster Care Clients ONLY, we do not provide psych-only services to clients receiving services from other entities.)

### **Ohio Early Intervention**

Part of a statewide system that provides coordinated early intervention services to partners of eligible children with developmental delays or disabilities, our Service Coordinators encourage early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of children. [For ages 0 to 3 / Franklin County only]

#### **Foster Care**

We provide both traditional and therapeutic foster care services in and around the central Ohio region. Along with our network of foster homes, our team works collaboratively with other child-serving agencies to develop and implement a strong community support system for families. [For ages 0 to 18]

Adoption Support Services are also available to guide foster/adoptive parents through the foster-to-adopt process and transitional period. Those interested in becoming a Foster/Adoptive parent, or transferring from another agency, can inquire through our website.

#### Definitions of: School Districts - ESC - JVSD - DD

#### **School Districts**

State Support Team Region 11 (SST 11) Partnering with educators and families to improve academic outcomes for All Student in Central Ohio.

#### **Counties Served:**

Delaware Fairfield
Franklin Licking
Madison Pickaway
Union
Chillicoth City Schools located in Ross County

### **Educational Service Centers (ESCs)**

Educational Service Centers (ESCs) are local political subdivisions designated as local education agencies (LEAs) and Educational Service Agencies (ESAs) in federal law and school districts in state law. Ohio's 51 ESCs are large-scale, regionally located educational support agencies that enhance the ability of schools and education professionals to provide high quality educational opportunities for all students regardless of where they live and attend school.

ESCs are the largest component of the state's Educational Regional Service System (ERSS), which has the statutory mandate to support state and regional education initiatives and efforts to improve school effectiveness and student achievement. The primary ESC service areas are centered around:

- 1) curriculum and instruction,
- 2) school improvement,
- 3) professional development,
- 4) special education and related services,
- 5) preschool.
- 6) facilitation, networking, and coordination, and
- 7) implementation of statewide initiatives charged to the ESCs by the Ohio General Assembly or department of education.

These services are often done in partnership and coordination with other regional support agencies including State Support Team (SST) programs embedded within 16 ESCs and information technology centers (ITCs).

#### Join Vocational Schools

Provides unique elective courses to high school students. They work in partnership with your high school to enhance your academic education with hands-on instruction that is focused on each individual students interest. Students still graduate from their home High School, but they do so with additional college credits, industry credentials, and valuable experiences.

Adult students can expand their career options through advanced training that can increase their employability or give them a fresh start on a new career.

#### County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD)

The County Board of Developmental Disabilities operates a county agency providing direct or contracted services on a daily basis. The Board provides educational, employment and support services to children and adults of all ages, who have developmental disabilities.

Services are provided or supported in early childhood programs, schools, ARC Industries Sheltered Workshops, and in a variety of other settings where support is needed. Similar to public schools, most services are provided at no cost and are supported by local, state and federal funds. Services are provided to residents of the County who meet the eligibility requirements.

## **Delaware County**

Big Walnut Local Schools

110 Tippett Ct Sunbury OH 43074

Phone: 740.965.3010 Fax: 740.965.4688

http://www.bigwalnut.k12.oh.us

**Buckeye Valley Local Schools** 

679 Coover Rd

Delaware OH 43015-9776 Phone: 740.369.8735 Fax: 740.363.7654

http://www.buckeyevalley.k12.oh.us

Delaware Area Career Center

4565 Columbus Pike Delaware OH 43015-9001 Phone: 740.548.0708 Fax: 740.548.0710

http://www.delawareareacc.org/

Delaware City Schools

74 W William St

Delaware OH 43015-1696 Phone: 740.833.1100 Fax: 740.833.1149 http://www.dcs.k12.oh.us

Delaware County DD Programs

7991 Columbus Pike Lewis Center OH 43035 Phone: 740.201.3600 Fax: 740.474.9787 http://www.dcbdd.org

ESCCO North Office 7840 Graphics Way Lewis Center OH 43015 Phone: 740.657.5060 http://www.escco.org

Olentangy Local Schools 814 Shanahan Rd Ste 100 Lewis Center OH 43035-9080

Phone: 740.657.4050 Fax: 740.657.4099

http://www.olentangy.k12.oh.us

### **Fairfield County**

Amanda-Clearcreek Local Schools

328 E Main St Amanda OH 43102 Phone: 740.969.7250 Fax: 740.969.7620

http://www.amanda.k12.oh.us

Berne Union Local Schools

506 N Main St

Sugar Grove OH 43155 Phone: 740.746.8341 Fax: 740.746.9824

http://www.berne-union.k12.oh.us

Bloom-Carroll Local Schools

5240 Plum Rd NW Carroll OH 43112 Phone: 614.837.6560 Fax: 740.756.4221

http://www.bloom-carroll.k12.oh.us

Fairfield Career Center VO 3985 Coonpath Rd NW Carroll OH 43112 Phone: 740.756.9243 Fax: 614.837.9447

Fairfield County Bd of DD

www.eastlandfairfield.com

795 College Ave

Lancaster OH 43130-1082 Phone: 740.652.7220 Fax: 740.687.7250 http://www.fairfielddd.com

