

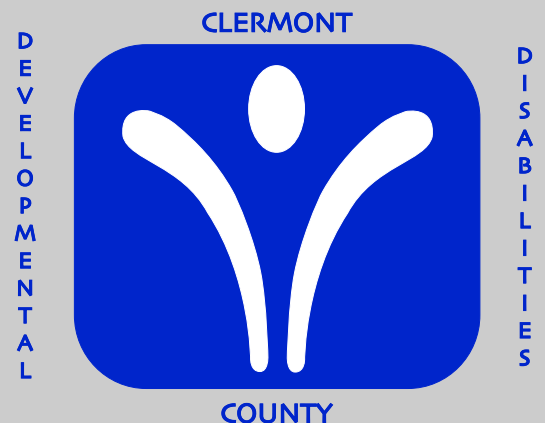
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Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Resource Directory

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote safe and supportive environments while understanding our responsibility to respect the choices and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and to empower them to be engaged in their community.



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Developmental Disabilities
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www.clermontdd.org*

Introduction

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities Resource Directory has been designed to give you information about programs and services that are available in the Greater Cincinnati Area. This directory also shares specific information about the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, its programs and services, and where you can access important Developmental Disabilities information.

Our Resource Directory is also listed on our website at www.clermontdd.org.

For more copies of the Clermont County Developmental Disabilities Resource Directory, call the Director of Community Relations at (513) 732-4921, or e-mail her at ldavis@clermontdd.org.





Celebrating Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Each year, the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities joins the State of Ohio in its celebration of Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.



Visit us at the Clermont County Fair

We are pleased to host two booths at the Clermont County Fair each year. Clermont County DD is responsible for one informational booth and the paging booth (which handles announcements for the fairgrounds and public).



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities celebrates NDEAM each year, as a way of recognizing the accomplishments of people with disabilities in our county's workforce.

Information/Referral

If you need help finding the right service in the Clermont County Community or in the Developmental Disabilities Board program, call the Information and Referral Division at (513) 732-4831. If you are specifically interested in services for a child under the age of 3, you may also contact our Help Me Grow office at (513) 732-5030.



What We're All About

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities serves children, adults, senior citizens, and families of those with developmental disabilities. Facilities are located in the Batavia and Owensville areas, but services are available in community settings across the county. Below is a brief outline of programs:

Children's Services

Thomas A. Wildey School—Owensville, OH

- ◆ Serves children ages 6 through 22.
- ◆ Operates through a cooperative effort with the Clermont County Public School Districts.
- ◆ Promotes the independence of each student to the maximum extent possible.
- ◆ Occupational, physical, and speech therapy available.
- ◆ Access to hydrotherapy in an indoor swimming pool, as well as physical education and vocational training.



Early Childhood Services—Owensville, OH

- ◆ Serves babies, birth to 3 years of age.
- ◆ Occupational, physical, and speech therapies are available.



- ◆ Hearing services offered through the onsite Regional Infant Hearing Program for children who are deaf or hard of hearing.
- ◆ Additional information available through Clermont County Help Me Grow, located onsite.

Adult Services

Donald A. Collins Habilitation Center—Batavia, OH

Wildey Center Program—Owensville, OH

- ◆ Offers paid work opportunities to individuals at the locations that offer work and in community enclave locations.
- ◆ Operates a number of enclave opportunities in the community that offer individuals the chance to do light assembly, document preparation, hotel cleaning, and lawn maintenance and landscaping.
- ◆ Operates a Community Employment Program that provides a variety of vocational trainings which include: job seeking, teaching interview skills (mock interviews), developing/writing resumes, job coaching, and follow along services. This program currently supports over 200 people located throughout the community in different business locations.
- ◆ Community Employment partners with local entities in supporting people with disabilities find work. These include partnerships with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and local school districts (assisting transition students).
- ◆ Bridges to Transition, a grant opportunity jointly funded by the Clermont County Board of DD and Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities to students who are 14-22 which provides opportunities to practice work skills and gain real employment experiences that they can use to get a job in the future.



Employment Starts HERE!

Other Areas

- ◆ The Investigative Agent tracks information on abuse and neglect cases that are reported by our staff, providers, and the general public.
- ◆ Community Support Services monitors all support and Medicaid-funded services, to ensure we are providing or contracting for services that meet and exceed all applicable federal, state, and local standards.
- ◆ Service and Support Administrators assist the individual (or individual's family) to acquire services that fit the person's needs.
- ◆ The Business Operations Department is in charge of the Clermont DD budget, human resources for employees, supervises maintenance and custodial programs, and assists with compliance issues for state and federal surveys.
- ◆ Communications and Community Relations handle all public relations for Clermont DD, implement social activities for teenagers and adults, supervise 250+ volunteers, and manage fundraising for the agency.

