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# Transition Fair

Saturday, September 14, 2024  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

*Office of Specialized Instruction and Inclusion  
& Office of Engagement*



September 14, 2024

Dear Students, Families, Guardians and Guests:

Welcome to the Columbus City Schools 2024 Transition Resource Fair for middle and high school students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and 504 Plans!

Gaining knowledge leading up to transition gives families a sense of belonging and ease through the process. Transition planning officially begins for students with disabilities at the age of 14. The process is designed to ensure that students have the opportunity to lead a rewarding and productive life following high school graduation.

The goal of transition services is to support students with disabilities in developing a secondary and post-secondary plan in the areas of Education and Training, Competitive and Integrated Employment, and Independent Living.

Included in this booklet are a list of agencies and services that help provide various supports to students and families during the transition planning process whether it is from middle to high school or beyond. The names of providers and descriptions contained in this guide may be helpful to you and your child's Transition Coordinator and/or IEP/ 504 Team.

What is listed is not an endorsement of any particular agency or service and Columbus City Schools is not responsible for the cost of services that parents, guardians, or students incur directly from these agencies.

For more information or questions regarding any agency or services mentioned in the booklet, please contact your student's Transition Coordinator, school counselor, and/or IEP/ 504 Plan Team.

Thank you for attending today!

Sincerely Yours,

The Transition Resource Fair Planning Committee

# 2024–2025 Transition Coordinator Assignment List

(subject to change)

| Region/Schools   | Transition Coordinators  | Email Address   |
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# Middle School to High School Readiness

## Are you and your student ready for high school?

Starting high school can feel overwhelming...new teachers, new school, new classmates, and more responsibility. Prepare for high school by knowing what to expect and practicing good study habits for success.



### ADVICE FOR PARENTS —FROM STUDENTS

"All high school kids make mistakes. Try to help your kids learn from their mistakes." - DeAndre

"Encourage your kids to get involved in sports, clubs, or something. They'll like school a lot more." - Makayla

"Trust your children to make their own decisions, but let them know you're there to help." - Justin

"Listen, ask questions, and let your children know they can talk to you." - Sydney

## Frequently Asked Q&A

Q: What happens if a student fails a high school class?

A: The student may be required to complete credit recovery if it is a required course for graduation. School counselors will have these conversations individually and as needed.

Q: Do 9th grade classes and grades count towards graduation?

A: YES! Everything counts: credits, grade point average and which courses (level of difficulty) all become part of your permanent high school record.

## HS 101: What to Expect

In high school each course you take earns credits towards graduation. You will have opportunities to participate in athletics, clubs, and other social activities. Time management and organization become necessary skills to balance your time between activities and homework.

Later in high school, consider studying at a career center, taking college coursework, or begin thinking about a job and earning a paycheck. All of these things will build upon each other to help you achieve your post-graduation goals!

## Tips for Success

High school students are learning to be more independent, but still need adult support to provide guidance and set limits on certain activities. Parents/Guardians:

- **Communicate** with your student and the school about academic goals, courses, school activities, and other questions or concerns.
- Access district and school portals to check grades and attendance.
- Show your **support** by attending performances and games for any sports/activities that your student chooses to be involved.
- **Encourage** your student to be at school every day and to be on time for their classes/activities.
- **Be available** for your student to assist and listen to any concerns they may have. Don't hesitate to include the teachers/school if you need additional support.

If you have questions about transition services, contact your student's Transition Coordinator.

CCS Office of Specialized Instruction and Inclusion: [ccsoh.us/domain/186](https://ccsoh.us/domain/186)  
CCS Transition Services: [ccsoh.us/Page/1226](https://ccsoh.us/Page/1226)





# Backwards Planning

## What is the plan after graduation?

Although graduation may seem distant, there is always time to begin thinking about the future and different career pathways. Start exploring options and ideas now. We can assist and support you in reaching those goals!

### Overview

#### Start Where You Want to “End”

The transition from school to adult life is an important time for all youth. Backwards Planning is a process used to support a student’s development through this transition. Begin the conversation with the vision or goals for the student’s future adult life, including the skills, knowledge, and resources that may be needed.

Backwards Planning is an informal process. It is meant to be flexible. Goals and plans can and will change throughout the student’s journey into adulthood.

### Need to Know

- Keep the end goal in mind
  - What do you want to accomplish?
  - Why is it important?
  - Is it realistic?
- Start early
- Identify the student's skills, knowledge, and interests related to the desired goals
- Multiple people and plans may be involved
  - Involve Community Supports when available
  - Check to see if other Resources are available

Backwards Planning can provide confidence as you move forward toward achieving your goal!



#### START WITH THE END GOAL

- Identify the outcome
- Write a list of steps and resources
- Set a timeframe for each step
- Combine steps into manageable groups
- Create an outline to begin working on the plan!

### Frequently Asked Q&A

Q: Can my student’s plan change?

A: Yes, life happens and we can discuss changes as they occur and are needed.

Q: My student is 16, is it too late to start?

A: No, we can work with your family to assist with future planning. The earlier we start the conversations, the better!

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# Transition Resources

## Columbus City Schools



### CCS Transition Coordinators

CCS Transition Coordinators provide services and supports to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and their families with secondary and post-secondary planning in the areas of Education, Employment and Independent Living.

[www.ccsok.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1207](http://www.ccsok.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1207)



### CCS Adult & Community Education

Adult & Community Education provide programs for lifelong learning since 1954. Adults can prepare for an in-demand career by enrolling in our workforce education programs in health occupations and skilled trades. We also provide the pathways for adults to earn their high school diploma/equivalency and classes for foreign-born adults to learn to read, write, and speak English.

[www.ccsok.us/ace](http://www.ccsok.us/ace)



### CCS Career-Tech Education

Career-Technical Education (CTE) programs are just the start to help students create their own path to success. Many students graduate and have an advantage when attending higher education programs at colleges and universities, and when gaining even more education and experience through internships and certifications.

[www.ccsok.us/domain/201](http://www.ccsok.us/domain/201)





### CCS Health Services

Health Services improves academic achievement and promotes optimal health by providing and linking students and their families to an array of school-based and community health and social services ranging from prevention to treatment.

[www.ccssoh.us/domain/229](http://www.ccssoh.us/domain/229)



### CCS Parent Mentor

Parent Mentor program through Specialize Instruction and Inclusion provides as a liaison for the District to help families and schools keep the communication open and provide a "we are all in this together" approach. We also help provide resources to parents to make sure they have everything they need to have the best school experience for their scholar.

