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# **Colleges / Universities**

## Colleges / Universities

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**NAME:** *The Art Institute of Pittsburgh*

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Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**PHONE:** 1.800.275.2470

**FAX:** 412.263.3715

**WEBSITE:** [www.artinstitutes.edu/pittsburgh](http://www.artinstitutes.edu/pittsburgh)

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**TITLE:** Public Relations Director

**PHONE:** 412.291.6340

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Art Institute of Pittsburgh offers bachelor degrees, associate degrees, and diploma programs in design, media arts, culinary, and fashion.

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**NAME:** *Baldwin-Wallace University*

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Berea, Ohio 44017-2088

**PHONE:** 440.826.2116

**FAX:** 440.826.3832



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**WEBSITE:** [www.bw.edu/resources/disability](http://www.bw.edu/resources/disability)

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**DESCRIPTION:** Baldwin-Wallace University follows the requirements for access dictated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. We do not have a specialized program for students with disabilities. Students who come to B-W are able to take part in our extensive tutoring department or work together with a writing specialist in our Writing Lab to assist them with their course work. We require testing to have been completed within 3-5 years depending on diagnosis. An IEP is not enough to ascertain services through the DSS department.

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**NAME:** *Bethany College*

**ADDRESS:** 1 Main Street  
Bethany, WV 26032

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**DESCRIPTION:** The **McCann Learning Center** is a convenient and inviting place on campus to develop or enhance skills that promote academic success at the college level. Equipped with state of the art technology, the Center houses Academic Support Services, the Writing Center, the Program of Academic and Social Success (PASS), and Disability Services. The Center provides a helpful, relaxed environment that promotes effective studying and academic success.

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**Program for Academic and Social Success (PASS)** is a specifically designed program for students identified as having a specific learning disability and attention deficit disorders. Students participate in 1:1 appointments with certified, experienced learning specialists to develop the metacognitive and multisensory strategies necessary for college success.

**Disability Services:** Students with documented disabilities are provided accommodations on a case-by-case basis in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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**NAME:** *Bowling Green State University*  
*Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** 38 College Park Office Building  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-0185

**PHONE:** 419.372.8495

**FAX:** 419.372.8496

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.bgsu.edu/disability-services.html>

**CONTACT PERSON:** Peggy Dennis

**TITLE:** Director, Disability Services  
Associate Director, Center for Health

**PHONE:** 419.372.8495

**EMAIL:** [dss@bgsu.edu](mailto:dss@bgsu.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission of Disability Services at Bowling Green State University is to provide equal access and opportunity to qualified students with disabilities. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students with disabilities to fully integrate into the BGSU community.

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**NAME:** *Cleveland State University*  
*Office of Disability Service*

**ADDRESS:** 1899 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2214

**PHONE:** 216.687.2015

## Colleges / Universities

**FAX:** 216.687.2343

**WEBSITE:** [www.csuohio.edu/clc/disability](http://www.csuohio.edu/clc/disability)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jerry Gillinov

**TITLE:** Coordinator

**PHONE:** 216.687.3633

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**NAME:** *Cuyahoga Community College  
Access Program*

**ADDRESS:** 11000 West Pleasant Valley Road  
WLA 102  
Parma, Ohio 44130

**PHONE:** 216.987.5079

**FAX:** 216.987.5118

**WEBSITE:** [www.tri-c.edu/apply/specialinterest/disabilities](http://www.tri-c.edu/apply/specialinterest/disabilities)

**CONTACT PERSON:** LaNice Marshall

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Access Program provides accommodations and support for students with disabilities enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College.

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## Colleges / Universities

**NAME:**  *DeVry University*

**ADDRESS:** 4141 Rockside Road, Suite 110  
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131

**PHONE:** 216.328.8754

**FAX:** 216.328.8764

**WEBSITE:** [www.devry.edu](http://www.devry.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Amanda Liott

**TITLE:** Director of Admissions

**PHONE:** 216.520.7418

**EMAIL:** [aliott@devry.edu](mailto:aliott@devry.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Let's be honest: It isn't always easy to succeed in your education or in reaching your career goals. It takes a lot of work, energy, and dedication. But we believe you can do it. Because for over 80 years we've been helping students within this University do just that, by providing an accredited university education that truly works. An education that prepares you for the real challenges you'll face in the workplace by bringing the real world into the classroom. And by walking with you, mentoring and guiding you, every step of the way.

How can you find yourself in a career you love, in a career field that's strong and growing? That's a very important question and that's why we work closely with today's business leaders to develop a curriculum to meet the needs of top businesses. So our five colleges are focused on today's more relevant areas of study, offering associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs and specializations covering 34 different career fields. And our Keller Graduate School of Management offers an online MBA and graduate degree programs in 16 distinct areas of concentration. With more than 85 locations and online, this is an education designed to help you take the next step towards your career goals.

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**NAME:** *Edinboro University*  
*Office for Students with Disabilities*

**ADDRESS:** 200 Glasgow Road  
Crawford Center  
Edinboro, PA 16444

**PHONE:** 814.732.2462 v/tty

**FAX:** 814.732.2866

**WEBSITE:** [www.edinboro.edu](http://www.edinboro.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Ms. Kimberly A. Kennedy

**TITLE:** Director, Office for Students with Disabilities

**PHONE:** 814.732.2462 v/tty

**EMAIL:** [kennedy@edinboro.edu](mailto:kennedy@edinboro.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Edinboro University is actively involved in providing services for students with physical disabilities, hearing impairments, visual impairments, emotional/psychological impairments, and learning disabilities. The Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) provides those services essential for students with disabilities to matriculate at Edinboro University. All services are individually directed by the program staff according to documentation and expression of needs. Documentation is the student's responsibility and requests for services must be made in a timely manner.

**Services provided for a fee include:** personal care attendant services (charged per unit of care needed); van transportation services (charged per week or per semester); wheelchair maintenance service (charged per semester); learning disability support services (charged per semester); and assistive technology evaluations (charged per evaluation).

**Services available as supported by documented need:** occupational therapy; meal aides; academic aides/homework aides; materials in alternate format; extended time/readers/scribes for exams; Braille/tactile services; sign language interpreter (arranged with outside interpreters); adapted athletic/recreation program.

\*\* To be eligible for services students must be accepted and attending the University as a regular student. The services listed above are available at the Edinboro University main campus.

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**NAME:** *Hocking College*

**ADDRESS:** 3301 Hocking Parkway  
Nelsonville, OH 45764-9588

**PHONE:** 740.753.3591

**FAX:** 740.753.7153

**WEBSITE:** [www.hocking.edu](http://www.hocking.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kim Forbes-Powell  
Kristi Kozma  
Erin Bowald

**TITLE:** Coordinator of Disability Services; Educational Specialists

**PHONE:** 740.753.7107

**EMAIL:** [forbes\\_k@hocking.edu](mailto:forbes_k@hocking.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Hocking College is a two year technical school located in the rolling hills of southeastern Ohio. We offer sixty majors within our seven schools of study. We are a residential campus with five residence halls and dining facility, and have partnership agreements with seventeen different universities.

The Hocking College Office of Disability Services serves students of all types of disabilities: mental, physical and learning, both chronic and long term. Services include individual academic advising/counseling, professional tutoring, testing accommodations, referral to appropriate internal programs and agencies, referral to appropriate external agencies, and assistive technology.

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**NAME:** *Indiana Wesleyan University-Cleveland*

**ADDRESS:** 4100 Rockside Road  
Independence, OH 44131

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**CONTACT PERSON:** Bart Ciofani

**TITLE:** Senior Director of Corporate Development

**PHONE:** 216.525.6205

## Colleges / Universities

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**DESCRIPTION:** Associate, Bachelor, and Master Degrees offered in a fast-track format 100% online or on-site. Only one accelerated course at a time. Many degree options are offered including Education, Business, Healthcare, Technology, and more. IWU-Cleveland is convenient, affordable, and US News and World Report high ranking. Financial aid is available.