The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to work with Help Me Grow, a central intake site for all infants and toddlers (birth to 3) who are referred by physicians due to developmental delays or disabilities; the Regional Infant Hearing Program which assists children (birth to 3) who are deaf or hard of hearing and serves 9 counties in the southwestern corner of Ohio (Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Fayette, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren); and Families Connected of Clermont County, which is a support network that produces workshops and seminars throughout the year for families in Clermont County.

Clermont DD is a member of the Southwestern Ohio Council of Governments (SWOCOG) along with Butler, Green, Hamilton, and Warren Counties.

Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities Members of the Board

Greg Carson - President
Kim Pellington - Vice President
Robert Grant- Secretary
Laurie Benintendi
Emily Chesnut
Rex Parsons
Harry Snyder



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Jeff Weir, Vice President
Cory Wright, Secretary
Jeff Diesel, Treasurer
Michael Chapman
Lisa Davis
Pete Miller
Brad Toft
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Clermont County DD Disability Awareness Training

What is Disability Awareness Training?

In 2004, the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DD) created a training curriculum to help people in the community learn about the DD program and experience what it feels like to have a disability. Through a short PowerPoint presentation, the group receives a course in Assistive Technology, learns what it means to speak "People First Language" and has the opportunity to "try on a disability."

This has proved to be a very successful training program for the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Schools, church groups, Rotary Clubs, and many other organizations have had the opportunity to experience this curriculum over the past year and in July, 2005, the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities received an Exemplary Status for this program from the CARF accreditation organization.

The great part about this curriculum is...it can fit into any class or group, regardless of time or size!

We can present this training to a group of 400 in a two-hour period of time, or spend one hour to train twenty people in a smaller group setting. Whatever time you have to offer (day or evening), we can fit into it and help your group have a fun learning experience in the process!

Call our Community Relations Office at (513) 732-4921 to schedule a training time.

Curriculum Outline

- A. What is a *disability*?
- B. Developmental Disabilities Program Overview
- C. What is a *Developmental Disability*?
- D. Communicating with Someone who has a Disability
- E. Adaptive Technology Overview—How to Adapt your Environment
- F. People First Language
- G. Interview with Someone who has a Developmental Disability
- H. Handouts to Keep



**Clermont County DD
Disability Awareness Training
(513) 732-4921
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www.clermonddd.org**

Definition of a Developmental Disability
Section 5123:01
Ohio Revised Code
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

“Developmental disability” means a severe, chronic disability that is characterized by all of the following:

- (1) It is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or a combination of mental and physical impairments, other than a mental or physical impairment solely caused by mental illness as defined in division (A) of section 5122.01 of the Revised Code.
- (2) It is manifested before age twenty-two.
- (3) It is likely to continue indefinitely.
- (4) It results in one of the following:
 - (a) In the case of a person under three years of age, at least one developmental delay or an established risk;
 - (b) In the case of a person at least three years of age but under six years of age, at least two developmental delays or an established risk;
 - (c) In the case of a person six years of age or older, a substantial functional imitation in at least three of the following areas of major life activity, as appropriate for the person’s age: self-care, receptive and expressive language, learning, mobility, self-direction, capacity for independent living, and if the person is at least sixteen years of age, capacity for economic self-sufficiency.
- (5) It causes the person to need a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or other type of care, treatment, or provision of services for an extended period of time that is individually planned and coordinated for the person.



GOVERNOR KASICH'S EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Taken from www.ohioemploymentfirst.org

Employment First is shifting expectations for a cultural transformation

Every person has abilities, skills and talents to enrich the community and people around us. We envision a time when every working-age adult with developmental disabilities has an opportunity to explore their career options and seek jobs that fit their skills and interests.

We start by shifting expectations. Young people with developmental disabilities will learn about employment options and planning during their school years. Adults with developmental disabilities should have support teams that assist in learning more about how abilities and interests can match opportunities within the workplace. Every person should expect that community employment is the preferred outcome for working-age adults with developmental disabilities.

Every agency, school, organization and individual within Ohio's developmental disabilities system plays a role by focusing on what everyone can do and providing the best supports and services to enable people to choose and succeed in community employment. We're transforming to a system culture that creates opportunities and pathways for integration, independence and full community participation.

Community employment brings so many benefits from greater independence and wealth, building potential to improved self-esteem and personal satisfaction. And that's just the beginning: employers and co-workers benefit through more diversity and a broader range of capable employees available, while society at large benefits when all citizens are able to participate in and contribute to their communities in all the ways they can.