[www.ccssoh.us/Page/1222](http://www.ccssoh.us/Page/1222)



### CCS Office of Engagement

Office of Engagement's mission is to connect families and communities with schools to improve student achievement and the overall health of our community.

[www.ccssoh.us/domain/221](http://www.ccssoh.us/domain/221)



### CCS Parent Portal & School Choice Lottery

School Choice uniquely offers students a variety of high-quality educational options at all levels by giving families a choice on deciding where their children attend school to learn and grow. The School Choice Lottery is widely popular, with nearly 20,000 applications each year.

[www.ccssoh.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1181](http://www.ccssoh.us/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1181)



### CCS Project SEARCH

Project SEARCH is a one-year internship and employment program designed for students with disabilities who have met all of their high school graduation requirements. The program is dedicated to workforce development that benefits the individual, community, and workplace.

[www.ccssoh.us/Page/1225](http://www.ccssoh.us/Page/1225)



### CCS Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. This gives them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendships with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

[www.ccssoh.us/Page/1228](http://www.ccssoh.us/Page/1228)



### CCS Talent and Acquisition

The District's Human Resources' mission is based upon the belief that the success of the District, and its ultimate value, is primarily dependent upon its people; and that the development of the greatest potential for each employee will create job satisfactions and career opportunities for individuals and provide maximum benefit to the District.

[www.ccssoh.us/Page/1228](http://www.ccssoh.us/Page/1228)

## CCS Whole Child

The whole child approach broadens district and school focus beyond academics to include meeting students' social, emotional, physical and safety needs. By focusing on relationship building, the students develop not just the academic skills but also the qualities and dispositions that will allow them to succeed in our community. Moving away from traditional exclusionary practices for unwanted behaviors, and into using the behavior as communication and an opportunity for skill building.

[www.ccsch.us/Page/12244](http://www.ccsch.us/Page/12244)

## Education



### Bowling Green State University - FLY Program

The FLY Program believes that every student has the potential to be successful in college. This includes students who have learning differences, such as AD/HD, or students who would benefit from help with time management and learning strategies. FLY can give students the wings they need to navigate the transition from high school to college, all with the support of a learning specialist equipped to work with students from all learning backgrounds.

[www.bgsu.edu/learning-commons/fly-program.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/learning-commons/fly-program.html)



### Central Ohio Technical College

Central Ohio Technical College (COTC) is a two-year technical college that offers several two-year degrees and certificates in technical fields. The Assoc. of Art, Assoc. of Science, or Assoc. of Technology degree has classes designed to help students transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

[www.cotc.edu](http://www.cotc.edu)



### City Year

City Year is an AmeriCorps program that sends diverse teams of young adults (ages 18-26) to serve as student mentors and success coaches in systemically under-resourced schools across the United States.

[www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)



### Columbus State Community College

Columbus State offers two certificate programs for students with a mild developmental or intellectual disability- Human Services Assistant and Early Childhood Aide. Programs are one year at a part-time level, with the supports of a teaching assistant and work experience.

[www.csc.edu/academics/departments/compete](http://www.csc.edu/academics/departments/compete)



### ESC of Central Ohio

The Educational Service Center's, Center for Student Services assists districts in meeting the needs of students with disabilities from preschool to post-high school transition. With programs to help students with multiple disabilities, autism, social-emotional and behavioral conditions as well as visual and hearing impairments, the center is a partner to Central Ohio school districts, operating more than 60 classrooms and serving approximately 700 students.

[www.escco.org](http://www.escco.org)



### **Defiance College - ASD Affinity Program**

Defiance College's ASD Affinity Program accepts academically -qualified college applicants who might require help in navigating the traditional college residential campus. Varying levels of academic, social, and residential support assist students in personal growth and in meeting their professional goals.

[www.defiance.edu/autism/affinity/program.html](http://www.defiance.edu/autism/affinity/program.html)



### **Equip Skills Center**

Equip Skills Center offers free automotive repair and detailing classes to youth ages 14-19. Our mission is to help youth identify and cultivate their vocational gifting.

[www.equipskillscenter.com](http://www.equipskillscenter.com)



### **Hummingbird House**

Hummingbird House offers skills based workshops and tutoring for students with unique learning needs. Highlights include social skill groups, Pre-ETS services, independent living skills assessment, cooking classes, post-secondary planning support, executive functioning skills training and drivers temp test tutoring. All of our company's providers are current educators in other jobs during the school day so our services are based in the evenings, weekends and school breaks to supplement your school's IEP services.

[www.HummingbirdHouseHillard.com](http://www.HummingbirdHouseHillard.com)



### **I Know I Can**

I Know I Can's programs provide advising and support for Columbus students from elementary school through college graduation. We,

- Inspire elementary school students to dream big about their futures.
- Enable middle school students to explore in-demand careers through virtual reality programming.
- Provide high school students with early exposure to career and college opportunities.
- Guide seniors through the complex admissions and financial aid processes.
- Fund grants and scholarships for high school graduates.
- Support students as they navigate college or workforce training programs for the first time.

[iknowican.org](http://iknowican.org)



### **Kent State - Career and Community Studies**

Career and Community Studies is a college-based, non-degree transitional program that prepares students with intellectual and developmental disabilities for adult life through academic pursuits, peer socialization, and career discovery and preparation. The program integrates inclusive classes, a typical college experience, and a transition curriculum to assist students in achieving adult roles and a quality of life in a community of their choice. The program is for students who have completed high school requirements and be at least 18 years of age.

[www.kent.edu/ehhs/ccs](http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/ccs)



## Mount St. Joseph University - Project EXCEL

Project EXCEL is a structured support system focused on assisting students diagnosed with a learning difference. Initiated in 1982, Project EXCEL has proven to provide highly successful interventions. Project EXCEL addresses the needs of students through a comprehensive support system including academic support, executive function coaching, and help navigating new social situations.

[www.msj.edu/academics/disability-services/project-excel](http://www.msj.edu/academics/disability-services/project-excel)



## Muskingum University - PLUS Program

For 40 years, the PLUS Program at Muskingum University has provided comprehensive academic support services for students with learning differences, with the goal of fostering the development of skills needed for success in college. The PLUS Program is a fee-for-service program that serves 90 students annually due to the extensive one-on-one support students receive.

[www.muskingum.edu/plus](http://www.muskingum.edu/plus)



## National Center for College Students with Disabilities

NCCSD is a federally-funded national center focused on making sure disabled students know about college/postsecondary education as an option.

NCCSD provides tips sheets, research and trainings, technical assistance and guidance....to anyone (student, parent, K12 educators, college professors and staff, community organizations, ANYONE) about any disability or any type of college/postsecondary education....for FREE.

