

CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Board held its organizational meeting on January 20, 2026. Two board members, Mark Bush and John Luttrell, were re-appointed by the Clinton County Commissioners. They were both sworn in and will serve 4-year terms. Additional board members are Tracy Ames, Joan Burge, Susan Frazier, Kelly Straw, and Bob Wilson. During the meeting, Bob Wilson was elected as President, Susan Frazier as Vice President, and Joan Burge as Secretary. The board will meet on the third Tuesday of each month (excluding July and December) at noon at our Sugartree location.

This is a reminder that Night to Shine will be held on Friday, February 13, 2026. It will be at Elevation Community Church in Blanchester again this year. This is always a fun and wonderful evening. Please consider volunteering or stopping by to cheer folks on as they walk that red carpet and dance the night away!

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT

Last year CCBDD recognized several amazing providers who go above and beyond the services they provide to individuals in Clinton County. CCBDD would like to recognize them again for their dedication and ask that you vote on one of them for Provider of the Year 2025.

NOMINEES ARE:

- **Sarah Collett** (Independent Provider)
- **Velma Dailey** (Assistant Program Manager, Residential Community Care-Ability Woodworks)
- **Innovative Home Health Care, LLC** (Agency Provider)



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO VOTE!

FAMILY SUPPORT SERIES

Our Family Support Series provides opportunities for individuals, their families, and caregivers to learn more about important topics that affect them. Sessions are offered at no-costs, and are usually open to professionals and community members as well.

New topics are announced regularly on our Facebook page and appear on our website, as well. Registration is always appreciated and sometimes required, so be sure to check.

UPCOMING TOPICS:

February 10, 6pm, in person – Neurodivergent Communications

February 17, 6pm, in person – How to Connect with Your Neurodivergent Child Through Gaming

This 2-part series is presented by Zach Webber of Dragon's Den Counseling who is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Therapeutic Game Master. Contact Marnie at (937) 944-3215 or mreed@clintondd.org to sign up for one or both!

February 18, 11am, via Zoom – Social Security Benefits for People with Disabilities

Families enjoyed this information so much in 2025, that we invited the speakers to come again! The information is presented in an easy to digest manner and there is time for a Q&A session at the end. If you are uncomfortable with Zoom technology or simply want to participate with others, contact Marnie at the Clinton County Board of DD office to watch together on-site.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 6pm – Relationship and Sexual Health weekly series

Many individuals with disabilities desire and are capable of healthy, loving relationships. Like everyone, they need reliable information and access to the facts. This 6-week series offered by the Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio Region will sensitively cover the following topics:

- Healthy Relationships
- Consent, Boundaries & Public vs. Private
- Reproductive and Sexual Anatomy & Puberty
- Internet Safety
- Sexually Transmitted Infections
- Pregnancy & Birth, Protection Methods

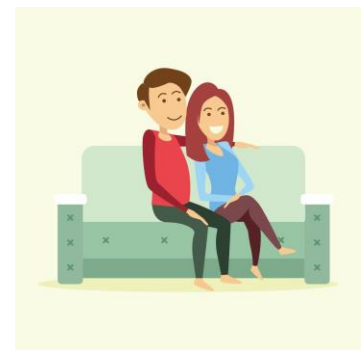
Classes will include instruction, discussion, activities and scenarios where individuals can practice interpersonal and communication skills.

Participants will create a hygiene kit containing supplies like deodorant, lotion, period products, and more!

Registration is **required** for this series. Contact Kelly or Mickey at (937) 382-7519 to sign up.

For more information on any of these offerings, contact Marnie at (937) 944-3215 or mreed@clintondd.org. Keep up to date on the latest events by following our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/ClintonCountyDD>



TECHNOLOGY FIRST

Lending libraries are helpful for people with disabilities to try out different technology based on their needs before purchasing equipment, such as medical equipment or adaptive toys. Many programs offer lending services for free.

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council has identified assistive technology lending libraries across Ohio, view the online [interactive map](#).

SIBLING SUPPORT

SAVE THE DATES! SAVE THE DATES!



Siblings are the longest-lasting relationship in the life of a person with a disability—yet they are frequently overlooked. Supporting SIBS ensures siblings have a voice, trusted support, and access to the information they need now and in the future.

Typically developing siblings of individuals with special needs are invited to join us for our Sibling Support Groups! Activities are designed for those between the ages of 8 and 13 years old (give or take). Activities allow sibs to share the good and not so good things about having a family member with special support needs with other sibs who “get it.” Sibs will bond over shared experiences while engaging in games and discussions.

Our next sibling support groups will be held on June 1st, June 8th, July 27th and August 3rd. If you think your child(ren) may be interested, you are encouraged to register NOW, so that you will receive updates directly via email. There is a new, easier registration process available on-line from Ohio SIBS here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/6gKDhLSMEV>

Get loads more information by visiting the Ohio SIBS webpage: <https://www.ohiosibs.org/> While you are there take a minute to look at other ways siblings can be supported, including a virtual group and groups for teens, too!

For more information, contact Marnie Reed at (937) 944-3215.

2026 QUARTERLY PROVIDER MEETINGS

Join us for our 2026 Quarterly Provider Meetings- an opportunity to connect, collaborate, and stay informed. These sessions feature timely updates, practical insights, and meaningful conversations that help shape the future of care. You'll hear what's new, exchange ideas with peers, and have a voice in what's ahead. We look forward to your participation as we work together to make 2026 a strong and successful year. Upcoming Meetings:



April 14, 2026 @ 10am

July 14, 2026 @ 10am

October 13, 2026 @ 10am

KEITH'S LAW

On October 20, 2025, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 144, known as Keith's Law, into law. This legislation expands Ohio's Communication Disability Law by allowing first responders to receive important information from individuals with communication disabilities during countywide 9-1-1 calls. People with a diagnosed disability, as well as drivers who regularly travel with someone who has a communication disability, may voluntarily enroll in a database connected to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). This helps law enforcement officers approach situations with greater awareness, reducing potential misunderstandings and improving safety. Enrollment requires completion of a [verification form](#), and more information is available through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities.

EARLY INTERVENTION



**Department of
Children & Youth**

Help Me Grow Early Intervention

Having a new baby or small child can feel isolating, and parents are sometimes left questioning their parenting skills or their child's development.

Parents, it's hard not to compare your child's development to social media images and stories, or even compare them to other children. So how are you to know if your child's development is on track?

While parents should always talk to their child's doctor, there are many resources available within Ohio's Help Me Grow system of supports.

Begin by visiting <https://helpmegrow.org> to learn about the developmental screenings, home visiting or early intervention programs available in Clinton County.

STAY INFORMED

Want to keep up with all our events and activities? Follow our [Facebook page](#)! Of course, you can always reach us by calling the office at (937) 382-7519.

HOW ARE WE DOING?



The Clinton County Board of Developmental disabilities strives to provide you or the individual you care for with the best possible services. We would like to know how we are doing so that we can continue to develop services and offerings important to you.

Take our quick survey to let us know how our services are supporting you and the loved one you care for.

NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2026