For more information, visit www.ohioemploymentfirst.org.



Every Person. Every Talent. Every Opportunity.

How do you know what people with disabilities experience each day? That's easy...just ASK THEM.

(Taken from "The Wrong Message...Still" by Valerie Brew-Parish, courtesy of raggededgemagazine.com)

WHAT CAN BE DONE to help the nondisabled masses understand the disability experience?

Talk to us and ask us questions. Ask persons who have had a disability from birth (or a longtime disability) to come to your class or organization.

Read publications written BY persons with disabilities: raggededgemagazine.com, mouthmag.com, or <https://nfb.org/braille-monitor>.

There are some really excellent books out there, too. Here are some of my favorites:

- [Reflections from a Different Journey What Adults with Disabilities Wish All Parents Knew](#) by Stanley D. Klein & John D. Kemp
- [Make Them Go Away Clint Eastwood, Christopher Reeve & the Case Against Disability Rights](#) by Mary Johnson
- [Moving Violations : War Zones, Wheelchairs, and Declarations of Independence](#) by John Hockenberry
- [By Trust Betrayed](#) by Hugh Gregory Gallagher
- [FDR's Splendid Deception](#) by Hugh Gregory Gallagher
- [Don't Laugh At Me](#) by Steve Seskin and Allen Shamblin/Illustrations by Glin Dibley. Afterword by Peter Yarrow (ages 4-8)
- [No Pity](#) by Joseph P. Shapiro
- [Awakening To Disability Nothing About Us Without Us](#) by Karen G. Stone
- [Extraordinary People With Disabilities](#) by Deborah Kent. Short essays profile 48 famous people -- John Milton, Helen Keller, FDR, Tom Cruise -- who have disabilities.

You can also try one of these publications, written by Clermont County citizens:

"The MPS Sibling; Short Stories for Brothers and Sisters" by Nathan Grant.
Available on Amazon.com

"Living with Spina Bifida: Speaking Out About My Disability" by Larry E.Appelmann.
Available on Amazon.com

"Celebrating and Caring For Your Baby With Special Needs" by Diane Craver. Available at www.dianecraver.com.

Helpful Internet Web Sites

Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf
www.agbell.org

American Academy of Audiology
www.audiology.com

American Academy of Pediatrics
www.aap.org

American Academy of Otolaryngology
Head and Neck Surgery
www.entnet.org

Auditory-Verbal International, Inc.
www.auditory-verbal.org

American Cochlear Implant Alliance
www.acialliance.org

National Cued Speech Association
www.cuedspeech.org

Option Schools
www.optionschools.org

National Association for the Deaf
www.nad.org

Better Hearing Institute
www.betterhearing.org

Pediatric Advice and questions
www.drgreene.com



No Child Left Behind
www.nclb.gov/

Children's Defense Fund
www.childrensdefense.org

National Child Care Information Center
www.icfi.com

National Center for Early Development and Learning
www.fpg.unc.edu

Head Lice Solutions
www.headliceinfo.com

Public television for children
www.pbskids.org

Disney Family
www.family.disney.com

Raising responsible children in today's world
www.youthfocus.org

The White House
www.whitehouse.gov

Raising kids and dealing with teenagers
www.parentsoup.com

Family health site: pregnancy, men's,
women's, and children's health
www.who.int/fch/en



Building Skills...
Empowering People

THINK “PEOPLE FIRST”

LANGUAGE IS A REFLECTION OF HOW PEOPLE SEE EACH OTHER. THAT’S WHY THE WORDS WE USE CAN HURT. IT’S ALSO WHY RESPONSIBLE COMMUNICATORS ARE NOW CHOOSING LANGUAGE WHICH REFLECTS THE DIGNITY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES—WORDS THAT PUT THE PERSON FIRST, RATHER THAN THE DISABILITY. READ ON FOR A SHORT COURSE ON USING LANGUAGE THAT EMPOWERS!

THINK “PEOPLE FIRST.” SAY “A WOMAN WHO HAS MENTAL RETARDATION,” RATHER THAN “A MENTALLY RETARDED WOMAN.”

AVOID WORDS LIKE “UNFORTUNATE,” “AFFLICTED,” AND “VICTIM.” ALSO, TRY TO AVOID CASTING A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY AS A SUPERHUMAN MODEL OF COURAGE. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE JUST PEOPLE, NOT TRAGIC FIGURES.

A DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY IS NOT A DISEASE. DO NOT MENTION “SYMPTOMS,” “PATIENTS,” OR “TREATMENT,” UNLESS THE PERSON YOU’RE WRITING ABOUT HAS AN ILLNESS AS WELL AS A DISABILITY.

