



Parent Council for Portage County Developmental Disabilities

Mission Statement

Parent Council exists to advocate and support families with individuals with developmental disabilities who are eligible to receive services throughout Portage County.

Resource List

In line with our mission, Parent Council has created a resource list to assist families in asking for services in or close to this community for which their family is eligible. It is in no way comprehensive, but it does provide enough contacts to empower families to ask questions and learn of even further resources. Contributions to this list are always welcome and should be sent to Debbie Kempisty at Happy Day School (debbiek@portagedd.org) who will then forward them on to the Parent Council secretary.

Many resources are only accessible to consumers who are already determined to be eligible for PCBDD services and on any form of waiver. Therefore it is important to have a Service and Support Administrator.

Organizations that provide a number of services to clients with developmental disabilities and their families.

- Portage County Board of DD - website- can give parents an overview of services available to anyone that is deemed board eligible www.portagedd.org
- Family and Community Services – website – provides a number of services to Portage County and surrounding communities www.fcsOhio.org
- United Disability Services (UDS) -website – provides a number of services to Portage and Summit Counties – www.udsakron.org

- State of Ohio Resources website – provides links to over 6000 resources in Ohio for persons with disabilities. Now has “Guide Me” tool which makes it easier to navigate www.Disability.gov

Adult Day Programs – programs that provide services during work-day hours at their location

- Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities – Portage Industries – adult habilitation services 330-296-2839
- Portage Industries, Inc.- adult day provider – contact through Service and Support Administrator 330- 297-4100 or PCBDD adult habilitation services 330-296-2839
- Independence of Portage County– P.E.A.C.E. program Paths to Enrichment, Activity, Creativity and Enterprise
161 East main St
Ravenna, Oh 44266 Tel 330-296-2851
- Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community P.O. Box 157
Hiram, OH 44234
Tel. 330-569-3441
Email – info@hiramfarm.org
Farm location -11485 Garfield Rd., Hiram. (Southwest corner of Rt. 82 and Rt. 700.) Provides meaningful work for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- Coleman Adult Day Services, 6695 N. Chestnut St.
Ravenna, OH 44266
Tel. 877-345-1180
855-284-5883
- Coleman Adult Day Services 889 Aurora Rd.
Aurora, OH 44202
Tel. 330-562-0702
- Service and Support Administrator can assist families in connecting with all state approved facilities serving the Portage County Area 330-296-4100

Advocacy Groups – organizations that explain what the individual is entitled to and assists in obtaining this

- ARC – provides advocacy and support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families 330- 836- 5863 or www.thearcneo.org
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- Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities- Provides information and training about how to advocate for your child www.oceed.org
 - Coleman Case Managers – for children and adults with dual diagnosis of developmental disabilities and mental illness 330-673-1347 or www.coleman-bh.com
 - Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities Service and Support Administrators. Call your individual SSA or for intake call 330-297-4100 or go to www.portagedd.org. The SSA is a person who works for Portage County Board of DD and is assigned to the consumer with a disability. They are the main point of coordination for the consumer's services and supports. They function as a trouble-shooter, problem-solver and advocate for the consumer. Currently the intake coordinator is Lori Johnson 330-297-4105 or email lorij@portagedd.org
 - Dept. of Jobs and Family Services/ Court System 330-296-2273 or www.co.portage.oh.us/jfs
 - Parent Council of Portage County Developmental Disabilities – 330-678-2400- ask to have a message relayed to a Parent Council Board Member or email debbiek@portagedd.org
 - Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities – www.dodd.ohio.gov
 - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services – offers information and assistance - www.cms.hhs.gov
 - Autism Society www.autismsource.org or call 1-800-328-8476
 - American Network of Community Options and Resources – ANCOR- www.ancor.org
 - American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – national legislation advocacy group www.aaid.org

Clothing Sources

- Phyllis Zumkehr County Clothing Center -330-296-0503 3377 St. Rt. 59 open M-F 10a-2p, Tu and Th 6p-8p

- Goodwill Industries Kent/ Ravenna retail store 330-677-5402 2528 St. Rt. 59, Ravenna open M-S 9a-9p, Sun 10a-6p

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- Goodwill Industries Streetsboro retail store 330-626-1604 4278 Market Square Dr., Streetsboro open M-S 9a-9p, Sun 10a-6p

