Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. at:

Krenning Center
4247 Grissom Drive
Batavia, OH 45103

Please join us if you can!

- January 15, 2020
- February 19, 2020
- March 18, 2020
- April 15, 2020
- May 20, 2020
- June 17, 2020
- July 15, 2020
- August 19, 2020
- September 16, 2020
- October 21, 2020
- November 18, 2020
- December 16, 2020

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We were busy in 2019!

What a year! We grew our initial group, bringing us to over 12 members. We attended the Advocacy and Awareness Day at the Ohio Statehouse in March and heard newly-elected Governor DeWine speak. We hosted the first quarterly self-advocacy event at Eastgate Mall in March. Advocates from Warren and Butler Counties attended. We attended their events in July and December.

Several of us worked the Clermont DD booths at our county fair...two of us made announcements in the paging booth.

We attended two Clermont Chamber events in 2019: the Women in Business Awards and the Law Enforcement Banquet.

In August, we hosted the Movie-Themed Dance at the Loveland Legion. Six of us went to Sandusky for the Synergy Conference and stayed at the Kalahari Resort. (The picture above is on the shore of Lake Erie.) Our Superintendent and co-facilitators accompanied us to this event.

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2020!
Meet Our Core Team

**Ethan Stuempfle** is employed with Kroger Eastgate. He took Project STIR Training self advocacy training in July, 2017. He then worked with co-facilitators throughout the rest of the year to prepare to train others to be self advocates. This training began in January, 2018 and Ethan is now recruiting others to be members of Clermont County Turn Up the Voices. Ethan received the Self Advocate of the Year Award from Clermont DD in 2017. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family.

**Austin Porter** is employed at Tractor Supply in Eastgate. He took advocacy training in 2018 and attended the Ohio Statehouse Celebration during DD Awareness Month where he met with his State Representative and Senator. Austin is a runner and volunteers with Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center to help children and adults with disabilities to work toward completing a 5K each year. This year, over 40 people participated in the Ice Cream Run that Austin helped bring to Cincinnati. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and photography.

**Ellen Thompson** lives in the Goshen area and enjoys everything from Disney movies to the latest music. She also took advocacy training this year and attended the Statehouse Celebration in March. She spoke with State Officials about her right to have a relationship and how people with disabilities sometimes don’t get the opportunity to marry. Ellen and the rest of the team presented a training about self advocacy to the Clermont DD Adult Services Staff in March, 2018. In August, Ellen helped organize a Movie-Themed Dance that was held at the Loveland American Legion. She is the 2019 Advocate of the Year.

**Scott Baker** is employed at Kroger Amelia. He recently received a district award from his employer for service to his community. Scott was a member of self advocacy groups in Hamilton and Clermont Counties before taking Project STIR training in January, 2018. He hopes to teach fitness classes to encourage others to get up and start moving while having fun. Scott is known as Mr. Turn It Up, and helped name the current self advocacy group as a way to inspire others to “turn up” their lives. Scott is very involved with his church, Crossroads Eastside.