USE COMMON SENSE. AVOID TERMS WITH OBVIOUS NEGATIVE OR JUDGMENTAL CONNOTATIONS, SUCH AS “CRIPPLED,” “DEAF AND DUMB,” “LAME,” AND “DEFECTIVE.” IF YOU AREN’T SURE HOW TO REFER TO A PERSON’S CONDITION, ASK. AND, IF THE DISABILITY IS NOT RELEVANT TO YOUR STORY OR CONVERSATION, WHY MENTION IT AT ALL?

NEVER REFER TO A PERSON AS “CONFINED TO A WHEELCHAIR.” WHEELCHAIRS ENABLE PEOPLE TO ESCAPE CONFINEMENT. A PERSON WITH A MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT “USES” A WHEELCHAIR.

TRY TO DESCRIBE PEOPLE WITHOUT DISABILITIES AS “TYPICAL” RATHER THAN “NORMAL.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AT (513) 732-4921 (LDAVIS@CLERMONTDD.ORG).

The contents of this flyer were produced by Ohio Public Images/Public Images Network, a not-for-profit communications and advocacy organization promoting positive awareness of people with disabilities. For more information, call (937) 898-8828 (voice/TDD).



TEN SIMPLE RULES FOR COMMUNICATING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- I. When talking with a person with a disability, speak directly to that person rather than through a companion or sign language interpreter.
- II. When introduced to a person with a disability, always offer to shake hands when introduced. People with limited hand use or who wear an artificial limb can usually shake hands.
- III. When meeting a person with a visual impairment, always identify yourself and others who may be with you.
- IV. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted. Then, listen to or ask for instructions.
- V. Treat adults as adults. Address people who have disabilities by their first names only when extending that same familiarity to all others present.
- VI. Leaning or hanging on a person's wheelchair is similar to leaning or hanging on that person, and is generally considered annoying. Remember: people who use wheelchairs treat their chairs as an extension of their bodies.
- VII. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking. Be patient and wait for the person to finish, rather than correcting or speaking for the person.
- VIII. When speaking with a person in a wheelchair, place yourself at eye level in front of the person to facilitate the conversation.
- IX. To get the attention of a person who is deaf or hard of hearing, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand. Look directly at the person and speak clearly, slowly, and expressively to establish if the person can read your lips.
- X. Relax! Don't be embarrassed if you happen to use accepted, common expressions such as, "See you later," or "Did you hear about this," that seem to relate to the person's disability.



Numbers at a Glance

AGENCIES

A Caring Place Pregnancy Help Center, Inc.	753-HELP (4357)	Cincinnati Assoc for Blind	221-8558
Abilities First Foundation (513)	423-9496	Cincinnati Center for Development & Behavioral Pediatric Clinic	636-4611
Adult Protective Services	732-7173	Cincinnati Kidney Foundation	961-8105
Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area	281-7880	Cincinnati Therapeutic Riding/Horsemanship	831-7050
Alzheimer's Assoc. Cinti. Chapter	721-4284	Cincinnati Speech and Hearing	947-8470
American Cancer Society	891-1600	Clermont County Board DD	732-7000
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention of Greater Cincinnati	752-7040	Clermont County Public Health	735-7499
American Heart Assoc.	281-4048	Clermont Mercy Hospital	732-8200
American Lung Assoc.	985-3990	EMERGENCY	732-8354
American Red Cross	943-6600	Psychiatry	732-8539
Arthritis Foundation	271-4545	Clermont Recovery Center	735-8100
Audiology/Eastgate	636-6028	Clermont Senior Services	724-1255
Autism Society Greater Cin.	561-2300	Clermont Community Services	732-2277
Axis Ctr Public Aware (800)	231-2947	Deaf Kids Club (614)	841-1991
Battered Women's Shelter	753-7281	Dept of Jobs & Family Services	732-7340
Beech Acres	231-6630	Down Syndrome Assoc.	761-5400
Beech Acres Parenting Info. Line	624-3400	Easter Seal Society	821-9890
Better Business Bureau	421-3015	Epilepsy Foundation	721-2905
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	421-4120	Every Child Succeeds	636-2830
Boys & Girls Club	553-0188	4C for Children	221-0033
Brain Injury Assoc. of Ohio	542-2704	Families Connected	732-5034
BCMH (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps)	735-8989	Families with ASD	444-4979
Camp Allyn	732-0240	Family Link Line	281-2273
Cancer Center—Clermont	735-4442	Family Planning & Prenatal	752-1910
C.A.R.S.	732-2277	Fernside Grief Center	745-0111
CASA for Clermont Kids	735-7233	FIN Facts Magazine (877)	372-7368
Center for Independent Living Options	241-2600	Glad House, Inc.	641-5530
Chamber of Commerce	576-5000	Goodwill	771-4800
Child Advocacy Center	621-3032	GOT Autism (888)	237-4988
Child Focus	752-1555	Habitat for Humanity	831-0272
Child Support Enforcement	732-7326	Head Start	528-7224
Children's Hospital Health Care Services	636-4663	Healthy Moms and Babies	591-5600
Children's Protective Services	732-7173	HEAP	732-2277
		Hearing, Speech, Deaf Center	947-8470
		Help Me Grow	732-5030
		Homeless Shelter	732-6464
		Housing Opportunities Made Equal	721-4663
		HUD	684-3451
		Inter Parish Ministries	561-3932
		Jewish Vocational Services	985-0515
		Kids Helping Kids	575-7300