Fairfield County ESC

955 Liberty Dr

Lancaster OH 43130 Phone: 740.653.3193 Fax: 740.653.4053 http://www.faircoesc.org

Fairfield Union Local Schools 6417 Cincinnati-Zanesville Rd NE

Lancaster OH 43130 Phone: 740.536.7384 Fax: 740.536.9132

http://www.fairfield-union.k12.oh.us

Lancaster City Schools 345 E Mulberry St

Lancaster OH 43130-4376 Phone: 740.687.7300 Fax: 740.687.7303

http://www.lancaster.k12.oh.us

Liberty Union - Thurston Local Schools

1108 S Main St

Baltimore OH 43105-1196 Phone: 740.862.4171 Fax: 740.862.2015 http://www.libertyunion.org

Pickerington Local Schools

90 North East St

Pickerington OH 43147 Phone: 614.833.2110 Fax: 614.833.2143

http://www.pickerington.k12.oh.us

Walnut Township Local Schools

11850 Lancaster St

PO Box 278

Millersport OH 43046-0278 Phone: 740.467.2802 Fax: 740.467.3494 www.walnuttsd.org

## Franklin County

Bexley City Schools 348 S Cassingham Rd Bexley OH 43209-1897 Phone: 614.231.7611 Fax: 614.231.8448 http://www.bexleyschools.org/

Canal Winchester Local Schools

100 Washington St

Canal Winchester OH 43110-1299

Phone: 614.837.4533 Fax: 614.833.2165 http://www.cwschools.org

Columbus City Schools

270 E State St Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.365.5000 Fax: 614.365.5963 http://www.ccsoh.us/

Dublin City Schools 5175 Emerald Parkway Dublin OH 43017 Phone: 614.764.5913

Fax: 614.761.5856 http://www.dublinschools.net Eastland Career Center VO 4465 S Hamilton Rd

Groveport OH 43125 Phone: 614.836.5725 Fax: 380.280.2251 www.eastlandfairfield.com

Eastland - Fairfield Career/Tech JVSD

4300 Amalgamated PI Ste 150 Groveport OH 43125-9375 Phone: 614.836.4530 Fax: 380.280.2249 www.eastlandfairfield.com

**Educational Service Center of Central Ohio** 

2080 Citygate Dr Columbus OH 43219 Phone: 614.445.3750 Fax: 614.445.3767 http://www.escco.org

Fort Hayes Career Center 546 Jack Gibbs Blvd Columbus OH 43215 Phone: 614.365.6681 Fax: 614.365.4037

https://www.ccsoh.us/Page/10992

Franklin County Bd of DD 2879 Johnstown Rd Columbus OH 43219-1719 Phone: 614.475.6440 Fax: 614.342.5001

Gahanna-Jefferson City Schools

160 S Hamilton Rd Gahanna OH 43230 Phone: 614.471.7065 Fax: 614.478.5568

http://www.fcbdd.org

http://www.gahannaschools.org

Grandview Heights City Schools

1587 W 3rd Ave

Columbus OH 43212-2873 Phone: 614.485.4015 Fax: 614.481.4241 http://www.ghcsd.org

**Groveport Madison Local Schools** 

4400 Marketing PI Ste B Groveport OH 43125-9501 Phone: 614.492.2520 Fax: 614.492.2532 http://www.gocruisers.org

Hamilton Local Schools 775 Rathmell Rd Columbus OH 43207 Phone: 614.491.8044 Fax: 614.491.8323

http://www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us

Hilliard City Schools 2140 Atlas St

Columbus OH 43228 Phone: 614.921.7000 Fax: 614.921.7001

http://www.hilliardschools.org

New Albany - Plain Local Schools

55 N High St

New Albany OH 43054 Phone: 614.855.2040 Fax: 614.855.2043 http://www.napls.us

Reynoldsburg City Schools

7244 E Main St

Reynoldsburg OH 43068 Phone: 614.501.1020 Fax: 614.501.1050 http://www.reyn.org/

South-Western City Schools

3805 Marlane Dr Grove City OH 43123 Phone: 614.801.3000 Fax: 614.871.2781 http://www.swcsd.us

South-Western Career Academy 4750 Big Run South Rd

Grove City OH 43123 Phone: 614.801.3400 Fax: 614.801.1833 http://swca.swcsd.us

Upper Arlington City Schools

1619 Zollinger Rd

Upper Arlington OH 43221 Phone: 614.487.5000 Fax: 614.487.5012 http://www.uaschools.org Westerville City Schools 936 Eastwind Dr Site 200 Westerville OH 43081 Phone: 614.797.5700 Fax: 614.797.5701

http://www.westerville.k12.oh.us

Whitehall City Schools 625 S Yearling Rd Whitehall OH 43213 Phone: 614.417.5000 Fax: 614.417.5023

http://www.whitehallcityschools.org

Worthington City Schools 200 E Wilson Bridge Rd Worthington OH 43085-2332

Phone: 614.450.6000 Fax: 614.883.3010

http://www.worthington.k12.oh.us

## **Licking County**

C-Tec JVSD 150 Price Rd Newark OH 43055 740.364.22832 740.364.22691 http://www.c-tec.edu

