



Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

2019 Schedule

Planting Seeds of Knowledge Educational Forums

Date	Topic	Overview
Tuesday February 12 6:30 - 8:30pm	STABLE Account Nicholas Hancart Public Affairs Officer, STABLE	Learn how you can have more independence and financial stability. Ohio's STABLE Program provides tax-advantaged savings and investment opportunities to individuals with disabilities without risk of losing needs-based benefits. Join us for an overview of the STABLE Program and learn how to open an account and benefit from savings and investments.
Tuesday March 12 6:30 - 8:30pm	Special Needs Estate Planning David Banas, Attorney	This estate planning forum will cover a variety of important topics that can help you plan for the future. Topics will include special needs trusts, discretionary trusts, delegated decision-making, an overview of Medicaid and Social Security eligibility, and strategies to maximize benefits.
Tuesday April 9 6:30 - 8:30pm	Special Education Law Linda Gorczynski, Attorney Mary Jo O'Neill, Parent Advocate	This presentation is perfect for parents of school-aged children with disabilities. Learn from the expertise of an attorney and parent advocate most everything you need to know about evaluations, the Individual Education Program (IEP) and important legal safeguards that are in place to help students with disabilities.
Tuesday May 14 6:30 - 8:30pm	I.T. = Independence + Technology Julia Wolff & Sid Blair Assistive Technology Specialists	Be inspired by how every day technologies are assisting individuals with disabilities to be more independent at home, at work, and in the community. CCBDD's assistive technology specialists will demonstrate devices and apps that can help a person with everything from getting ready in the morning to taking medications on time.
Tuesday June 11 6:30 - 8:30pm	Guardianship Chuck Corea CCBDD Attorney	This forum will provide a detailed overview of guardianship related to people with developmental disabilities. What is a guardian? What are the types of guardianship? Why are guardians appointed? Join CCBDD's attorney to learn the answers to these questions and the guardianship process in general.

Save the date for these forums planned for later this year.

July 9	Transitioning from School to Adulthood
August 13	SIBS (Special Initiatives by Brothers & Sisters)
September 10	Pathway to Employment - Employment First
October 8	Recreation, Leisure and Camp Opportunities
November 12	Creative Housing Options

All forums will be held at the ESC of Cuyahoga County, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131
 No cost. Registration required. Go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org/en-US/PlantingSeeds.aspx
 or call 216-736-2690.