Employment Opportunities

- There are a number of businesses in Portage and surrounding counties that provide a supported work experience, such as Goodwill, Doggie Day Care, The Front Porch. They require that the consumer be on a waiver and may require a referral from an individual's SSA. So please contact your SSA for this information

Financial Resources

- SSI (Social Security Insurance)- 1-800-772-1213
www.socialsecurity.gov Ravenna office – NW corner of St Rt. 44 and St. Rt. 14 just north of gas station
- SSD (Social Security Disability) – same as above
- PCBDD Family Resources- contact your Service and Support Administrator
- Mary Lohr Foundation – Residential Resources -contact your Service and Support Administrator
- Medicaid – contact Dept of Jobs and Family Services to check on eligibility 330-297-3750
- Medicare – check with social security administration or website for eligibility
- Parent Council Emergency Fund – Contact SSA or call 330 -678-2400 and request that a member of the Parent Council Board return your call

Food Resources

- Food Stamps – apply at Jobs and Family Services
- Center of Hope – 330-297-5454 1034 W. Main St., Ravenna Hot meal and food pantry available Hours M,T,W, F 9-3, Th 10:30-5:30 Sunday

4:00-5:00pm 1st, 2nd, and 3rd weeks Food pantry by appt. only
www.fcsohio.org

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- Kent Social Services – 330-673- 6963 1066 S. Water St., Kent Hot meal and food pantry available. Hours M,T,W, F 9-3, Th 10:30- 5:30 Lunch at 11:30, Th. Dinner at 4:00 Sunday 5:00-6:00pm every Sunday
- excluding the 3rd Sunday Pantry by app. Only www.fcsohio.org
- St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 170 N. Freedom St., Ravenna – 4:00-6:00pm 4th Sunday
- St. Joseph Church – 11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua (Off Pioneer Trail, west of S.R.44) Last Sunday of the month 12:30-2:00pm
- Christ Lutheran Church, 10827 Main St., Mantua – 3rd Monday of the month, 5:00-6:30pm
- Windham Congregational Church (Brick Chapel), 9003 N. Main St. Windham 2nd Tuesday of the Month 5:00-6:30pm
- Skeels Center – 4378 Skeels St., Ravenna 330-297-0192 Wednesday and Friday at noon
- Mantua Center Christian Church- 4118 S.R. 82 (Corner of S.R. 82 and Mantua Center Road) Last Thursday of the month , 5:00-6:30 pm.
- Other hot meals and pantry services – call Kent Social Services or Center of Hope during business hours for current list

Guardianship – at the age of 18, a consumer may need to have a guardian if they cannot make good decisions for themselves. When a consumer reaches 18, the parent cannot access medical records or make personal, medical or financial decisions without the consumers written consent.

- Portage County Probate Court – relevant as child turns 18. Talk with SSA for information
- Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council – has booklet that provides a brief, comprehensive overview of guardianship in Ohio. Revised late 2012 www.ddc.ohio.gov

Health Care and Evaluations

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- Help Me Grow –for children birth to age 3 that parent suspects a developmental delay 330-298-4545 Ext. 304 – Sandy Craft
www.ohiohelpmegrow.org
- Contact school district of child’s residence for children ages 3 and above
- Townhall II Medical Clinic – 330-678-3006 call for appointment or referral to other resources
- Townhall II Helpline -330-678-4357- provides info about area resources
- Access Point (formerly Portage County Community Health Center) – St. Rt. 59 and St. Rt. 261, Kent - 330-673-1016 by appointment only

Medical, Orthopedic, Incontinent and Wheelchair Supplies

- Akron Orthotic Solutions – 330-253-3002
- Millers Equipment Rental 330-753-8600
- Check Yellow Pages in phone book or on line for other resources

Medication Assistance

- Medication Assistance Program – assists qualifying persons of any age whose prescription medication costs are creating a financial hardship by appointment only 330-297-7027 ext.332 or
www.mapvolunteers@fcsOhio.org

Recreation/ Sports

- Akron Rotary Camp – year round opportunities. Summer day camps, overnight camps, financial aid for fees 330-644-4514 or gotcamp.org
- Power Corp - recreation and socialization opportunities for Board of DD-eligible ages 18 and up 330-297-0078
- Special Olympics – year –round sports offered to board eligible consumers ages 8 and above 330-678-2400