Lawyer Referral	732-2050
Legal Aid	732-2422
LifePoint/Greater Cincinnati Behavior Health	947-7000
Literacy Council Clermont/Brown	943-3740
Low Income Housing	732-6010
Man Power	733-8655
Meals on Wheels	724-1255
Medicare Information	1-800-282-0530
Mental Health & Recovery	732-5400
Mental Health America NKY/SWOH	721-2910
Mercy Hospital Clermont Behavior Health.	732-8630
NAMI SWOH	351-3500
National MS Society	769-4400
Ohio Civil Rights	(888) 278-7101
Ohio DD Council	(614) 446-5205
Ohio Literacy Network	(614) 505-0716
OCALE	(866) 886-2254
Planned Parenthood	287-6488
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Public Library Admin Office	732-2736
Recreation Unlimited	(740) 548-7006
Residential Concepts, Inc.	724-3841
Runaway Hotline	(800) 786-2929
Salvation Army	732-6241
State Support Team Reg 13	563-0045
Stepping Stones ohio	831-4660
St. Joseph's Orphanage	741-3100
St. Vincent DePaul Organization	
Holy Trinity	732-2040
St. Ann	724-7684
St. Louis	732-2218
St. Philomena	732-2218
United Cerebral Palsy/Cinci	221-4606
United Way	536-3000
United Way 2-1-1	2-1-1
Veteran's Services Clermont	732-7363
Victim/Witness Assistance	732-7979
WIC (Women, Infants, and Children)	732-7329
YMCA	724-9622
YWCA	732-0450
YWCA House of Peace	753-7281
Youth Services	732-2277

TRANSPORTATION

Clermont Connections	732-7433
Cincinnati Metro	621-9450
Clermont Senior Services	724-1255
Medicaid Transportation	521-4799

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

DERMATOLOGY
 Fixler Dermatology, Inc. 831-3003

EAR NOSE & THROAT
 Allied ENT Institute 732-3100
 Mark Mandell-Brown, Inc. 984-4700

EYECARE
 Cincinnati Eye Institute 732-3279
 Cincinnati Eye Physicians, Inc. 232-5550
 or 732-1718

GENERAL SURGERY
 Jesus C. Hontanosas 831-2929
 or 732-8491

INTERNAL MEDICINE
 Infection Disease Consult. 624-0999
 Mercy Medical Associates 734-6979

ORTHOPEDICS
 Eastern Cinci Orthopedics 732-6001
 Duffy, Kremchek, & Associates. 489-4663

PEDIATRICS
 Clermont Pediatrics 732-7190
 Eastgate Pediatric Center 753-2820

PHYSICAL THERAPY
 Comprehensive PT Center 576-6338

PODIATRY
 Ronda Bennett 489-5533
 Foot & Ankle Center 528-4580
 American Foot Center 753-9948
 Podiatry Associates of Cinci 474-4450
 or 793-5524
 or 321-8231

PSYCHIATRY

Kode Murthy	831-3000
Cincinnati Psychiatry Services	831-8087

URGENT CARE

Doctor's Urgent Care	831-8555
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DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

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David Sininger Director of Business Operations	732-4924 dsininger@clermontdd.org

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Jay Williams School Principal	732-4970 jwilliams@clermontdd.org
Kimberleigh Szaz Director of Early Childhood Services	732-5032 kszaz@clermontdd.org
Help Me Grow Main Office	732-5030
Regional Infant Hearing Program Main Office	732-7033

Thomas A. Wildey School
P. O. Box 8
Owensville, OH 45160

ADULT SERVICES

Jessica Petre Director of Program Services	732-4838 jpetre@clermontdd.org
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Donald A. Collins Hab. Center
4275 Armstrong Blvd.
Batavia, OH 45103