[nccsd.ici.umn.edu/](http://nccsd.ici.umn.edu/)



## OCALI- Lifespan Transitions Center

The Lifespan Transitions Center works to equip communities to support the successful and unique transition of individuals with disabilities to ensure they can live their best lives for their whole lives.

We do this by being agency-neutral, outcome-focused, and person-centered in offering resources, training, and technical assistance to create successful support systems that incorporate community living and employment.

[www.ocali.org/center/transitions](http://www.ocali.org/center/transitions)



## Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, educators and agencies who provide services to them.

[www.oecd.org](http://www.oecd.org)



## Ohio Dominican University

As a Catholic liberal arts university in the Dominican tradition, Ohio Dominican University is guided in its educational mission by the Dominican motto: to contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation. Ohio Dominican educates individuals committed to intellectual, spiritual and professional growth, who develop into lifelong

learners, serving others in a global society. They in turn become ethical and effective leaders grounded in the pursuit of truth, justice and peace.

[www.ohiodominican.edu](http://www.ohiodominican.edu)



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## OSU - Autism College Experience

Autism College Experience (Ace!) is a part of Nisonger Center's Social Programs (Aspirations Ohio, Friendship Connection, Next Chapter Book Club). Ace! is a program to help The Ohio State University students with autism or similar communication difficulties confidently navigate the college experience. This is done by coordinating services that foster self-determination, social communication, and campus connections. Ace! staff will assist students in achieving academic, social, and post-graduate goals at The Ohio State University.

[nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/ace-autism-college-experience-at-osu](http://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/ace-autism-college-experience-at-osu)



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## OSU - Aspirations Ohio

Aspirations is a group-based social skills and support program that supports adolescents and adults (13-30 years) with autism spectrum disorder and their families.

[nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/adolescent-clinics-services/aspirations-ohio-2](http://nisonger.osu.edu/adolescent/adolescent-clinics-services/aspirations-ohio-2)



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## OSU - Newark

Ohio State University at Newark is the largest regional campus of the four-year university. It offers students an opportunity to start out with smaller class sizes before they transition to The Ohio State University Columbus campus. Ohio State Newark also offers nine full programs that can be completed on the Newark campus.

[newark.osu.edu](http://newark.osu.edu)



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## OSU - Student Life Disability Services

At Student Life Disability Services (SLDS), we are committed to creating an accessible educational experience for students with disabilities.

[slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu)



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## OSU - TOPS Program

The TOPS Program is a two- and four-year Workforce Development Certificate program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities that focuses on 4 transition areas:

- Academics
- Career Development
- Independent Living
- Self-Determination

The TOPS program is not a degree-granting program but a catalyst for employment and/or a bridge to degree-granting programs.

[nisonger.osu.edu/adult/adult-clinics-services/tops](http://nisonger.osu.edu/adult/adult-clinics-services/tops)





## The RecW

The RecW is an entertainment technology trade school. Our 7-week program teaches students and offers certifications in the art of music recording, audio engineering, and live event production. We offer our program seven times throughout the calendar year and provide student housing.

[www.TheRecW.com](http://www.TheRecW.com)



## TECH CORPS

TECH CORPS works to ensure that 3-12 grade students have access to high-quality computer science learning experiences. We provide free out of school programs for eligible students and interested learners.

[techcorps.org/](http://techcorps.org/)



## University of Akron

The University of Akron Admissions Office is dedicated to guiding prospective students and their families through the application process, offering personalized support and resources to help them succeed. They provide comprehensive information on academic programs, financial aid, and campus life to ensure a smooth transition to college.

[www.uakron.edu](http://www.uakron.edu)



## Ursuline College - FOCUS Program

The FOCUS program provides students with documented disabilities a comprehensive support program while at Ursuline College.

The FOCUS program is aimed at:

- Helping students make the transition into college life.
- Guiding students to the appropriate campus resources.
- Working with students on self-advocacy.
- Developing strategies with students to apply to academic success. Examples include: time management, organization, and study skills.

[www.ursuline.edu/academics/academic-support-svcs/focus-program](http://www.ursuline.edu/academics/academic-support-svcs/focus-program)



## Wright State University Office of Disability Services

Academic and Housing accommodations for Wright State University.

[www.wright.edu/ODS](http://www.wright.edu/ODS)



## Wright State University - RASE Program

Raiders on the Autism Spectrum Excelling (RASE) Transition Coach Program. The transition coaches are experienced undergraduate or graduate students who are available as a resource for students on the Autism Spectrum. Employees of ODS, coaches set their schedules to accommodate their students' specific needs. Coaches work with students on transition competency areas to develop the structure and framework necessary to be successful in college. The coach's focus can include assisting the student with learning self-advocacy skills, accessing campus resources and services, and problem-solving.

[www.wright.edu/disability-services/autism-spectrum-support](http://www.wright.edu/disability-services/autism-spectrum-support)



# Agencies, Community & Providers



## Adult Literacy Ohio

Adult Literacy Ohio is a self-directed, literacy focused program designed to meet adult learners where they are at to develop increased confidence and literacy skills to enhance community navigation, quality of life, and workforce development

[adulthoodliteracyohio.org](http://adulthoodliteracyohio.org)



## All R Friends

We provide day support, supported living services and job training, placement & support for adults with disabilities beyond high school. Non-medical transportation is provided to and from the facilities. With All R friends you will gain the skills you need for more independent living, whether at home, at work, finding, making and keeping great friends, or any combination of these areas of your life!!

[allrfriends.com](http://allrfriends.com)



## The Alternative Center

The Alternative Center is an integrated community based day program for extraordinary people with extraordinary abilities. We work with adults with developmental disabilities and special needs. We pride ourselves in providing high quality care with a focus on security and dependability.

[thealternativecenter.com](http://thealternativecenter.com)



## Autism Power

Autism Power is an organization that provides meaningful vocational training, employment opportunities, and transition services (school to work) for adults on the autism spectrum. The goal of Autism Power is to put an end to social isolation. Autism Power draws upon the strengths, talents, and interests of each person to achieve their individual maximum potential.

[www.autismpower.org](http://www.autismpower.org)



## Autism Society of Central Ohio

Autism Society Central Ohio (ASCO) is an affiliate of The Autism Society of America which was founded in 1965. ASCO has been improving the lives of all affected by autism for over 25 years, providing advocacy, education, information and referral, support and community in central Ohio.