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**NAME:** *Kent State University*  
*Geauga Campus*

**ADDRESS:** 14111 Claridon-Troy Road  
Burton, OH 44021

**PHONE:** 440.834.4187

**FAX:** 440.834.3786

**WEBSITE:**

<http://www.geauga.kent.edu/academics/support/studentaccessibilityservices/index.cfm>

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**TITLE:** Assistant Director, EMSS & Student Accessibility Services

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides assistance to students with varying degrees and types of disabilities in order to maximize educational opportunity and academic potential. Students seeking services must provide recent documentation of their specific disability and/or medical condition. Although a student may be eligible for services, specific accommodations are not extended by SAS unless they are requested. A student has the right to choose to use only a few of the accommodations available or to completely refuse special assistance.

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## Colleges / Universities

**NAME:** *Kent State University*  
*Student Accessibility Services*

**ADDRESS:** Deweese Center  
Ground Floor  
Kent, Ohio 44240

**PHONE:** 330.672.3391

**FAX:** 330.672.3763

**WEBSITE:** [www.kent.edu/sas](http://www.kent.edu/sas)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dr. Amy Quillin

**TITLE:** Associate Director

**PHONE:** 330.672.3391

**EMAIL:** [aquillin@kent.edu](mailto:aquillin@kent.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides assistance to students with varying degrees and types of disabilities in order to maximize educational opportunities and academic potential. Types of disabilities that students have who are served by Student Accessibility Services include mobility impairments, visual impairments, hearing impairments, speech impairments, specific learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, chronic health disorders, psychological disabilities, and temporary disabilities. Students seeking services must provide documentation of their specific disability and complete an intake interview with an SAS counselor. SAS encourages students to take advantage of the full complement of campus resources available to them, including the SAS office, to aid in their academic success.

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**NAME:** *Lakeland Community College*

**ADDRESS:** 7700 Clocktower Drive  
Kirtland, Ohio 44060

**PHONE:** 440.525.7000

**FAX:** 440.525.7038

**WEBSITE:** [www.lakelandcc.edu](http://www.lakelandcc.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Al Kirsh or Kathy Kelly



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**DESCRIPTION:** Lakeland Community College is committed to providing “otherwise qualified students with disabilities” an opportunity to access higher education. Our counselors work to provide the means for students to overcome the barriers posed by their disabilities by offering academic accommodations specific to the student’s needs.

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**NAME:** *Lorain County Community College*  
*Office for Special Needs Services*

**ADDRESS:** 1005 Abbe Road North  
Elyria, Ohio 44035

**PHONE:** 1.800.995.5222

**FAX:** 440366.4652

**WEBSITE:** [www.lorainccc.edu](http://www.lorainccc.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jody Haserodt

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**EMAIL:** [jhaserod@lorainccc.edu](mailto:jhaserod@lorainccc.edu)

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**NAME:** *Mercyhurst College*

**ADDRESS:** 501 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street  
Erie, Ohio 16546

**PHONE:** 1.800.825.1926, ext 2450

**FAX:** 814.824.2589

**WEBSITE:** [www.mercyhurst.edu](http://www.mercyhurst.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dianne Rogers

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**TITLE:** Director  
Learning Differences Program

**PHONE:** 814.824.2450

**EMAIL:** [drogers@mercyhurst.edu](mailto:drogers@mercyhurst.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Mercyhurst College's Learning Differences Program provides comprehensive services to students with disabilities. Included are all test taking accommodations, peer tutoring, access to technology, priority registration, mid-term progress reports as well as other support services.

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**NAME:** *Miami University*  
*Student Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** Campus Avenue Building, Room 19  
Oxford, Ohio 45056-2481

**PHONE:** 513.529.1541

**FAX:** 513.529.8595

**WEBSITE:** [www.muohio.edu/SDS](http://www.muohio.edu/SDS)

**CONTACT PERSON:** J. Andrew Zeisler, M.Ed

**TITLE:** Director, Student Disability Services

**PHONE:** 513.529.1541

**EMAIL:** [zeisleja@miamioh.edu](mailto:zeisleja@miamioh.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Miami University is a state university that was founded in 1809 and is located in Oxford, Ohio, 35 miles north of Cincinnati. Enrollment is 16,000 undergraduates plus approximately 2,000 graduate students. We offer degree programs in arts and science, business administration, education, engineering and applied sciences, and fine arts.

It is important to the staff of Student Disability Services at Miami University that all individuals on campus are afforded a comfortable, welcoming and inclusive experience. To that end, we are committed to providing services, accommodations and advocacy that will ensure individuals with disabilities equal access to University programs and campus living.

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**NAME:** *Mount St. Joseph University*  
*Project EXCEL*

**ADDRESS:** 5701 Delhi Road  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223

**PHONE:** 513.244.4768 or 513.244.4623

**WEBSITE:** [www.msj.edu](http://www.msj.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Stacy Mueller

**TITLE:** Director

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**DESCRIPTION:** Upon acceptance to Mount St. Joseph University, students with learning disabilities or ADHD may apply to Project EXCEL. We are a nationally recognized comprehensive academic support program. Project EXCEL fosters academic success by promoting the development of learning strategies and compensatory skills. Project EXCEL offers students a broad spectrum of support services to meet specific individual needs including:

- Adult professional tutors
- Monitoring of student progress and academic counseling
- Scheduled consultations to promote organization and time management skills
- 2 credit hour course, Study for Success, for incoming freshman
- Access to, and instruction in, the use of technology
- Access to speech recognition software

Project EXCEL is a fee-for-service program. For more information, please view [http://www.msj.edu/view/academics/disability-services/project-excel\\_2.aspx](http://www.msj.edu/view/academics/disability-services/project-excel_2.aspx)

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**NAME:** *Muskingum University*

**ADDRESS:** 163 Stormont Street  
New Concord, Ohio 43762

**PHONE:** 740.826.8280

**FAX:** 740.826.8285

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**NAME:** *Notre Dame College*  
*Academic Support Center for Students with Learning Differences*

**ADDRESS:** 4545 College Road  
South Euclid, Ohio 44121-4293

**PHONE:** 216.381.1680  
1.877. NDC.OHIO (1.877.632.6446)

**FAX:** 216.274.9745

**WEBSITE:** [www.notredamecollege.edu](http://www.notredamecollege.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Gretchen Walsh, M.S Ed.

**TITLE:** Director, Academic Support Center

**PHONE:** 216.373.5185

**EMAIL:** [gwalsh@ndc.edu](mailto:gwalsh@ndc.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Nick Formica

**TITLE:** Admissions Counselor

**PHONE:** 216.373.5176

**EMAIL:** [nformica@ndc.edu](mailto:nformica@ndc.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Academic Support Center at Notre Dame College offers full level II services to students with documented learning disabilities such as ADHD, Dyslexia, Asperger's Syndrome, and SLD. These services allow student to make a smooth transition from high school to college.

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The Summer Springboard to Success study skills program transitions all students from high school to college providing them with the tools they will need to manage the increased reading and writing demands required of college students.

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**NAME:** *The Ohio State University*  
*Office of Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** 150 Pomerene Hall  
1760 Neil Avenue  
Columbus, Ohio 43210

**PHONE:** 614.292.3307

**FAX:** 614.292.4190

**WEBSITE:** [www.ods.osu.edu](http://www.ods.osu.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Caity McCandless

**TITLE:** Assistant Director

**PHONE:** 614.292.3307

**EMAIL:** [mccandless.8@osu.edu](mailto:mccandless.8@osu.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission of the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is to collaborate with and empower students who have disabilities in order to coordinate support services and programs that enable equal access to an education and university life at The Ohio State University. ODS offers a variety of services for students with documented disabilities. In addition to providing support for enrolled students at University, ODS is very involved in transition activities. On a yearly basis, we host a College Day for high school students across the state. The purpose of this day is to provide a forum for students with disabilities to hear about preparation for college, the differences between high school and college, and differences between different college environments (i.e. public, private, 2-year, 4-year, technical school, community college, etc.). For information about College Day, please contact Caity McCandless at [mccandless.8@osc.edu](mailto:mccandless.8@osc.edu).

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**NAME:** *Purdue University*

**ADDRESS:** Ernest C. Young Hall, Room 830  
155 South Grant Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47909

**PHONE:** 765.494.1247

**FAX:** 765.496.3759

**WEBSITE:** [www.purdue.edu/drc](http://www.purdue.edu/drc)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jesse Raney

**TITLE:** Associate Dean of Students/Director

**PHONE:** 765.494.1247

**EMAIL:** [drc@purdue.edu](mailto:drc@purdue.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Disability Resource Center (DRC) provides a wide range of academic adjustments and services to qualified Purdue students with documented disabilities. Eligible students work with a DRC staff member to determine an accommodation plan that will provide equal access to all University sponsored classes, programs, and activities. Services include TypeWell, CART, assistive technology loan program, in-house production of alternative text formats, and academic adjustments.