Employment Services 4231 Grissom Drive Batavia, OH 45103	Wildey Adults 2040 St. Rt. 50 Batavia, OH 45103
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Education and Training Resources

Batavia Local School District	732-2343
Bethel-Tate Local School	734-2238
Clermont/Brown Cty Literacy	943-3740
Clermont Co Education Svcs Ctr	735-8300
Clermont County Board of DD	732-7000
Clermont-Northeastern Local	625-5478
Diamond Oaks	574-1300
Felicity-Franklin Local School	876-2113
Goshen Board of Education	722-2222
Grant Career Center	734-6222
Job Corps	651-2000
Laurel Oaks	(937) 382-1411
Live Oaks	575-1900
Milford Exempted School	831-1314
New Richmond School	553-2616
Ohio Bureau of Employment	732-1564
Scarlet Oaks	771-8810
St. Rita School for the Deaf	771-7600
Sylvan Learning Center	943-2622
UC Clermont College	732-5200
West Clermont Local School	943-5000
Williamsburg Schools	724-3077
Wildey School	732-7015



Services in the Greater Cincinnati Area

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A CARING PLACE PREGNANCY HELP CENTER, INC.

4446 Mt. Carmel-Tobasco Road
Cincinnati, OH 45244
www.pregnancyohio.com (513) 753-4357

ABILITIES FIRST FOUNDATION

4710 Timber Trail Drive
Middletown, OH 45044-5399
www.abilitiesfirst.org (513) 423-9496

ADDICTION SERVICES COUNCIL

2828 Vernon Place
Cincinnati, OH 45219
www.addictionservicescouncil.org (513) 281-7880

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

2400 Clermont Center Drive
Batavia, OH 45103 (513) 732-7173

ALZHEIMER'S, CINCINNATI CHAPTER

644 Linn Street Suite 1026
Cincinnati, OH 45203
www.alz.org (513) 721-4284

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Park 50 Tech Center
5400 DuPont Circle Suite J
Milford, OH 45150
www.cancer.org (513) 965-0026

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION OF GREATER CINCINNATI

www.afsp.org 1-800-273-8255
Crisis Line

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

2936 Vernon Place
Cincinnati, OH 45219
www.heart.org (513) 281-4048

AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION

11113 Kenwood Road
Cincinnati, OH 45242
www.lungusa.org (513) 985-3990

AMERICAN RED CROSS Cincinnati Chapter

2111 Dana Ave.
Cincinnati, OH, 45207
www.redcross.org (513) 579-3000

AMERICAN SPEECH, LANGUAGE, AND HEARING ASSOCIATION

www.asha.org (800) 638-8255

ANCHORING FAMILIES TOGETHER (AFT)

1101 Summit Road
Cincinnati, OH 45237 (513) 562-3100

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

7124 Miami Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45243
www.arthritis.org (513) 271-4545

AUDIOLOGY/EASTGATE

796 Cincinnati Batavia Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45245
www.chmcc.org (513) 636-6028

AUTISM SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI

8120 Maxfield Lane
Cincinnati, OH 45243
www.autismcincy.org (513) 561-2300

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BATTERED WOMEN'S SHELTER

YWCA House of Peace

55 South 4th Street
Batavia, OH 45103 (513) 753-7281

BEECH ACRES

6881 Beechmont Avenue
Cincinnati, OH
www.beechacres.org (513) 231-6630

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

898 Walnut Street 4th Floor
Cincinnati, OH 45202
www.bbb.org/cincinnati (513) 421-3015

BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTERS

2400 Reading Road
Cincinnati, OH 45202
www.bigforkids.org (513) 421-4120

BOARD OF HEALTH

CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

2275 Bauer Road
Batavia, OH 45103
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(Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps)

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www.clermonthealthdistrict.org/BCMh.aspx

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Fort Mitchell, KY 41017-0007
www.dcchcenter.org (859) 331-2040

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Cincinnati, OH 45219
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www.child-focus.org (513) 528-7224

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CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
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Batavia, OH 45103
www.clermontdd.org (513) 732-7000

CLERMONT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.
3003 Hospital Drive
Batavia, OH 45103
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www.clermontcommonpleas.com (513) 732-7265

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Batavia, Ohio 45103
www.clermontfasttrac.org (513) 732-5400

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2337 Clermont Center Drive
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ctc.clermontcountyohio.gov (513) 732-7433

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2085 James E. Sauls Sr. Drive
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www.clermontseniors.com (513) 724-1255

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2275 Bauer Road, Suite 300
Batavia, OH 45103
www.ccphohio.org (513) 732-7499