[autismcentralohio.org](http://autismcentralohio.org)



## Best Payments Payee Services

A payee service is an individual or organization appointed or approved by the Social Security Administration to receive benefits for someone who cannot manage or direct someone else to manage their money. Best Payments provides a monthly bill payment service that distributes your income to pay for rent, utilities, groceries, medical expense, and other basic needs.

[www.bestpayments.net](http://www.bestpayments.net)

**bridges to independence, inc.**

## **Bridges to Independence**

Our agency currently provides quality I/O Waiver, Supported Living, and Level One services to approximately 97 people with developmental disabilities in Crawford, Delaware, Franklin, Marion, and Wyandot counties that range from a couple of hours each week providing assistance with banking, shopping or getting out in the community; to spending a few hours each day assisting with daily living skills or getting ready for work; to 24-hour supports to assist with daily living needs and the opportunity to live independently. We provide transportation to and from appointments, shopping and recreation.

[bridgestoindependence.com](http://bridgestoindependence.com)



## **The Center for Disability Empowerment**

The Center for Disability Empowerment (CDE) is a community-based, non-residential center that is driven by the choice and direction of people with disabilities (consumers). CDE serves individuals of any age, with any disability, who are residents of Franklin, Delaware, Union and Licking, Ohio counties.

[www.disabilityempowerment.net](http://www.disabilityempowerment.net)



## **Charitable Healthcare Network**

The Charitable Healthcare Network is the support and advocacy organization for Ohio's charitable health care organizations. The Connecting Kids to Coverage program assists families with Medicaid applications.

[www.charitablehealthcarenetwork.org](http://www.charitablehealthcarenetwork.org)



## **Creative Foundations**

Creative Foundations is a waiver provider through the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. We provide residential and adult day supports to over 250 individuals in Central Ohio.

[www.creativefoundations.org](http://www.creativefoundations.org)



## **Columbus Metropolitan Library**

Life Skills Programming includes hands-on help with resumes, job searches, filling out applications and learning new skills.

[columbuslibrary.org](http://columbuslibrary.org)



## **Columbus Zoo**

The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium offers a wide variety of opportunities for high school students and young adults including: volunteer opportunities, job opportunities, educational programs, and more!

[www.columbuszoo.org](http://www.columbuszoo.org)



## **Community Refugee & Immigration Services**

CRIS' mission is to help refugees and immigrants reach safety and stability, sustain self-sufficiency, and achieve successful integration into the Central Ohio community.

[www.crisohio.org](http://www.crisohio.org)



## CornerStone Supported Living , LLC

The goal of Cornerstone Supported Living, LLC (CSSL) is to provide services that empower individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) so that they may live to their fullest potential. Services Include:

- Adult Day Habilitation and Vocational Training Services
- Adult Foster Care
- Home and Community Based Services
- Representative Payee Services
- Supported and Residential Living (Homemaker/Personal Care)
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Transportation

[cssliving.com](http://cssliving.com)



## COTA

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) is the regional public transit provider for greater Columbus and Central Ohio.

[www.cota.com](http://www.cota.com)



## Creative Housing

Creative Housing is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe, accessible and affordable housing to individuals with disabilities in the Columbus metropolitan area.

More recently, Creative Housing has begun to modify homes for accessibility for people with disabilities and also the elderly. Our website provides up to date information on the wide range of housing and renovation programs that make up the Creative Housing network.

[creativehousing.org/home](http://creativehousing.org/home)



## Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio

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

[dsaco.net](http://dsaco.net)



## Dreamshine at Autumn Lakes

Dreamshine is an innovative year round Adult Day Support, including job, community engagement, and transportation. Our campus is located on a lush 2.5 acres with two beautiful buildings: Our Log Cabin and Waterfront Lodge. We feature a stocked pond for fishing, a fruit tree orchard, vegetable and herb garden, hot tub, woods, koi pond, and so much more!

[www.dreamshine.site](http://www.dreamshine.site)



### **Easterseals Central Ohio**

Since 1935, Easterseals Central Ohio has been creating life-changing solutions for individuals with disabilities and their families. Whether providing recreational opportunities for children, respite care for families, or helping children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence in everyday living, Easterseals offers a variety of services to address life's challenges and to help individuals achieve personal goals.

[www.easterseals.com/centralohio](http://www.easterseals.com/centralohio)



### **First Step Healthcare**

At First Step Healthcare, we are dedicated to providing compassionate care and support services for individuals with special needs and developmental disabilities

[www.firststepohio.com](http://www.firststepohio.com)



### **Flourish Integrated Therapy**

Our mission is to provide an integrative therapy approach for children of all abilities to flourish and reach their highest potentials through evidence-based clinical practice. Flourish strives to identify and meet the needs of our community through offering innovative services and specializations.

[flourishtherapyohio.com](http://flourishtherapyohio.com)



### **Franklin County Children Services**

Children Services is mandated by law to investigate reports of suspected child abuse and neglect, but we also strengthen families by linking them with resources, including educational opportunities and transition into adulthood.

[www.fccs.us](http://www.fccs.us)



### **Franklin County Probate Court**

The franklin county probate court has jurisdiction over guardianship of the person and estate for both minors and adults.

[probate.franklincountyohio.gov](http://probate.franklincountyohio.gov)



### **Hattie Larlham - ADDventures**

Addventures is Hattie Larlham's day support program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the greater Columbus, Ohio area.

This program offers a unique emphasis on educational and recreational classes, which makes it stand out among other day support programs.

[www.hattielarlham.org/community-services/adult-day-support-recreation/adventures-program](http://www.hattielarlham.org/community-services/adult-day-support-recreation/adventures-program)



### **Hickman & Lowder Co., L.P.A.**

Since 1979, Hickman Lowder has been meeting the lifetime legal needs of children and adults with disabilities, the elderly, and their families.

[www.hickman-lowder.com](http://www.hickman-lowder.com)



## **I am Boundless**

The Boundless family of companies has forty years of expertise providing person-centered care to individuals with complex needs associated with intellectual and developmental disabilities and/or behavioral health challenges. Our vision is a world that realizes the full potential of all people giving everyone the potential to live boundless lives. Our programs celebrate each individual and empower kids and adolescents with autism and behavioral and mental health challenges to achieve their full potential. Our transition programs focus on mental health and developmental needs to increase successful transition to adulthood for young adults with autism or co-occurring behavioral health and developmental disabilities.

[iamboundless.org](http://iamboundless.org)



## **Learning Aid Ohio**

Learning Aid Ohio provides students on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) funding for in-person, supplemental learning support.