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**NAME:** *Stark State College*

**ADDRESS:** 6200 Frank Avenue NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

**PHONE:** 330.494.6170

**FAX:** 330.497.6313

**WEBSITE:** [www.starkstate.edu](http://www.starkstate.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kathy Bernstein

**TITLE:** Director, Disability Support Services

**PHONE:** 330.494.6170, ext. 4423

## Colleges / Universities

**EMAIL:** [kbernstein@starkstate.edu](mailto:kbernstein@starkstate.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Stark State College is a two-year state college offering more than 230 associate degree options, one-year certificates and career enhancement certificates. The college, located in Jackson Township, has an enrollment of approximately 14,500 credit students. Disability Support Services works with students transitioning into our college in a variety of ways. The staff familiarizes the transitioning students with the process of applying for college and financial aid, reviews the basic college knowledge necessary to succeed in this setting, and helps them access resources on campus. Additionally, the types of accommodations that can be expected in a college setting are discussed.

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**NAME:** *University of Akron*  
*Office of Accessibility*

**ADDRESS:** Simmons Hall, Room 105  
Akron, Ohio 44325-6213

**PHONE:** 330.972.7928  
330.972.5764 (TTY/TDD)

**FAX:** 330.972.5422

**WEBSITE:** [www.uakron.edu/access](http://www.uakron.edu/access)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kathleen Kuliek

**TITLE:** Director

**PHONE:** 330.972.7928

**EMAIL:** [kkuliek@uakron.edu](mailto:kkuliek@uakron.edu)

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**NAME:** *University of Dayton*  
*Office of Learning Resources*

**ADDRESS:** Ryan C. Harris Learning and Teaching Center (LTS)  
Office of Student Learning Services (SLS)  
Room 023  
300 College Park  
Dayton, Ohio 45469-1302

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## Colleges / Universities

**TTY:** 937.229.2059

**FAX:** 937.229.3270

**WEBSITE:** [www.udayton.edu](http://www.udayton.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Brenda Cooper, M.Ed., MRC, CRC

**TITLE:** Assistant Director

**PHONE:** 937.229.2066

**EMAIL:** [brenda.cooper@notes.udayton.edu](mailto:brenda.cooper@notes.udayton.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** *Do you have a disability or do you think you might?* Did you receive any interventions in high school such as an IEP or 504 Plan? Come talk with the SLS Disability Staff to learn more about disability-related services at the University of Dayton. You may also want to check out more information on our website <http://learningservices.udayton.edu/prospective/index.htm> regarding registering for disability academic accommodations with SLS and other resources for UD students with disabilities. Services offered include but are not limited to:

- Individual consultation with students about their disabilities and how best to coordinate accommodations
- Academic and testing accommodations for qualified students with disabilities
- On-going disability management advising
- Assistive technology evaluation and training
- Alternative format production
- Residential accommodations
- Disability parking accommodations

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**NAME:** *University of Mount Union  
Disability Support Services*

**ADDRESS:** Campus Mail Box 1261  
1972 Clark Avenue  
Alliance, Ohio 44601-3993

**PHONE:** 330.823.7372 V/TTY

**FAX:** 330.829.8737

**WEBSITE:** [http://www.muc.edu/academics/disability\\_support\\_service](http://www.muc.edu/academics/disability_support_service)



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**CONTACT PERSON:** Jessie Canavan

**TITLE:** Director

**PHONE:** 330.823.7372 V/TTY

**EMAIL:** [CANAVAJL@mountunion.edu](mailto:CANAVAJL@mountunion.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Office of Disability Support Services coordinates services and accommodations for qualified students with documented disabilities through accessible programs, services, and a campus environment in compliance with state and federal disability legislation.

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**NAME:** *The University of Toledo*  
*Student Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** Mail Stop 342  
2801 W. Bancroft Street  
Toledo, Ohio 43606-3390

**PHONE:** 419.530.4981  
419.386.2189 VP

**FAX:** 419.530.6137

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/student-disability-services/>

**CONTACT PERSON:** Toni Howard

**TITLE:** Director, Student Disability Services

**PHONE:** 419.530.4981

**EMAIL:** [studentdisabilitysvs@utoledo.edu](mailto:studentdisabilitysvs@utoledo.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Student Disability Services (SDS) engages in an interactive process with otherwise qualified students with disabilities. The goal of that process is to determine appropriate academic accommodations based on the functional limitations of a disability and how it impacts the individual student in the post-secondary academic environment. SDS works with University of Toledo (UT) faculty, staff and administration to effectively implement approved accommodations. SDS also provides secondary advising as requested, and serves as advocates for students with disabilities as needed. To learn more about registering with SDS please visit the SDS website at <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/student-disability-services/>

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**NAME:** *Ursuline College*

Ursuline Resources for Success in Academics (URSA), Disability Services,  
and FOCUS Program

**ADDRESS:** 2550 Lander Road  
Pepper Pike, Ohio 44124-4398

**PHONE:** 1.888.URSULINE

**WEBSITE:** [www.ursuline.edu](http://www.ursuline.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Eileen Kohut  
URSA and Disability Services

**TITLE:** Director

**PHONE:** 440.646.8123

**EMAIL:** [ekohut@ursuline.edu](mailto:ekohut@ursuline.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The URSA office provides academic support in Chemistry, grammar, math, reading comprehension, writing, note-taking, test taking, and time management. Students may sign up for individual tutoring, small study sessions, workshops, and the use of specialized computer programs.

Accommodations are available for students with documented physical, psychological, or learning disabilities. Accommodations may include extended time on tests, use of a reading program, and/or the use of note-takers.

The FOCUS Program for students with disabilities at Ursuline College is a voluntary, comprehensive, fee-paid program for students with disabilities. The goals of the FOCUS Program include providing a smooth transition into college life, helping students learn to apply the most appropriate learning strategies in college courses and teaching students self-advocacy skills.

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**NAME:** *Vatterott College*

**ADDRESS:** 5025 East Royalton Road  
Broadview Heights, Ohio 44147

**PHONE:** 440.526.1660  
888.202.2636

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**WEBSITE:** [www.vatterott.edu](http://www.vatterott.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Vatterott College offers programs in the fields of Business, Medical, Technical, Trades, Cosmetology, Dental, Legal, Personal Fitness, and Veterinary as well as many continuing education opportunities. All programs are industry-relevant and designed to support the Vatterott mission of providing career skills for a better life.

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**NAME:** *Wright State University*  
*Office of Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Dayton, Ohio 45435

**PHONE:** 937.775.5680

**TTY:** 937.775.5844

**FAX:** 937.775.5699

**WEBSITE:** [www.wright.edu](http://www.wright.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Heather Rando, M.Ed.

**TITLE:** Interim Associate Director, Academic Support

**PHONE:** 937.775.5680

**EMAIL:** [heather.rando@wright.edu](mailto:heather.rando@wright.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Office of Disability Services provides a variety of services to students who have submitted appropriate documentation and have completed a pre-service interview. Students are eligible for services based on a documented diagnosed disability. Test proctoring services and books in alternative format are the two most commonly used accommodations. In addition, a vocational counselor is on staff to provide vocational/career counseling to students registered with our office.

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**NAME:** *Wright State University*  
*Ohio's STEM Ability Alliance (OSAA)*

**ADDRESS:** 432 Russ Engineering Center  
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Dayton, OH 45435

**PHONE:** 937.775.5123

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**FAX:** 937.775.5133

**WEBSITE:** <http://cse.wright.edu/osaa>

**CONTACT PERSON:** Clark Shingledecker

**TITLE:** Director

**PHONE:** 937.775.5121

**EMAIL:** [clark.shingledecker@wright.edu](mailto:clark.shingledecker@wright.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** OSAA is funded by the National Science Foundation to increase the representation of persons with disabilities in science and engineering fields. OSAA provides extensive support to college students with disabilities studying in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math majors which includes individualized advising, freshman transition seminars, mentoring, internships and incentives. OSAA also works with high school juniors and seniors to prepare them for the move to college. Activities include periodic learning community sessions, mentoring by upper class college students with disabilities, and a 5-day residential campus experience (Diverse-Ability U.) conducted each summer at Wright State University in Dayton.