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3000 Hospital Drive
Batavia, OH 45103
www.mercyhealthpartners.org (513) 732-8200
Behavioral & Mental Health (513) 732-8200

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Batavia, OH 45103
www.clermontmha.org (513) 732-6010

CLERMONT RECOVERY CENTER

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Batavia, OH 45103
www.recoveryctr.org (513) 735-8100

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175 Tri County Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45246
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www.thecounselingsourcesinc.com (513) 984-9838

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www.hamilton-co.org/common_pleas/index.htm
(513) 946-9666

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246 Bonham Road
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2020 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45219
www.hamilton-co.org/juvenilecourt/Youth_Center/
yhome.asp
(513) 946-2800

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Child Focus, Inc.
555 Cincinnati Batavia Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45244
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HEALTHY MOMS AND BABES

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4075 Old Western Row
Mason, Oh 45040
www.lindnercenterofhope.org (513) 536-HOPE

LITERACY COUNCIL of Clermont/Brown Counties
745 Center Street, #300
Milford, OH 45150
www.clermontbrownliteracy.org (513) 831-READ

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Batavia, OH 45103
www.clermontmha.org (513) 732-6010

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www.medacaretransportation.com (513) 521-4799

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912 Scott Boulevard
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4440 Lake Forest Drive Suite 120
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www.nationalmssociety.org/Chapters/OHG
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4055 Executive Park Drive, Suite 450
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www.nami-cc.org (513) 351-3500

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Milford, OH 45150 (513)753-9964
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Ohio Center for Autism Low Incidence
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www.dodd.ohio.gov (614) 466-2918

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10600 Springfield Pike
Cincinnati, OH 45215
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www.parentswithoutpartners.org

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www.acaringplace.org (513) 753-HELP

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REM Ohio

525 W. Plane Street
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www.thementornetwork.com (513) 734-0107

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www.recreationunlimited.org (740) 548-7006

RESIDENTIAL CONCEPTS, INC.

Adult Day Support Program
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Batavia, OH 45103
www.residentialconcepts.org (513) 724-2090

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SALVATION ARMY

87 Market Street
Batavia, OH 45103
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Batavia, OH 45103
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Cincinnati, OH 45237
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mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=192

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www.talberthouse.org (513) 751-7747

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Cincinnati, OH 45202
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2400 Reading Rd.
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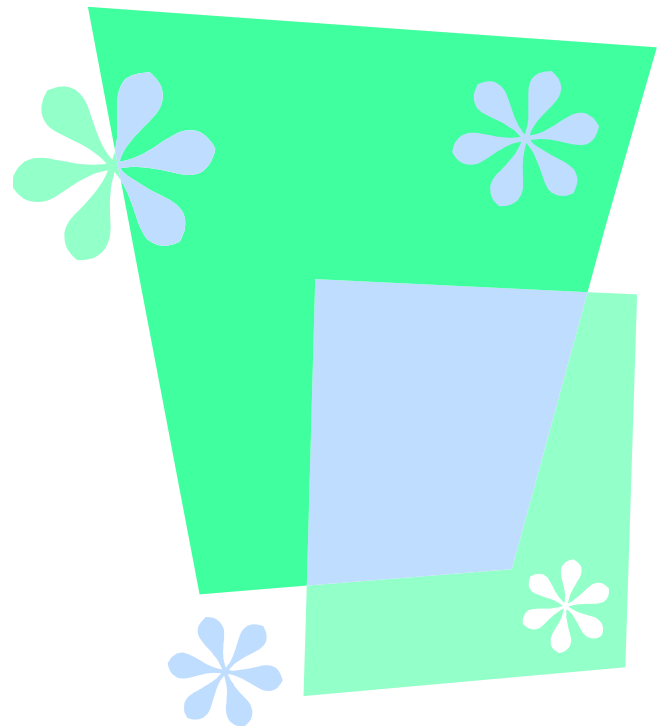
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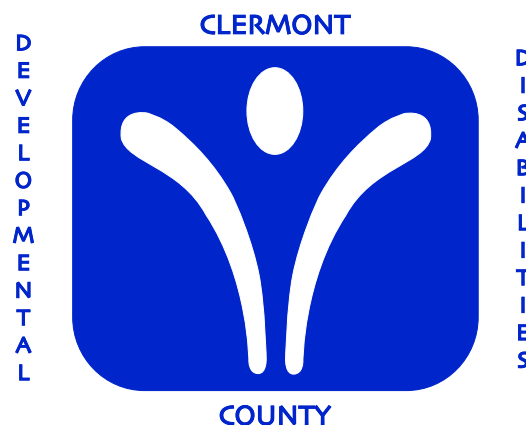
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Envision (formerly RHC): <http://www.envisionohio.org/>
Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati: www.cincinnati-epilepsy.org
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Residential Concepts: www.residentialconcepts.org
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Southwest Ohio Developmental Center: www.dodd.ohio.gov/residential.sodc.htm
Ohio Association of County Boards: www.oacbdd.org
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities: www.dodd.ohio.gov
Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries, Inc.: www.cincinnati-goodwill.org
Online Provider Training: www.ceucertificates.com
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Clermont Recovery Center: www.recoveryctr.org
Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health: www.gcbhs.com
Healthsource of Ohio: www.healthsourceofohio.com
LifePoint Solutions/GCB: www.lifepointsolutions.org
Mental Health Association of NKY and Southwest Ohio: www.mhankyswoh.org
Mercy Hospital Clermont, Behavior Medicine Floor: <http://www.e-mercy.com/mental-health.aspx>
NAMI Clermont County: www.nami-cc.org
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Thoughts From Jennifer Leon