[www.learningaidohio.org](http://www.learningaidohio.org)



## **Life Builders**

Life Builders is a day program for adults with disabilities based in Westerville, Ohio, serving both Delaware and Franklin counties. Our Life Builders' team is committed to providing opportunities that are fun, educational, and "life building" for our participants. Each individual is important to us and helping participants achieve personal goals is at the forefront of our program. Building friendships and community through shared experiences helps participants gain confidence and social skills.

[lifebuilders.us](http://lifebuilders.us)



## **Maryhaven**

Maryhaven has cared for more than 300,000 Central Ohioans since we first opened our doors in 1953. Specialists in addiction and mental health treatment, we are here for you no matter where you are in your recovery journey. We offer residential and outpatient services, medically assisted treatment, specialized programming for pregnant women and homeless adults, cognitive behavioral and other proven therapies, as well as individual, group, and family counseling for adolescents and adults.

[maryhaven.com](http://maryhaven.com)



## **MOBILE - Mid Ohio Board and Independent Living Environment**

Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment. I am starting a program to aid disabled students in the crucial development of life skills and preparation for the transition to adulthood. The Youth coordinator will conduct an INFORMAL assessment, and determine strengths and needs pertinent to the development of the student. The program is targeted for people 17-24 years of age.

[www.mobileonline.org](http://www.mobileonline.org)



## Morning View Care Center Community Services



## Morning View

We provide Homemaker/Personal Care, HPC Transportation, Adult Day Support, Vocation Habilitation, and Non-Medical Transportation services to individuals with a wide range of disabilities under IO waiver, Level 1 waiver, Self waiver and supported living programs in Franklin and Delaware County in Ohio.

[www.mvcccommunityservices.com](http://www.mvcccommunityservices.com)

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

This program provides services for adolescents and their families as they prepare for the transition to adulthood. Services offered include: Behavioral Consultation, Adaptive Counseling, Transition Planning, Pre-employment Training, Adolescent Groups and Project SEARCH. Project Search Family ECHO: Autism is a virtual learning program for families and caregivers raising children with autism.

[nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/center-for-autism-spectrum-disorders](http://nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/center-for-autism-spectrum-disorders)



## Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

Offering support across the lifespan of people with developmental disabilities, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities oversees a statewide system of supportive services that focus on ensuring health and safety, supporting access to community participation, and increasing opportunities for meaningful employment.

[www.dodd.ohio.gov](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov)



## Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council

The mission of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) is to create change that improves independence, productivity and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families in community life. The Ohio DD Council operates under the authority of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act) and is a part of the Ohio DD Network.

[ddc.ohio.gov](http://ddc.ohio.gov)



## Ohio Disability and Health Partnership (ODHP)- OSU

Ohio Disability and Health Partnership (ODHP)- OSU is a partnership between The Ohio State University Nisonger Center, the Ohio Department of Health, the University of Cincinnati University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Disabilities and Health Partners, and the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center.

[www.nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program](http://www.nisonger.osu.edu/education-training/ohio-disability-health-program)



## Ohio Self Determination Association

The mission of the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (Ohio DD Council) is to create change that improves independence, productivity and inclusion for people with developmental disabilities and their families in community life. The Ohio DD Council operates under the authority of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (DD Act) and is a part of the Ohio DD Network.

[www.osdaohio.org](http://www.osdaohio.org)





## Ohio State Treasurer Stable Account

A STABLE account is a way to save for qualified expenses, invest for future needs, and keep the benefits you rely on every day. A STABLE account is an investment account available to eligible individuals with disabilities. STABLE accounts allow you to save and invest money without losing eligibility for certain public benefits programs, like Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Earnings in your STABLE account are not subject to federal income tax, so long as you spend them on qualified disability expenses.

[stableaccount.com](http://stableaccount.com)



## Open Arms

Open Arms Health Systems was started to empower individuals with developmental disabilities to live dignified, independent, and successful lives. We saw the overwhelming need for good, quality residential and vocational services within this field. OAHS developed a system that gave individuals the ability to learn a vocation while earning a living. We could also pay them competitive wages, offer benefits, and offer opportunities for advancement.

[oaohio.com](http://oaohio.com)



## Resch, Root, Philipps & Graham, LLC

For over 40 years, our Dublin-based firm has been focused on providing custom-tailored estate, special needs and business plans to individuals, families, and business owners throughout Ohio.

We know, firsthand, the unique needs of families and individuals with special needs. We know that when you have a child with special needs, daily stresses like IEP meetings, medical care and therapies can make thinking about the future overwhelming. Your child depends on you in so many ways and will continue to depend on your guidance into their adulthood. By planning now, you ensure that your child will receive the care and support you intend for them at every stage of their life.

[www.rpg-law.com](http://www.rpg-law.com)

## Shopworks Theatre

Shopworks Theatre Company is an organization dedicated to serving the DODD population with creative supports. Our group writes acts and directs all productions. Services are available for teens, young adults with IDD.

(614) 896-6381

## Social Security Administration

SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) and SSI (Social Security Income) may provide financial support to eligible individuals. Individuals of all ages can be eligible to receive SSI. SSDI clients will eventually receive Medicare coverage. Benefits may also be paid to persons unable to work who have very limited resources and income.

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)





### **SPARK, LLC**

SPARK is a family run agency provider for adults with Developmental Disabilities. We provide individualized support programming to help dreams and goals become a reality.

[www.facebook.com/SPARK.LLC.OHIO](http://www.facebook.com/SPARK.LLC.OHIO)



### **State Support Team (SST 11)**

State Support team also works to support families by providing support related to state and federal education initiatives, laws and regulations, learning opportunities and surrogate parent training. SST 11 promotes strong family-educator partnerships to enhance the opportunity for school success. SST 11 staff offers information on pertinent issues which impact families of children with disabilities through learning opportunities, supports, and consultation.

[sst11.org](http://sst11.org)



### **Stone Lake Center**

Stone Lake Center has the vision of creating an environment each day that individuals are able to grow into their best self. Through an encouraging atmosphere full of experiences and possibilities, they excel in self-determination, socialization, community inclusion, work experience, office skills, serving others and developing as an individual. we endeavor to create a home away from home comfortable atmosphere.

[stonelakecenter.com](http://stonelakecenter.com)



### **Syntero**

Syntero is Greek for support. The mission of Syntero, Inc. 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.

[www.syntero.org](http://www.syntero.org)



### **Telhio Credit Union**

When you are a member of Telhio Credit Union, you're not just another customer, you are a member and therefore, an owner! At Telhio, you own it...whether you need personal banking products such as checking accounts and loans, or you need financial services for your business like business loans or payroll services.