- ATC (All Star Training Club) –Special Olympics Ohio - provides integrated sports, educational and social/emotional programs – ages 5-22 330-352-5602 or www.allstartrainingclub.org
- Pegasus Farm –a therapeutic equestrian center 330-935-2300 or www.pegasusfarm.org
- Pump It Up – 1135 W. Maple St., Hartville, OH has Sensory Jump – 5-6pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month - private event for children with special needs, their sibs and friends more info. call 330-877-PUMP(7867)
- Greater Ohio Superkids – soap box derby race where children with special needs ages 7-18 get to experience the Thrill of the Hill 330-577-3596 or www.Superkidsohio.org
- Challenger Baseball – child with special needs is paired with a buddy to play baseball ages 5-18 Charlotte McFarland 330-628-9583 or email gcmcfar99@aol.com
- Kent Plaza Theater - 2nd Sat of each month at 9:30am shows a family friendly movie for folks with special needs more info 330-673-4451
- Family Swim Nights – open to children and adults that are PCBDD eligible for services and their families. Tuesdays from 6:00 – 7:30pm at Happy Day School, 2500 Brady Lake Rd., Ravenna. Lifeguard is present
- Bowling – AMF-Twin Star Lanes -2245 St. Rt. 59, Kent 330-673-1800
- Trout Derby – contact SSA for more info.
- Portage County Public Libraries – very welcoming to individuals with disabilities.
- Unskating Party – held twice a year – contact Sandy Craft 330-678-2216 ext 1226 or email at Sandra.craft@att.net

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Residential Services, Respite, In Home Services – these are services that allows the consumer to live there permanently or for a break or provides care in the consumer’s home

- Check on line for providers serving Portage County at providersearch.dodd.ohio.gov
- PMHA – Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority 330-297-1489 or www.portagehousing.org

Schools and School supports

- Early Head Start – Portage Learning Center Home based and local center services – birth – 36 months, income eligibility Karen Johnson 330-297-7795
- Head Start – Programs for ages 3-5 Karen Johnson 330-297-7795
- Local School District Special Services Directors - assist families in evaluations to determine eligibility for services for ages 3-22 . Each district is mandated to provide or arrange for needed services
 - Aurora -Kathy Mrsnik – 330-954-2155
 - Crestwood – Michael Maglionico 330-357-8206
 - Field –Megan Longfellow 330-673-2659
 - James A. Garfield - Sue Boyle 330-527-5524
 - Kent – Justin Gates 330 676-7682
 - Mogadore – Ann Phillips 330-628-7245
 - Ravenna- Valerie Parker 330-297-6708
 - Rootstown – Lynn Fatica 330-325-4144
 - Southeast – Cindy Johnson 330-654-1933

 - Streetsboro- Rayna Antol 330-626-4900
 - Waterloo- John Lamana 330-947-2124
 - Windham – Bob Kujala 330-326-2711
- Happy Day School – provides educational services to children with disabilities ages birth -3, and school age. Information about board services available 330-678-2400
- Parent Mentors - Provide information about countywide activities and services available, assist families with students on IEP's in the local school district
 - Southeast Local Schools Sandy Craft 330-678-2216 ext 1226 or email at Sandra.craft@att.net
 - Field Local Schools Robin Howard 330-677-2509, ext. 3017 or email at rhowardpm@aol.com
 - Kent City Schools - Jeanne Schmidlin/ Susan Foley 330 676-7661 or email at ke_parentmentor@kentschools.net
 - Aurora, Crestwood, Rootstown, Streetsboro and Windham Schools – Kelly Butler – 330-297-1436 ext. 1305 or email at kbutler@portage-esc.org

Therapy Sources

- Portage Physical Therapists 330-297-9020

Transportation

- Emerald - provides medical and non/medical transport. Has wheelchair accessible vans 330-673-9258
- Parta – Portage Area Regional Transportation 330-678-1287 or www.partaonline.org Variety of transportation options for persons with disabilities
- Portage County Board of DD – Provides transport to and from Happy Day School, Portage Industries, Portage Industries, Inc., many Special Olympic Events, and some social events. Jennifer Weaver – 330-297-6462
- Various Adult Day Programs and Residential facilities and individual care providers also provide transportation options

Resource List – completed March 31, 2014

Also available on the PCBDD Website

2013-2014 Parent Council for Portage County Disabilities Board Members

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This Resource List was done largely under the care of the 2013-2014 Parent Council Board. It is dedicated to the memory of our beloved president, Charles Barnauskas.
“Chuck, we really did finish it.”

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