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**NAME:** *Youngstown State University*

**ADDRESS:** One University Plaza, Youngstown, OH 44555

**PHONE:** 330.941.1372

**FAX:** 330.941.7470

**WEBSITE:** [www.yzu.edu/csp](http://www.yzu.edu/csp)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Gina McGranahan

**TITLE:** Assistant Director  
Center for Student Progress

**PHONE:** 330.941.2090

**EMAIL:** [glmcranahan@ysu.edu](mailto:glmcranahan@ysu.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Center for Student Progress at Youngstown State University offers holistic support for students from orientation through graduation. The Center works collaboratively to provide Orientation, First-Year Services, Academic Coaching,

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Tutorial Services, Supplemental Instruction, Multicultural Services, Adult Learner Services, and Disability Services. At orientation, every entering student is paired with a peer mentor for the entire first year. Students may also be paired with an Academic Coach who is a professional staff member who serves as a learning specialist. The Center offers tutoring in the content areas and study groups for historically challenging courses. Students with disabilities receive support through the Center and through Disability Services staff who provide intake interviews and resulting appropriate accommodations. Additionally, the Center helps students make connections to all campus resources. Center services are free to all currently registered students.

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**NAME:** *Auburn Career Center*

**ADDRESS:** 8140 Auburn Road  
Concord Township, OH 44077

**PHONE:** 440.357.7542

**FAX:** 440.392.2390

**WEBSITE:** [www.auburncc.org](http://www.auburncc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Gail Michalski, M.Ed, LPC, CVE

**TITLE:** Career Resources Coordinator-Career Counselor

**PHONE:** 440.358.8007

**EMAIL:** [gmichalski@auburncc.org](mailto:gmichalski@auburncc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Auburn Career Center and Vocational/Technical School is located in Lake County. We have both high school and adult vocational training programs. Our adult student body is comprised of student from various counties including Lake, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Ashtabula. We offer courses in Industrial Trades, Manufacturing, Healthcare, Emergency Services, Office Specialist, Computer Software, and Information Technology. The Career Resources Department provides transitional services to both students and persons referred by community agencies including Academic Advising, Career Counseling, Vocational Evaluation, Job Seeking Skills Training, and Job Placement Assistance.

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**NAME:** *Brown Aveda Institute*

**ADDRESS:** 19336 Detroit Avenue  
Rocky River, Ohio 44116

**PHONE:** 440.255.9494

**FAX:** 440.356.2178

**WEBSITE:** [www.brownaveda.com](http://www.brownaveda.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Admissions Recruiter

**PHONE:** 440.255.9494 ext. 161

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Education Team's mission is to prepare students with a quality education for a career in Cosmetology and Esthetics. We are dedicated to serving our clients in a professional manner with respect for the environment. Our learning environment encompasses respect, trust, growth, teamwork, understanding, and professionalism.

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**NAME:** *Children's Dyslexia Center, Inc. -  
Cleveland Masonic Learning Center*

**ADDRESS:** 3615 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.881.2234

**FAX:** 216.881.2231

**WEBSITE:** [www.childrenslearningcenter.org](http://www.childrenslearningcenter.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Carol J. Perry

**TITLE:** Center Director

**PHONE:** 216.881.2234

**EMAIL:** [Learning\\_center@ameritech.net](mailto:Learning_center@ameritech.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Cleveland Masonic Learning Center provides Orton-Gillingham based individualized tutoring for children with focus on reading skill development. The Orton-Gillingham teaching methodology serves children that demonstrate the characteristics of dyslexia, which often includes weak phonological awareness and a lack of decoding skills. The Free Masons offer this service free

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**NAME:** *Cleveland Institute of Dental-Medical Assistants*

**ADDRESS:** 2450 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.241.2930

**FAX:** 216.241.5432

**WEBSITE:** [www.cidma.edu](http://www.cidma.edu)



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**CONTACT PERSON:** Tim Moretz

**TITLE:** High School Coordinator

**PHONE:** 216.346.6003

**EMAIL:** [tmoretz@cidma.edu](mailto:tmoretz@cidma.edu)

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**NAME:** *Cleveland Metropolitan School District  
Office of Transition Services/Work Study*

**ADDRESS:** 111 Superior Ave E, Suite 1800  
Cleveland, OH 44114

**PHONE:** 216.431.8719

**FAX:** 216.431.8699

**WEBSITE:** [www.cmsdnet.net](http://www.cmsdnet.net)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Illus Taylor

**TITLE:** Flexible Content Expert, High Incidence Programs, Lakeside Administration

**PHONE:** 216.592.7744

**EMAIL:** [illus.taylor@cmsdnet.net](mailto:illus.taylor@cmsdnet.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** The CMSD Office of Transition Services provides the following services for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students with disabilities: 1) transition assessment; 2) work study services; 3) vocational placement and follow along services; 4) Option IV services; and, 5) consultation/transition planning services.

**Transition Coordinators:** Janice Capezzuto, William Carroll, Simone Nelson, Justin Willis, Brenda Robinson, Ruth James-Dickens, Robert Delgado, Qiana Camp, Cecelia Lee, Gerard Linn, Felecia Douglas, Earvetta White

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**NAME:** *Cornucopia, Inc. /Nature's Bin*

**ADDRESS:** 18120 Sloane Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

**PHONE:** 216.521.4600

**FAX:** 216.521.9460

**WEBSITE:** [www.cornucopia-inc.org](http://www.cornucopia-inc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Ronda Saleem-Mahammad

**TITLE:** Director of Rehabilitation

**PHONE:** 216.712.7660

**DESCRIPTION:** Cornucopia Inc. /Nature's Bin provides community-based work adjustment, job placement, and job coaching for persons with disabilities. We operate a fresh produce and natural foods store (Nature's Bin) which provides opportunities for program participants to interact with the public and acquire valuable work skills.

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**NAME:** *Cuyahoga East Vocational Education Consortium (CEVEC)*

**ADDRESS:** 1111 SOM Center Road  
Mayfield Heights, OH 44124

**PHONE:** 440.995.7450

**FAX:** 440.646.1117

**WEBSITE:** [www.mayfieldschools.org](http://www.mayfieldschools.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Robert Ross

**TITLE:** Principal

**PHONE:** 440.995.7460

**EMAIL:** [ross@mayfieldschools.org](mailto:ross@mayfieldschools.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** CEVEC provides a vocational program for high school age students with disabilities from eastern Cuyahoga County districts as well as from the surrounding counties. The services/education includes career assessment, vocational training, job

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coaching, job placement, mental health services, independent living skills, and transition from school to adult services. The sixteen districts that are member districts of the CEVEC consortium are: Aurora, Beachwood, Bedford, Chagrin Falls, Chardon, Cleveland Heights/University Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, Mayfield, Orange, Richmond Heights, Shaker Heights, Solon, South Euclid/Lyndhurst, Warrensville Heights, and West Geauga. While CEVEC is a consortium of member districts, non-member districts may also refer students to CEVEC. Pupil Services Directors & Special Education Coordinators from referring districts should be contacted regarding enrollment in CEVEC. Enrollment in the CEVEC program is based on the IEP team decision.

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**NAME:** *Cuyahoga Valley Career Center*

**ADDRESS:** 8001 Brecksville Road  
Brecksville, Ohio 44141

**PHONE:** 440.526.5200

**FAX:** 440.838.8929

**WEBSITE:** [www.cvccworks.edu](http://www.cvccworks.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mary Barnes

**TITLE:** Assistant Principal, Special Needs

**PHONE:** 440.746.8277

**EMAIL:** [mbarnes@cvccworks.edu](mailto:mbarnes@cvccworks.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** CVCC is a Career Technical High School which serves eight school districts: Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Cuyahoga Heights, Garfield Heights, Independence, Nardon Hills, North Royalton, Revere, and Twinsburg. Mary Barnes is the Assistant Principal for Special Needs serving students with disabilities that require an IEP, 504 plan and/or are considered “at risk”.