[www.telhio.org](http://www.telhio.org)



### **ViaQuest, Inc.**

ViaQuest, Inc. is a healthcare company that believes strongly in choice for its employees and the people it serves. We offer quality, highly-personalized, specialized and cost-effective care, empowering individuals to function independently and live their best possible lives.

[viaquestinc.com](http://viaquestinc.com)



### **Westerville Division of Police (Westerville Public Safety Cadets)**

Public Safety Cadets (PSC) is a work-site-based program for young men and women who are between the age of 14 and 21. Post #6709

helps youth to develop responsibility, honesty, and integrity. Cadets participate in hands-on law enforcement and firefighting training scenarios, team-building, and camaraderie activities.

[police.westerville.org](http://police.westerville.org)



## YMCA/Community Strengthening

The Y offers afterschool, leadership, and sports programs for youth of all ages across the Columbus area. YMCA programs empower young people to reach their full potential by fostering a sense of belonging, celebrating achievement, and cultivating positive relationships in safe and inclusive spaces to youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility.

[ymcacolumbus.org](http://ymcacolumbus.org)

# Employment



## Advance Auto Parts

Advance Auto Parts has launched a pilot disability hiring initiative at its Distribution Center in Delaware, OH. The Advance for Different Abilities (A.D.A.) Team Member Network is a nationwide forum for Team Members and Customers aspiring to further education and activation in support of our focus around different ability inclusion in our stores, offices, DCs and communities.

[www.advanceautoparts.jobs](http://www.advanceautoparts.jobs)



## The Alpha Group

The Alpha Group, a nonprofit agency, provides gainful employment, quality rehabilitation, and adult day support services to individuals with disabilities in Delaware, Franklin and surrounding counties. Alpha is committed to the belief that people with disabilities have the same rights and responsibilities as all people; notably, the right to participate in their community.

[alphagroup.net](http://alphagroup.net)



## The Awesome Company

We employ awesome people with autism. The Awesome Company is a screen printing and design studio centered around employing adults with autism. We believe it takes a diverse workforce to make a business truly awesome. 95% of adults with autism spectrum disorder are either unemployed or underemployed. At The Awesome Company we are changing that. The more tshirts we sell, the more adults with autism we can hire. It's that simple, folks. That is our goal. That is our passion. Join us and make being different AWESOME.

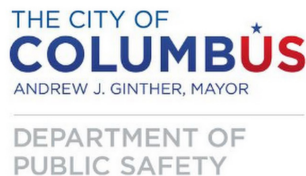
[www.theawesomecompany.com](http://www.theawesomecompany.com)



## Barks and Rec/Opportunities Unleashed

Barks and Rec/Opportunities Unleashed job training prepares individuals with disabilities for fulfilling careers in the animal care and services industry. Our dog daycare, boarding, and grooming services provide hands-on training in animal care, customer service, and teamwork.

[www.barksandrecohio.com](http://www.barksandrecohio.com)



## Capabilities

Capabilities connects the dots between the person and their future. Capabilities is sought after for its comprehensive services, focus on supported community employment, flexible personalized service, optimistic corporate culture, and one on one customer service.

[www.capabilitiesinc.biz](http://www.capabilitiesinc.biz)

## City of Columbus, Dept. of Public Safety - 911 Emergency Communications Center

The City of Columbus 911 Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is the primary public safety dispatch center for the City of Columbus. The individuals of the Columbus 911 Emergency Communications Center are the first responders.

[www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Emergency-Communications-Center](http://www.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Emergency-Communications-Center)

## Columbus Police Recruiting

The Training Bureau is committed to providing students with the finest law enforcement training available utilizing the most effective and efficient technologies in a modern, safe, and professional environment to establish superior institutional knowledge.

[new.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Police](http://new.columbus.gov/Services/Public-Safety/Police)

## Columbus Recreation & Parks Aquatics Department

Columbus Recreation and Parks oversees 13 sites around the city. We are looking for young professional who are willing to be leaders and hero's of their community. We are offering seasonal positional for Lifeguard's and Rec Aids and a chance to start your new career.

[columbusrecparks.com/facilities/aquatics/columbus-aquatics-center/](http://columbusrecparks.com/facilities/aquatics/columbus-aquatics-center/)

## Deaf Services Center

Deaf Services Center provides employment services as a vendor to OOD. Employment services assist individuals filling out an application to receive these services.

[www.dsc.org](http://www.dsc.org)

## FedEx

FedEx has employment opportunities for Individuals who are 18 years of age and older.

[Careers.fedex.com](http://Careers.fedex.com)

## Food for Good Thought

EveryBody Works is a one of a kind transition program that blends post-secondary education with paid work experiences. Students will utilize the Autism Scholarship Program to gain eligibility once they have completed all the requirements that are needed to graduate. Students will spend part of their time at our class space on Ohio Dominican's campus learning adult daily living skills. The rest of the time, the students will spend time at paid internships, one semester.

[www.foodforgoodthought.com](http://www.foodforgoodthought.com)



## Franklin County Sheriff's Office

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Columbus, Ohio, is a full service law enforcement agency, an arm of the courts, and the custodial keeper of those who break the law. It is the mission of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office to protect the lives and property of the citizens of Franklin County, to preserve the peace, and to prevent crime and disorder while constantly guarding personal liberties as prescribed by law. This must be done with honor and integrity, conducting ourselves with the highest ethical standards to maintain public confidence.

[sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov](http://sheriff.franklincountyohio.gov)

## Functional Training Services, Inc.

### Functional Training Services, Inc.

We are a private, person-centered vocational rehabilitation agency which partners with the State of Ohio, specifically, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), to assist individuals with career exploration, vocational training, job readiness training, and career development - including outcomes based, job search activities. FTS' goal is to assist job seekers with employment solutions, whether entry level, middle management or senior leadership, that contribute to personal fulfillment and overall self-sufficiency.

[ftsjobs4u.com](http://ftsjobs4u.com)



### Giant Eagle

When you join Giant Eagle, you're joining a team that is committed to your growth, both personally and professionally, a diverse team that will always have your back and the opportunity to help our community thrive. We bring our authentic selves to work accept each other as we are. We know we are stronger for our differences. What we have in common is care and respect - for each other, our guests, and our community.

[jobs.gianteagle.com/us/en](http://jobs.gianteagle.com/us/en)



### Goodwill Columbus

Goodwill Columbus offers employment training through Workforce Development. The Adult Day Service program offers preemployment skill development in a small group, community setting.

[www.goodwillcolumbus.org](http://www.goodwillcolumbus.org)



### Greenleaf Job Training Services, Inc.

Greenleaf offers personalized support to match individuals facing obstacles to meaningful employment, so that everyone feels truly seen for who they are and everything they are capable of becoming.