2005 MS Leaders of Hope Winner

In dealing with MS, it seemed sometimes that it was the people closest to me who knew least about my daily struggles. I needed a way to help them understand that even though I may look physically “normal” that there was often physical pain that went unmentioned and emotional needs that went unmet.

With a close group of friends I had a small get-together. Everyone had to bind their feet with rope, so that they could move, but had a hard time balancing, much like people with MS. Then we put five to ten pounds weights on each arm, because with the fatigue that’s how heavy your arms can feel with MS. Then we took rubber bands and wrapped them around fingers and hands, because that is how it feels for a person with MS that deals with spasticity. Then the group attempted small everyday tasks—like button a shirt, tie their shoes, write a note, etc. “Now,” I said, “try to think of the physical pain that accompanies all of this. You may look at me everyday and not see rope around my feet, or rubber bands on my fingers, but that is often how I feel.” By the end of the session my friends were in tears—they finally understood what it’s like to live with MS.

I shared this idea with an instructor of mine at the local university a few years back who taught a class called ‘The Psychology of Disability’. After hearing the idea, he shared it with a few students that were presenting on the topics of MS. The students did a very similar experiment that allows the other students the experience to know, if only for a moment, what it is like to live with MS. And now, even when I’m at work and hear “Wow, but you look so normal! I would have never guessed you had MS!”, I calmly reply, “Come here, and let me put this rubber band around your fingers!”

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www.leapbeyondtherapy.com 513-232-LEAP

Challenger Basketball –Butler County

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Clermont County Park District

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4949 Tealtown Rd.
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tell me...*

What can a person with a developmental disability do?

Win a race...bake chocolate chip cookies...be a good neighbor...fall in love...give a speech...walk in the woods...vote...take a taxi...retire from work...learn to ski...throw a party...cry at weddings...read a novel...ride the bus...make a mistake...report the news...worship...play Chinese checkers...create works of art...hug a friend...buy a house...sing in a choir...hit a home run...volunteer...cook linguini...star in a play...ride an elevator...rock a baby...go to the movies...wash the car...rake the leaves...grow prize-winning tomatoes...earn a paycheck!

Explore the Possibilities!

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to promote safe and supportive environments while understanding our responsibility to respect the choices and needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and to empower them to be engaged in their community.

PHILOSOPHY

Individuals and families served by the Clermont County Board of DD have the right of choice and flexibility regarding what, how and where services are provided. Individuals and families will be empowered to make decisions, become partners and work cooperatively with professionals, and exert control over the services provided to them.

WE BELIEVE that persons with developmental disabilities have the right to be treated with dignity and respect, be able to take reasonable risk and be protected from exploitation, abuse and degrading treatment.

WE BELIEVE that infants and toddlers learn best in their natural environments, doing things they enjoy and with people with whom they are familiar.

WE BELIEVE that educational services will honor the informed choice of the individual or individual's family in partnership with local school districts.

WE BELIEVE that adults with developmental disabilities have the right to make choices regarding their lifestyle, their working environment and their living arrangements.

WE BELIEVE in providing adequate information to make informed choices. We believe in the importance of ongoing life planning and supporting individuals and families through the many transitions of life.

WE BELIEVE that adults have the right to work in the community in accessible workplaces, with access to the supports necessary to be successful and the right to wages and benefits provided to other workers in the same setting. We believe individuals should be encouraged to seek employment first.

WE BELIEVE that persons with developmental disabilities have the right to have access to the supports and services they need to be participating members of their communities, including transportation, recreation, social outlets and friends and regular interaction with peers who do not have disabilities.