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**NAME:** *ITT Technical Institute*

**ADDRESS:** 14955 Sprague Road  
Strongsville, Ohio 44136

**PHONE:** 440.234.9091  
800.331.1488

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**WEBSITE:** [www.itt-tech.edu](http://www.itt-tech.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mr. Gartner

**DESCRIPTION:** ITT Technical Institute is a leading private college system offering technology-oriented programs and career-focused degree programs.

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**NAME:** *Linking Employment, Abilities, and Potential (LEAP)*

**ADDRESS:** 2545 Lorain Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**PHONE:** 216.696.2716

**FAX:** 216.687.1453

**WEBSITE:** [www.leapinfo.org](http://www.leapinfo.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Melanie Hogan

**TITLE:** Executive Director

**PHONE:** 216.696.2716

**EMAIL:** [mhogan@leapinfo.org](mailto:mhogan@leapinfo.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** LEAP provides the following programs and services: **Job Link** is a year round, nationally recognized, transition program that assists students with disabilities in five Cleveland Metropolitan School District high schools in moving successfully from school to employment and adult life. Job Link has operated for 17 years. Funding for this program is provided by the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Department of Workforce Development through the Workforce Investment Act and by United Way of Greater Cleveland.

**High School/High Tech** is a community-based enrichment program designed to expose high school students with disabilities in the Greater Cleveland area to a variety of technology-based career opportunities and to prepare them for postsecondary education.

**Health Careers Training** provides two education programs for people with disabilities who wish to work in the medical field. The Home Health Aide/Personal Assistant program is for people interested in working as home health aides, attendants, and personal assistants. The State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) program is offered to qualified applicants who seek advanced employment skills.

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**Employment Services** provides employment training, work experiences, and placement services to adults with disabilities in seven counties to increase marketability, locate employment, and ensure job retention.

**Independent Living Services** include assessment and training in independent living and pre-employment skills development. The Disability Benefits Assistance program offers information and education about disability determination and benefits eligibility as well as assistance in applying for benefits. The Quantum LEAP recreation program offers recreation and socialization opportunities for people with developmental disabilities who live on Cleveland's eastside.

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**NAME:** *Miami-Jacobs Career College*

**ADDRESS:** 6400 Rockside Road  
Independence, Ohio 44131

**PHONE:** 866.324.0142 or 440.666.2414

**WEBSITE:** [www.miamijacobs.edu](http://www.miamijacobs.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Michelle Huber

**TITLE:** Supervisor

**PHONE:** 440.666.2414

**EMAIL:** [michellehuber@staff.miamijacobs.edu](mailto:michellehuber@staff.miamijacobs.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** At Miami-Jacobs Career College, we focus on offering the latest courses, and we care about the personal success of each and every one of our students. Because the marketplace demands it, we offer degrees and diplomas leading to long-term sustainable careers for our graduates

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**NAME:** *Northeast Ohio Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee*

**ADDRESS:** 4100 Maple Drive  
Richfield, Ohio 44286

**PHONE:** 330.659.9495

**FAX:** 330.659.6278

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**WEBSITE:** [www.carpenterstraining.com](http://www.carpenterstraining.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Michael Papalia

**TITLE:** Training Director

**PHONE:** 330.659.9495

**EMAIL:** [info@arpenterstraining.com](mailto:info@arpenterstraining.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Courses of study are offered in various trades including: Carpentry, Floor Covering, Millwright/Pile Driver, and Cabinetmaker/Millwork. Apprentices receive hands-on instruction including the use of the industry's latest technologies. Apprentices may also pursue an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Applied Industrial Technology from Cuyahoga Community College.

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**NAME:** *Ohio Technical College / PowerSport Institute*

**ADDRESS:** 1374 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St.  
Cleveland, OH 44103

**PHONE:** (216) 881-1700 / (800) 322-7000

**FAX:** (216) 881-9145

**WEBSITE:** [www.ohiotech.edu](http://www.ohiotech.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jordan Brenner

**TITLE:** Director of Marketing

**PHONE:** 216.881.1700

**EMAIL:** [jbrenner@ohiotech.edu](mailto:jbrenner@ohiotech.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Ohio Technical College provides training in Auto & Diesel Technologies, Collision Repair & Refinishing, Classic Car Restoration, Custom Paint & Graphics, Street Performance, High Performance & Racing, Motorcycle/PowerSports, Alternative Fuel Technology, BMW & Manufacturer Programs, and Welding.

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**NAME:** *Polaris Career Center*

**ADDRESS:** 7285 Old Oak Blvd.  
Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130-3375

**PHONE:** 440.891.7679

**FAX:** 440.891.7737

**WEBSITE:** [www.polaris.edu](http://www.polaris.edu)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Diane Conibear

**TITLE:** Director of Pupil Personnel

**PHONE:** 440.891.7679

**EMAIL:** [dconibea@polaris.edu](mailto:dconibea@polaris.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** Students with disabilities are to be afforded the opportunity to receive career technical education in the least restrictive environment that will allow them to develop independence, social acceptability, and realistic job skills. Through cooperative efforts with professionals from the home schools and adult service agencies, along with students and their parents, the Polaris Career Center will strive to maximize the employment potential of each student to help him or her become a contributing member of his or her community. Brooklyn, Berea, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls, and Strongsville make up the Career Technical Planning District.

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**NAME:** *Positive Education Program (PEP)*  
*Midtown Center for Youth in Transition*

**ADDRESS:** 3134 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.361.7220

**FAX:** 216.361.7230

**WEBSITE:** [www.pepcleve.org](http://www.pepcleve.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Michelle Breen

**TITLE:** Clinical Supervisor

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**PHONE:** 216.361.7220, ext. 143

**EMAIL:** [mbreen@pepcleve.org](mailto:mbreen@pepcleve.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kevin Jackson

**TITLE:** Program Coordinator

**PHONE:** 216.361.7220 ext. 103

**EMAIL:** [kjackson@pepcleve.org](mailto:kjackson@pepcleve.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** PEP Midtown is designed to meet the specific needs of young people with SED (1622) who are transitioning to adulthood. Providing both special education and mental health services, personalized programs are designed with each student to facilitate their high school graduation, preparedness for work and career, community participation, self-advocacy, independent living, and lifelong learning. PEP Midtown holds CARF-accreditation in the areas of Day Treatment, Case Management, and Employment Services.

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**NAME:** *Vocational Guidance Services*

**ADDRESS:** 2239 East 55th Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**PHONE:** 216.431.7800

**FAX:** 216.881.6306

**WEBSITE:** [www.vgsjob.org](http://www.vgsjob.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Laura Lamb

**TITLE:** Vice President, Vocational Preparation

**PHONE:** 216.881.6033

**EMAIL:** [lauralamb@vgsjob.org](mailto:lauralamb@vgsjob.org)

**DESCRIPTION:**

Vocational Guidance Services (VGS) is a nationally acclaimed not-for-profit 501(c)(3) vocational rehabilitation agency with over 120 years of dedicated experience serving people challenged by disabilities, poverty, and other barriers to employment. The mission



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of VGS is: Preparing People with Barriers to Employment for a Brighter Future. VGS provides a full range of rehabilitation services including work evaluation, work adjustment, skills training, transitional employment, and job placement to individuals who are disabled or disadvantaged. VGS changes lives and strengthens communities with services that enhance personal abilities, break down barriers to employment, and help individuals realize their potential. Each year VGS serves approximately 4,500 individuals in 26 Ohio counties.

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**NAME:** *Vocational Services Unlimited*

**ADDRESS:** 23240 Chagrin Blvd., Building 4, Suite 805 Beachwood, OH 44122

**PHONE:** 216.591.0300

**FAX:** 216.591.0333

**WEBSITE:** [www.vsu-oh.com](http://www.vsu-oh.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kristin Dhayer

**TITLE:** Manager of Vocational Services

**PHONE:** 216.591.0300

**EMAIL:** [Kristin.Dhayer@vsu-oh.com](mailto:Kristin.Dhayer@vsu-oh.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Vocational Services Unlimited is a private sector company that provides vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with injuries and disabilities. All services are in accordance to CARF Accreditation and guided by the CRC Code of Ethics.