We have assisted people of all ages with finding employment in professional, managerial, and entry-level positions in many fields.

[greenleafjts.com](http://greenleafjts.com)



### Hattie Larlham

Hattie Larlham, offers Employment Services from Pre-Employment Training (Pre-ETS), Transition to Work (TTW), Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE), to Job Development & Follow Along Services.

[www.hattielarlham.org](http://www.hattielarlham.org)





## Matrix Workforce Services

Matrix Workforce Services is a CARF accredited vocational division that assists individuals with disabilities in preparing for, securing, and retaining competitive employment.

[www.matrixtpa.com/our-services/workforce-services](http://www.matrixtpa.com/our-services/workforce-services)



## Miles McClellan Construction

Miles McClellan Construction is a local commercial general contractor that has been servicing the greater Columbus area for the past 45 years. With a heavy focus on client relations and being involved in the community.

[www.mmbuildings.com](http://www.mmbuildings.com)



## OhioMeansJobs

The goal of the OhioMeansJobs Columbus-Franklin County Job Center is to provide Central Ohio employers with access to great talent while assisting our residents with access to meaningful employment that moves them towards prosperity.

<https://www.omjcfcc.org/>



## Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) provides services personalized to the needs of each student with disabilities throughout various stages of their educational journey toward employment.

[ood.ohio.gov](http://ood.ohio.gov)



## Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities College2Careers

Through the Ohio College2Careers (C2C) program, OOD partners with Ohio colleges and universities to ensure students with disabilities have the support they need to complete degrees, attain credentials, earn higher wages, and meet the demands of tomorrow's workforce.

[ood.ohio.gov/information-for-individuals/services/student-services/ohio-college-2-careers](http://ood.ohio.gov/information-for-individuals/services/student-services/ohio-college-2-careers)



## Pathways to Independence Central Ohio

Pathways to Independence of Central Ohio is a nonprofit agency providing mentoring and job placement to recent high school graduates and young adults with disabilities in Columbus, Ohio and surrounding areas. At Pathways to Independence, we strive to give employment and transition opportunities to individuals with disabilities that utilize their individual skills and interests. Pathways to Independence aspires to give individuals the ability to enrich their lives and their community through career participation.

[pathways2independenceohio.org](http://pathways2independenceohio.org)



## Starbucks

Our mission is to inspire and nurture the human spirit - one person, one cup and one neighborhood at a time. Since the beginning, Starbucks has been rooted in a mission to nurture the human spirit. We're on a journey to create environments where everyone is welcome and feels a sense of belonging.

[www.starbucks.com/careers](http://www.starbucks.com/careers)





## UPS

UPS is a global leader in providing worldwide delivery of packages, freight, and other logistics services. UPS is a people-led company guided by a strong purpose. UPSers are key to our business, and 'You belong at UPS' is our rallying cry. We value the contributions of all our people and encourage everyone to bring their unique perspectives, backgrounds, identities, talents and skills to work every day.

[www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com)



## ViaQuest Inc.

Our services are at the heart of what we do. We are experts in providing high-quality, cost-effective, individualized care for hospice, behavioral health care, and specialized services for individuals with developmental disabilities. We offer innovative services that help people live their best lives possible.

[viaquestinc.com](http://viaquestinc.com)

# Social and Recreational Programs



## Ability Matters

Our company provides premier services for individuals with autism and other neurological disabilities, with an emphasis on community inclusion for all. Our services are personalized and individualized for each of our consumers by our four departments: education, intervention, housing and day services. Driven by our core values, we provide outstanding care to our consumers and their families because we all have the ability to matter.

[www.abilitymattersohio.com](http://www.abilitymattersohio.com)



## Adaptive Sports Connection

Adaptive Sports Connection is an organization dedicated to serving children, veterans, and adults with disabilities through outdoor and therapeutic recreation and education. ASC offers 300+ events for participants throughout the year within our kayaking, mountain biking, cycling, amputee soccer, and skiing and snowboarding programs.

[adaptivesportsconnection.org](http://adaptivesportsconnection.org)



## A Kid Again

A Kid Again provides monthly cost free activities called Adventures for families raising children with life-threatening medical conditions.

[akidagain.org](http://akidagain.org)



## ARC Industries, Inc.

ARC Industries is a leading provider of Adult Day Programs and Employment Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Central Ohio. For High School Students, ARC hosts an Annual Summer Youth Program and provides Pre-Employment Transition Services throughout the school year.

[www.arcind.org](http://www.arcind.org)



## The Art of Music

The Art of Music is “an innovative way of bringing kids together with Music and Art to develop the whole child.” Through movement and object play (Music and Art), we offer 6 week sessions of 1-hour enriching experiences for children (ages 1-21). The cost is \$210.

[www.theartofmusicllc.com](http://www.theartofmusicllc.com)

BEST BUDDIES



## Best Buddies

Best Buddies Friendship programs build one-to-one friendships between people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), offering social interactions while improving the quality of life and level of inclusion for a population that is often isolated and excluded. Through their participation, members form meaningful connections with their peers, gain self-confidence and self-esteem, and share interests, experiences and activities with the community.

[www.bestbuddies.org/ohio](http://www.bestbuddies.org/ohio)



The Center  
for Disability  
Empowerment

## The Center for Disability Empowerment

The Center for Disability Empowerment is a non-residential Independent Living Center serving Franklin, Union, Delaware and Licking Counties.

[www.disabilityempowerment.net](http://www.disabilityempowerment.net)



## Columbus Recreation and Parks - Youth Development Division

The ReRoute Program helps young people ages of 13-21 who are struggling or have had exposure to gun violence and community violence. ReRoute provides support in order to assist young people in becoming successful. The ReRoute team consists of interventionists, clinicians, and case managers. The team helps with coping skills, educational support, mentorship, risk behaviors, trauma support, conflict resolution, and increasing positive peer associations.

[www.columbusrecparks.com/youth-success/apps/](http://www.columbusrecparks.com/youth-success/apps/)



## Dungarvin

Dungarvin Day Services programs offer a variety of supports for people with Intellectual and Development Disabilities. Services available may include a combination of supports such as community integration, base site programming, problem-solving and decision-making in everyday living, participating in community events and leisure activities, or assisting people to prepare for vocational, recreational, or other community-based programs.

[www.dungarvin.com](http://www.dungarvin.com)



FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF  
**Developmental  
Disabilities**

## Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities

The mission of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to provide programs, services and support for eligible children, adults and their families so individuals with developmental disabilities can live, work, learn and participate in the community.