Granville Exempted Village Schools

310 N Granger St Granville OH 43023 Phone: 740.587.8101 Fax: 888.683.7730

http://www.granvilleschools.org

Heath City Schools 107 Lancaster Dr Heath OH 43056 Phone: 740.238.7110 Fax: 740.238.7053 http://www.heath.k12.oh.us

Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools

441 S Main St

Johnstown OH 43031 Phone: 740.967.6846 Fax: 740.967.1106

http://www.johnstown.k12.oh.us

Lakewood Local Schools

525 E Main St

PO Box 70

Hebron OH 43025 Phone: 740.928.5878

Fax: 740.928.3152

http://www.lakewoodlocal.k12.oh.us

Licking County Bd of DD

116 N 22 St

Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.349.6588 Fax: 740.344.2787 http://www.lcountydd.org

Licking County ESC

145 N Quentin Rd

Newark OH 43055 Phone: 740.349.6084

Fax: 740.349.6107 http://www.lcesc.org

Licking Heights Local Schools

6539 Summit Rd SW

Pataskala OH 43062

Phone: 740.927.6926 Fax: 740.927.9043

http://www.licking-heights.k12.oh.us

Licking Valley Local Schools

1379 Licking Valley Rd NE

Newark OH 43055-8912 Phone: 740.763.3525

Fax: 740.763.3525

http://www.lickingvalley.k12.oh.us

**Newark City Schools** 

621 Mount Vernon Rd

Newark OH 43055

Phone: 740.670.7000

Fax: 740.670.7009

http://www.newarkcity.k12.oh.us

North Fork Local Schools

312 Maple Ave

Utica OH 43080-0497

Phone: 740.892.3666

Fax: 740.892.2937

http://www.northfork.k12.oh.us

Northridge Local Schools

6097 Johnstown-Utica Rd

Johnstown OH 43031

Phone: 740.967.6631

Fax: 740.967.5022

http://northridge.k12.oh.us

Southwest Licking Local Schools

927 South St Ste A

Pataskala OH 43062-6002

Phone: 740.927.3941 Fax: 740.927.4648

http://www.swl.k12.oh.us

## **Madison County**

Jefferson Local Schools

906 W Main St

West Jefferson OH 43162-1144

Phone: 614.879.7654

Fax: 614.879.5376

http://www.west-jefferson.k12.oh.us

Jonathan Alder Local Schools

9200 US Highway 42 S

Plain City OH 43064-9306

Phone: 614.873.5621

Fax: 614.873.8462

http://www.alder.k12.oh.us

London City Schools

380 Elm St

London OH 43140-1246

Phone: 740.852.5700

Fax: 740.845.3282

http://www.london.k12.oh.us

Madison County DD Programs

500 Elm St

PO Box 88

London OH 43140

Phone: 740.852.7050

Fax: 740.852.7051

https://www.themcbdd.com

Madison-Plains Local Schools

55 Linson Rd SW

London OH 43140

Phone: 740.852.0290

Fax: 740.852.5895

http://www.mplsd.org

Tolles Career & Technical Center JVSD

7877 US Highway 42 S

Plain City OH 43064-9554

Phone: 614.873.4666

Fax: 614.873.6909

http://www.tollestech.com

## **Pickaway County**

Circleville City Schools

388 Clark Dr

Circleville OH 43113 Phone: 740.474.4340 Fax: 740.474.6600

http://circlevillecityschools.org

Logan Elm Local Schools

9579 Tarlton Rd

Circleville OH 43113-9448 Phone: 740.474.7501 Fax: 740.477.6525

http://www.loganelmschools.com

Pickaway County Bd of DD

200 E High St

Circleville OH 43113 Phone: 740.477.3353 Fax: 740.477.6772 http://www.pickawaydd.org

Pickaway County ESC 2050 Stoneridge Dr Circleville OH 43113 Phone: 740.474.7529

Fax: 740.474.7251 http://www.pickawayesc.org

Teays Valley Local Schools

385 Viking Way

Ashville OH 43103-9417 Phone: 740.983.5000 Fax: 740.983.4158 http://www.tvsd.us/

Westfall Local Schools

9391 OH-56 W

Williamsport OH 43164 Phone: 740.986.3671 Fax: 740.986.4018 http://westfall.k12.oh.us/

## **Union County**

Fairbanks Local Schools 11158 State Route 38 Milford Center OH 43045 Phone: 937.349.9000 Fax: 937.349.8885

http://www.fairbanks.k12.oh.us

Marysville Ex Village Schools

212 Chestnut St Marysville OH 43040 Phone: 937.578.6100 Fax: 937.578.6113

http://www.marysville.k12.oh.us

North Union Local Schools 12920 State Route 739 Richwood OH 43344 Phone: 740.943.2509 Fax: 740.943.2534

http://www.n-union.k12.oh.us

Union County Board of DD

1280 Charles Ln PO Box 384

Marysville OH 43040-0384 Phone: 937.645.6733 Fax: 937.642.8427

http://ucbdd.org