VSU is dedicated to helping individuals with disabilities secure gainful and rewarding employment. Some of the services we provide are: vocational counseling, vocational evaluation, clerical assessments, clerical training, work adjustment, job development and placement, job coaching, career exploration, and we have a great summer youth program!

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**NAME:** *West Shore Career Tech @ Lakewood High School*

**ADDRESS:** 14100 Franklin Avenue  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

**PHONE:** 216.529.4380

**FAX:** 216.529.4172

**WEBSITE:** [www.lakewoodcityschools.org](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Diane Kastelic

**TITLE:** VOSE Coordinator

**PHONE:** 216.529.4138

**EMAIL:** [diane.kastelic@lakewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:diane.kastelic@lakewood.k12.oh.us)

**DESCRIPTION:** The West Shore Career Tech consists of Lakewood, Bay Village, Rocky River, and Westlake school districts. Career Assessment is part of the process. Specialized programs are at Bonnie Bell, Marriott, Rae-Ann Nursing Home, and Lakewood Hospital. All programs are open to all students. There are sixteen career-tech programs with eleven of them having college credit.

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# **Community / Support Agencies**

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**NAME:** *Achievement Centers for Children*

**ADDRESS:** 4255 Northfield Road, Highland Hills 44128-2811

PH: 216.292.9700

FAX: 216.292.9721

24211 Center Ridge Road, Westlake 44145

PH: 440.250.2520

FAX: 440.250.2530

Camp Cheerful, 15000 Cheerful Lane, Strongsville 44136-5420

PH: 440.238.6200

FAX: 440.238.1858

**WEBSITE:** [www.achievementcenters.org](http://www.achievementcenters.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Katy Coil

**TITLE:** Social Worker

**EMAIL:** [katy.coil@achievementctrs.org](mailto:katy.coil@achievementctrs.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Achievement Centers for Children provides counseling and mental health assessments for children, teens, and adults who have a physical, medical, neurological, and/or developmental disability. Living with a disability can be challenging and can increase feelings of stress, anxiety, sadness, or frustration. Mental health sessions provide emotional support and will help identify practical solutions to difficult issues such as: transitioning from home to school, transitioning from school to the workplace, establishing and maintaining interpersonal relationships and coping with disability. Also available are specialized mental health services which provide relationship based counseling to families and young children, birth to five years of age, who are experiencing behavioral health issues. Programs offered include therapy services; recreation, sports and camp programs; education and autism programs; and family support services for individuals with disabilities and their families.

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**NAME:** *Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County (ADAMHS)*

**ADDRESS:** 2012 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113-3199

**PHONE:** 216.241.3400, ext. 716

**FAX:** 216.861.5067

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**WEBSITE:** [www.adamhsc.org](http://www.adamhsc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Linda Torbert

**TITLE:** Children's Project Administrator

**CONTACT PERSON:** Vivian Catching-El

**TITLE:** Children's Program Specialist

**PHONE:** 216.241.3400, ext. 719

**EMAIL:** [torbert@adamhsc.org](mailto:torbert@adamhsc.org) or [catching-el@adamhsc.org](mailto:catching-el@adamhsc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The ADAMHS Board is responsible for the planning, funding, and monitoring of public mental health, alcohol, and other drug addiction services delivered to the residents of Cuyahoga County. The ADAMHS Board does not provide services directly to consumers and clients, but contracts with provider agencies to deliver services that assist consumers and clients on the road to recovery.

Among its priorities, the ADAMHS Board provides planning and funding support to programs and initiatives that allow youth and young adults with behavioral health challenges to make more successful transitions to independence. For a significant period of time, the transitional youth population has been of great interest to adult and child-serving non-profit agencies, advocacy groups, and key public systems whose members meet monthly to address issues related to transition. The Transitional Youth Workgroup does not control financial resources; instead, it relies on the creativity and shared commitment of its members to collaborate, problem-solve, and advocate for an improved system of care for youth and young adults transitioning to the adult mental health system.

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**NAME:** *Applewood Centers*

**ADDRESS:** 2525 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street                      Cleveland, Ohio 44115-3266

**PHONE:** 216.696.5800  
216.459.9827 (Intake)

**FAX:** 216.696.6592

**WEBSITE:** [www.applewoodcenters.org](http://www.applewoodcenters.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Amber F. Shulman

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**TITLE:** Director of Marketing and Public Relations

**PHONE:** 216.320.8561

**EMAIL:** [shulmana@wingspancg.org](mailto:shulmana@wingspancg.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Applewood Centers, a non-profit agency, is one of Northeast Ohio's largest and most experienced providers of behavioral healthcare and social services for children, youth, and families. Services include: counseling, psychiatry, residential services, foster care, the Eleanor Gerson School Programs, and professional internships including a pre-doctoral clinical program accredited by the American Psychological Association. Services are provided from the agency's four offices, its residential center, the Eleanor Gerson Schools, as well as in public and private schools, client's homes, and locations throughout the community. For more information visit [www.applewoodcenters.org](http://www.applewoodcenters.org).

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**NAME:** *The Arc of Greater Cleveland*

**ADDRESS:** 2421 Community College Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.622.0755

**FAX:** 216.622.0752

**WEBSITE:** [www.thearcofgreatercleveland.org](http://www.thearcofgreatercleveland.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Cynthia Norwood

**TITLE:** Executive Director

**PHONE:** 216.622.0755

**EMAIL:** [cmr-clev@cmr.cleveland.org](mailto:cmr-clev@cmr.cleveland.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission of The Arc of Greater Cleveland is to empower persons affected by intellectual and developmental disabilities through advocacy, education, and the promotion of activities that improve quality of life.

### *School-Age and Adult Advocacy Programs*

Families who have a member with an I/DD are often given referrals for a variety of different services, each addressing a different aspect of a specific disability. There are services to support education, provide therapies, housing, financial assistance and any

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number of adaptive equipment options. The path to these supportive services is fragmented, rarely direct, and often very complicated. Knowing where to begin and how to process through the options is difficult and extremely time-consuming to navigate. Through a partnership with the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, The Arc GC Education and Training Specialist meets with families to discuss and guide them through their rights in working with the education system, which may be the most complicated system for parents. Parents often do not know their rights and have difficulty asserting themselves and advocating for their child in the education setting. The Education and Training Specialist is on-hand to attend IEP meetings at schools and in other settings and to coach families along the process. In addition, support is also provided for families ready to go through the ISP process when their children have graduated from high school and are ready to move on to independent living and other adult-age options.

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**NAME:** *Autism Services for Kids*

**ADDRESS:** 2623 Princeton Road  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

**PHONE:** 216.834.2881

**WEBSITE:** [www.autismservicesforkids.com](http://www.autismservicesforkids.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kate Barr Vanderplough

**TITLE:** Consultant

**PHONE:** 216.834.2881

**EMAIL:** [info@autismservicesforkids.com](mailto:info@autismservicesforkids.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Autism Services for Kids (ASK) is a private consulting agency that specializes in an Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA), Verbal Behavior (VB), a play therapy approach to teaching children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorder and other behavioral and/or learning disorders. ASK provides on-site individualized training for parents, therapists, educators, and job coaches who seek guidance for teaching: social skills, play skills, academic skills, independent living skills, and job skills.

Autism Services for Kids' staff members have worked with over 350 children and adolescents with autism and other developmental disabilities and have accumulated over 20,000 hours of direct service working with their clients and their families. ASK is also a provider for the Ohio Autism Scholarship Program.

More information regarding services provided by ASK can be found at [www.autismservicesforkids.com/services](http://www.autismservicesforkids.com/services)

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intensive in-home and school programs. ASK is also a provider for the Ohio Autism Scholarship Program.

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**NAME:** *Autism Speaks*

**ADDRESS:** 4700 Rockside Road, Suite 420  
Independence, OH 44131

**PHONE:** 216.524.2842

**WEBSITE:** [www.autismspeaks.org](http://www.autismspeaks.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Laura Hoffman

**TITLE:** Director, Field Development – Northeast Ohio

**PHONE:** 216.524.2842

**EMAIL:** [Cleveland@autismspeaks.org](mailto:Cleveland@autismspeaks.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. We are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a possible cure for autism. We strive to raise public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and, we work to bring hope to all who deal with the hardship of this disorder. We are committed to raising the funds necessary to support these goals.