[www.fcbdd.org](http://www.fcbdd.org)



## Franklin County Health and Human Services Mobile Unit

The Board of Commissioner's Health and Human Services consists of the four HHS agencies that are under the Board of Commissioners. Those agencies are Franklin County Job and Family Services, the Franklin County Office on Aging, Child Support Enforcement Agency, and the Office of Justice, Policy, and Programs. Our goal is to meet Franklin County residents and families in their communities and connect them with the full array of resources and programs administered by our Health and Human Services agencies.



## Franklin County Office on Aging

The Franklin County Office on Aging provides a variety of resources / services to all adults (age 60+) and their families who reside in Franklin County. Services such as: Homecare, home delivered meals, transportation, caregiver support, kinship support, minor home repair and more.

[officeonaging.org](http://officeonaging.org)



## Friendship Connection

Friendship Connection is a club promoting new experiences and lasting social connections for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Friendship Connection members engage in many facets of culture in the Columbus area from art and music to food and sports.

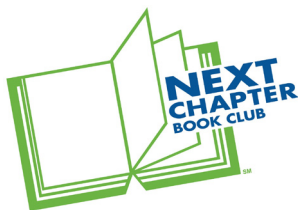
[www.frn ohio.org/resources/listing/friendship-connection](http://www.frn ohio.org/resources/listing/friendship-connection)



## Miracle League

Baseball opportunities youth through adult. The Night League offers competitive baseball for teenagers and adults. Our Saturday league is for the younger players. Miracle League of Central Ohio was formed in 2004 with the mission of raising funds to build a unique baseball field for children with mental and physical challenges in the Central Ohio area. The City of Dublin kindly donated the land required for this field.

[www.ohiomiracleleague.org](http://www.ohiomiracleleague.org)



## Next Chapter Book Club

We offer a unique community-based book club program for adolescents and adults with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our members (including some who cannot read) love books for the same reasons most people do. They enjoy being transported to different worlds where they meet interesting characters and learn about exciting new things. Taking that journey with a group of friends makes it even more delightful and fun.

[www.nextchapterbookclub.org](http://www.nextchapterbookclub.org)



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## Ohio State Department of Recreational Sports

Here at The Ohio State University we provide various adapted Recreational Services. Programming includes Adapted Swim Lessons and Gymnastics. During the summer we also provide inclusion specialists for campers with disabilities to attend Camp Recky. For our college students and Recreation members, we provide one-on-one accommodation staff to assist with their daily workouts. Lastly we offer our facilities to outside organizations to run various outreach programs. Some of the programs we have provided in the past are wheelchair basketball, soccer, rock climbing, and swimming.

[www.recsports.osu.edu](http://www.recsports.osu.edu)



## Recreation Unlimited

The mission of Recreation Unlimited is to provide year-round programs in sports, recreation and education for individuals with disabilities and health concerns, while building self-confidence, self-esteem and promoting positive human relations, attitudes, and behaviors. Recreation Unlimited is a magical place, where dreams come true for individuals with disabilities and health concerns. It is also a place where parents and families gain a respite from the 24/7 demands of caring for an individual with a disability or health concern.

[recreationunlimited.org](http://recreationunlimited.org)



## Stockhands Horses for Healing

Stockhands Horses for Healing is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization providing equine facilitated activities to veterans, adults, and children with developmental, mental, physical, and emotional disabilities and challenges.

[stockhands.org](http://stockhands.org)



## Valemee

Valemee® is an innovative fitness program using highly effective, proven strategies to help people with physical, neurological, and developmental challenges, and their caregivers, to achieve optimal health and fitness. Our name, Valemee®, (vuh-LEM-mee), stands for “Value Me, Empower Me”, and embodies our passion to enhance confidence, independence and self-efficacy. Simple to use, adaptable to any skill level, and personalized for each individual, Valemee® is fitness that fits YOU.

[valemee.com](http://valemee.com)



## Youth Leadership Forum

Ohio Regional Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) is a week-long career leadership training program, held during the summer, for 11th and 12th grade high school students with disabilities.

Participation in YLF can prepare you to become one of Ohio's future leaders by improving your leadership, citizenship, and social skills.

[www.ohiosilc.org/youth-leadership-forum](http://www.ohiosilc.org/youth-leadership-forum)

# Health and Medical



## 180 Medical

After a spinal cord injury left him paraplegic, Todd Brown founded 180 Medical as a way to help others in need of high-quality catheters and ostomy products. Because of our beginnings, we feel we have an unsurpassed ability to help customers transition back to daily life after leaving their rehabilitation hospital or doctor's office.

[www.180medical.com](http://www.180medical.com)



*When your child needs a hospital, everything matters.*

## Nationwide Children's Hospital

Nationwide Children's Hospital School-Based Behavioral Health Services (SBBH) provides trauma-informed and culturally responsive patient- and family-centered care; including prevention, consultation, education, and treatment services.

[www.nationwidechildrens.org](http://www.nationwidechildrens.org)



## Ohio Family to Family

The Ohio Family to Family (Ohio F2F) Health Information Center helps families of children with disabilities and special health care needs navigate the health care system. The Ohio F2F team provides families and the professionals who serve them with support, training, information and connects them to resources. The Ohio F2F is funded by Maternal and Child Health Bureau and the Health Resources Service Administration.

[www.ohiof2f.org](http://www.ohiof2f.org)



## Southeast Healthcare Services

Southeast Healthcare is a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, healthcare, and homeless services assisting diverse populations regardless of their economic status. With the belief that all people have the capacity to grow and change, we provide our services to people of all ages, cultures, races, religious preferences, genders, and sexual orientations in order to enhance wellness and recovery, thereby improving families, workplaces, and communities.

[southeasthc.org](http://southeasthc.org)



## Additional Transition Resources

For information on jobs, careers, interest surveys, career planning, resume writing, and job searching:  
[www.OhioMeansJobs.com](http://www.OhioMeansJobs.com)

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities: [www.dodd.ohio.gov](http://www.dodd.ohio.gov)

College Options for People with Intellectual Disabilities: [www.thinkcollege.net](http://www.thinkcollege.net)

OICALI Lifespan Transitions Center: [www.ocali.org/center/transitions](http://www.ocali.org/center/transitions)

Ohio Employment First: [www.ohioemploymentfirst.org](http://www.ohioemploymentfirst.org)

Loop Ohio - Ohio's Virtual Community of Practice: [loopohio.org](http://loopohio.org)

### Thank you for attending the Transition Fair!

Please take a moment to give us your feedback  
by scanning the QR Code below.