Autism Speaks aims to bring the autism community together as one strong voice to urge the government and private sector to listen to our concerns and take action to address this urgent global health crisis. It is our firm belief that, working together, we will find the missing pieces of the puzzle.

Autism speaks has created a Transition Toolkit and a few other resources to serve as a guide to assist families on the journey from adolescence to adulthood. Additional resources can be found at <http://www.autismspeaks.org/family-services/adults>.

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**NAME:** *Bridges Rehabilitation Services*

**ADDRESS:** 6877 Middlebrook Blvd.  
Middleburg Hts., OH 44130  
and  
24200 Aurora Road  
Bedford Hts., OH 44146



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**PHONE:** 216.848.1268

**FAX:** 216.848.1270

**WEBSITE:** [www.bridgesrehab.com](http://www.bridgesrehab.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Karen Hale

**TITLE:** Office Manager

**PHONE:** 216.848.1268

**EMAIL:** [KHale@bridgesrehab.com](mailto:KHale@bridgesrehab.com)

**DESCRIPTION:**

### **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

#### **Bedford Heights and Middleburg Heights**

##### **Vocational Training (1st & 2nd shift)**

Individuals develop vocational skills by sorting, counting and packaging supplies for various local organizations.

##### **Transitional Vocational Training (1st shift)**

For individuals who are not quite ready for full-time employment services, yet have enough ability to participate on a part-time basis. It is a combination of our vocational habilitation program and activities program.

##### **ACTIVities (1st shift)**

The focus of the ACTIVities is on being ACTIVE. Twice a week, participants visit local sites and points of interest (i.e. museums, NASA, the Zoo) enjoy the Metro parks or gardening. When on site, participants and staff discuss current events, history, create art, enjoy music, learn sign language, play age-appropriate games, or enjoy physical activities.

### **COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SITES**

**The High Supervision Custodial Work Program** is an employment preparation program for individuals who need high levels of supervision. To support the needs of the individuals in this program, the staff to consumer ratios are one to three, so the consumer needs to have a "C" acuity. The participants will learn custodial skills, critical job-keeping skills and behaviors, such as attendance, punctuality, work quality, productivity, and interpersonal interaction while working and earning a paycheck. Program participants who are successful in this second shift program in Bedford Heights will have the opportunity to move along our spectrum of Employment Services into a Community Employment site, if they'd like.

Bridges Rehabilitation Services offers a vocational training program at **Habitat for Humanity's Restore** located on West 110th St. in Cleveland. This is the perfect training program for individuals who enjoy being in a small group and enjoy moving around. The

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training activities include cleaning new products that are donated to Habitat, stocking shelves and general cleaning. Individuals involved in this program do receive a \$10/day mock paycheck that gives them an opportunity to experience getting a paycheck twice a month. Program participants who are successful in this program will have the opportunity to advance along our Employment Services spectrum into a Community Employment site.

Bridges Rehabilitation Services has a community, minimum wage program at the **Cleveland Furniture Bank** in Parma from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Program participants provide custodial services, sort through donations and also may eventually be able to be trained as a cashier, if they choose. The participants will learn custodial skills, critical job-keeping skills and behaviors, such as attendance, punctuality, work quality, productivity, and interpersonal interaction while working and earning a paycheck.

Bridges Rehabilitation Services also offers a unique program at **Century Oaks Nursing Home** in Berea. This program offers two shifts, one from 8:30 am. – 1:30, and the other from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Consumers earn minimum wage. Participants in the program help with the following duties:

Food Services/Dining Hall: prepare and serve coffee from the coffee bar in the dining hall, prepare tables and dining hall for meals, clean up and clear dining hall after meals, help transport patients to and from the dining hall to their wing, wash dishes

Laundry Services: fold and stack linens, store linens

Activities Program: assist the lead activities personnel with the daily activities that are offered to the nursing home patients, help prepare for daily activities, help schedule activities, help facilitate activities, help patients to and from their rooms to the activities program.

Bridges Rehabilitation Services has a similar program at **Larchwood Village** in Cleveland. The hours for this minimum wage employment site are 10:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Bridges Rehabilitation Services also provides NMT services.

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**NAME:** *Catholic Charities Disability Services*

**ADDRESS:** 7911 Detroit Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**PHONE:** 216.334.2963

**FAX:** 216.334.2905

**WEBSITE:** [www.ccdocle.org/disability](http://www.ccdocle.org/disability)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Marilyn Scott

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**TITLE:** Program Director

**PHONE:** 216.334.2963

**EMAIL:** [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The mission of Catholic Charities Disability Services is to provide religious, social, and educational services, advocacy, supported living, and referral services so that persons with disabilities can become full participants in the church and society, according to each person's ability.

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**NAME:** *Cleveland Sight Center*

**ADDRESS:** 1909 East 101<sup>st</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**PHONE:** 216.791.8118

**FAX:** 216.795.5132

**WEBSITE:** [www.clevelandsightcenter.org](http://www.clevelandsightcenter.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Sylvia Snyder

**TITLE:** Director, Children & Young Adults and Pathways II

**EMAIL:** [ssnyder@clevelandsightcenter.org](mailto:ssnyder@clevelandsightcenter.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Cleveland Sight Center offers transition-aged services in collaboration with Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC) for 14-25 year old persons with a vision impairment of low-vision or blindness.

We offer a summer vocational experience, Fundamentals For Success (FFS) for 16-22 year old students. This is a residential program for five (5) weeks which includes skill evaluation and training in daily living skills, rehabilitation technology, and career and social skills along with a community based job experience.

A new career exploration program called Stepping Stones for Success (SSS) has been added to our summer offerings for students 14 – 16 years old. This 3 week program provides interest surveys, job shadowing, work site visits, entry level skill development and workplace soft skill development opportunities.

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**NAME:** *College Now of Greater Cleveland*

**ADDRESS:** 50 Public Square, Suite 1800  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**PHONE:** 216.241.5587

**FAX:** 216.241.6184

**WEBSITE:** [www.collegenowgc.org](http://www.collegenowgc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Lee Friedman

**TITLE:** President and CEO

**PHONE:** 216.241.5587

**EMAIL:** [lfriedman@collegenowgc.org](mailto:lfriedman@collegenowgc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:**

College Now's mission is to increase college attainment in Greater Cleveland through college access advising, financial aid counseling and scholarship services. Each year, College Now serves more than 23,500 traditional students and adult learners in more than 200 Greater Cleveland schools, businesses, community centers and in its Downtown Cleveland Resource Center.

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**NAME:** *Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD)*

**ADDRESS:** 1275 Lakeside Avenue East  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1132

**PHONE:** 216.241.8230

**FAX:** 216.861.0253

**WEBSITE:** [www.ccbmrdd.org](http://www.ccbmrdd.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kelly A. Petty

**TITLE:** Superintendent and Chief Executive Officer

**PHONE:** 216-736-2731

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**EMAIL:** [petty.kelly@cuyahogabdd.org](mailto:petty.kelly@cuyahogabdd.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** CCBDD offers comprehensive services countywide for infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities and their families. Services include information and referral; in-home early intervention programs for very young children; specialized therapies (speech-language, OT/PT); consultation to public school staff and families of public school students on behavior intervention, curriculum, mobility, and transition to employment; family supports such as respite care, assistance with summer camp funding, home modifications and specialized equipment; vocational training and support for community employment; adult activities; and support administration. We offer community residential options and provide information and referral for other types of residential services.

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**NAME:** *Disability Rights Ohio*

**ADDRESS:** 50 West Broad Street  
Suite 1400  
Columbus, OH 43215

**PHONE:** 614.466.7264  
1.800.282.9181

**FAX:** 614.644.1888

**WEBSITE:** [www.disabilityrightsohio.org](http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org)

**CONTACT:** Danielle Gray

**PHONE:** 614.466.7264 ext. 135

**EMAIL:** [dgray@disabilityrightsohio.org](mailto:dgray@disabilityrightsohio.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Disability Rights Ohio is a non-profit corporation with a mission to advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio.

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**NAME:** *Epilepsy Association*

**ADDRESS:** 2831 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.579.1330

**FAX:** 216.579.1336

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**WEBSITE:** [www.epilepsyinfo.org](http://www.epilepsyinfo.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Patricia Hudec, M.Ed

**TITLE:** Director of Client Services

**PHONE:** 216.579.1330

**EMAIL:** [phudec@epilepsyinfo.org](mailto:phudec@epilepsyinfo.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Epilepsy Association currently provides epilepsy education and awareness in the community and referral information for all individuals in need. We also provide CPST services (Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment), mental health counseling for adults, and a proactive intervention for families as needed.

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**NAME:** *Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio, Inc.*

**ADDRESS:** 2295 East 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

**PHONE:** 216.431.8300

**FAX:** 216.431.4504

**WEBSITE:** [www.goodwillclevecanton.org](http://www.goodwillclevecanton.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Marcie Bragg

**TITLE:** Vice President of Mission Services

**PHONE:** 216.431.8300

**EMAIL:** [mbragg@goodwillgoodskills.org](mailto:mbragg@goodwillgoodskills.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland & East Central Ohio provides services designed to assist individuals with all types of disabilities to become employed. Services include: job development, job seeking skills training, placement, work adjustment, job support training, assessment, and career exploration.

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**NAME:** *Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA)*

**ADDRESS:** 1240 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street; Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1331

**PHONE:** 216.566.5124

**WEBSITE:** [www.rideRTA.com](http://www.rideRTA.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Hilda Perez

**TITLE:** Supervisor-Telephone Information Center/ADA Certification

**PHONE:** 216.566.5037

**EMAIL:** [hperez@gcrta.org](mailto:hperez@gcrta.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** This information is for the eligibility portion of the Paratransit and Fixed-Route Disability Programs. For all other routes including routes, schedules, and times, call the RTA Answerline at 216.621.9500.

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**TITLE:** Travel Trainer

**PHONE:** 216.566.5126

**DESCRIPTION:** RTA offers individual and group travel training for people with various disabilities. Through travel training, RTA riders can expect to gain the vital skills needed to navigate RTA services safely and independently.

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**NAME:** *HELP Foundation Inc.*

**ADDRESS:** 3622 Prospect Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115

**PHONE:** 216.432.4810

**FAX:** 216.862.4416

**WEBSITE:** [www.helpfoundationinc.org](http://www.helpfoundationinc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Rohn Hess

**TITLE:** Program Director Day and Vocational Services

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**PHONE:** 216.372.9117

**EMAIL:** [rhess@helpfoundationinc.org](mailto:rhess@helpfoundationinc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** HELP v Shred is an adult vocational rehabilitation program offered in conjunction with the HELP Foundation Adult Day Program in Euclid, OH. Offering part-time vocational training employment in a fast-paced real world job setting with a competitive wage based on cross-training and skill achievement. Focusing on workplace behaviors, skills, and developing a strong work ethic. HELP v Shred is a busy and growing enterprise providing secured document destruction and disposal. Our many outside contracts and customer expectations require our employees to be on-time, in uniform, and ready to work at the start and through the entirety of their shift. We work closely with regional high school transition counselors to create a path to workplace success in the community for our consumers.

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**NAME:** *Josiah's House*

**ADDRESS:** 981 Keynote Circle Drive, Suite 13  
Brooklyn Heights, Ohio

**PHONE:** 216.236.6960

**FAX:** 216.236.6964

**WEBSITE:** [www.josiahhouseinc.org](http://www.josiahhouseinc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Irene Jones

**TITLE:** President/Founder

**PHONE:** 216.236.6960

**EMAIL:** [irene@josiahhouseinc.org](mailto:irene@josiahhouseinc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Alive to Purpose is Josiah's House theme. We are an adult day/evening service for adults with autism and developmental disabilities. JHI believes in empowering the special needs population towards self-sufficiency. Our hours of operation are from 9:00am-3:00pm; evenings from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Josiah's House also provides vocational training.

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**NAME:** *Learning Disabilities Association of Cuyahoga County (LDACC)*

**ADDRESS:** 4800 East 131<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite B  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105

**PHONE:** 216.581.4549

**FAX:** 216.581.7076

**WEBSITE:** [www.ldacc.org](http://www.ldacc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Ellen Fishman, Executive Director  
[efishman@ldacc.org](mailto:efishman@ldacc.org)

Ann Eland, Program Manager/Literacy Specialist  
[aeland@ldacc.org](mailto:aeland@ldacc.org)

For transition specifically, contact  
[lkilbane@ldacc.org](mailto:lkilbane@ldacc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** LDACC assists persons with specific learning disabilities to fulfill their individual potential toward becoming independent adults. We provide advocacy, information, training, and education.

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**NAME:** *Magnolia Clubhouse, Inc.*

**ADDRESS:** 11101 Magnolia Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**PHONE:** 216.721.3030

**FAX:** 216.721.0105

**WEBSITE:** [www.magnoliacubhouse.org](http://www.magnoliacubhouse.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Erika Petrus

**PHONE:** 216.721.3030 ext. 126

**EMAIL:** [epetrus@magnoliacubhouse.org](mailto:epetrus@magnoliacubhouse.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Magnolia Clubhouse is a community-based center of psycho-social rehabilitation for adults living with and recovering from mental illness. The clubhouse

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supports employment, education, and advocacy. Our mission is to ensure people who live with mental illness are respected by coworkers, neighbors, and friends.

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**NAME:** *Menorah Park – Looking aHead*

**ADDRESS:** 27100 Cedar Road  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122-1156

**PHONE:** 216.831.6500

**FAX:** 216.595.7341

**WEBSITE:** [www.menorahpark.org](http://www.menorahpark.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Deborah Zukowski, OTR/L

**TITLE:** Director

**PHONE:** 216.839.6685

**EMAIL:** [dzukowski@menorahpark.org](mailto:dzukowski@menorahpark.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Looking aHead program provides comprehensive, community-based services supporting individuals with acquired brain injuries in pursuit of the goal of re-entry into their community, and return to employment. The program offers inclusive assessment and individualized care plans, focusing on community re-entry and basic work skills. When demonstrating readiness, clients move into the Vocational Link phase, to work on career exploration, job seeking skills, and therapeutic volunteer experiences.

We provide services to adult survivors of acquired brain injuries, including but not limited to: open/closed head injury, CVA, encephalitis, anoxia, etc. Psychological, emotional, and behavioral deficits are also fairly common amongst ABI survivors. We have also worked with clients with visual deficits related to the ABI.

The client must be motivated and fully participatory in their rehab plan. They must demonstrate the ability to functionally attend to task for 45-60 minutes with minimal redirection. The client must also be independent in self-care.

We are located on Cedar Road, approximately ½ mile east of Richmond Road. Three RTA routes travel east and west on Cedar Road. Bus stops are located strategically. Curbs have curb cuts for wheelchairs. Main doors to Menorah Park are accessible to paratransit vehicles for curbside drop-off/pickup. We meet ADA, CARF, and JCAHO requirements at both main entrances. We customize our accommodations based upon the individual's needs.

We are approved providers for ORSC (BVR and BSVI), CCBDD, Medicaid Waiver, Veteran's Administration, and Ohio Bureau of Workmen's Compensation.

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Business hours are 8:00am-4:30pm Monday through Friday. The Looking aHead program meets 5hrs/day, 3 days (M, T, Th) per week. We are able to increase to 5 days/week if appropriate for the client's rehab program. **There is also a young adult social/recreation program that meets 2 days per week (W and F).** Total length of training is dependent upon the consumer's needs.

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**NAME:** *MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio*  
*Division of Vocational Services*

**ADDRESS:** 2500 MetroHealth Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44109

**PHONE:** 216.778.3174

**FAX:** 216.778.7767

**WEBSITE:** [www.metrohealth.org](http://www.metrohealth.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jackie Stanton or Beth Humbert

**TITLE:** Vocational Counselors

**EMAIL:** [jstanton@metrohealth.org](mailto:jstanton@metrohealth.org) or [bhumbert@metrohealth.org](mailto:bhumbert@metrohealth.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Provides assistance to individuals with disabilities who are seeking employment, education, or meaningful goals. Services include assessments, counseling, vocational preparation, case management, and employment services.

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**NAME:** *Milestones Autism Resources*

**ADDRESS:** 23880 Commerce Park, Suite 2  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

**PHONE:** 216.464.7600

**FAX:** 216.464.7602

**WEBSITE:** [www.milestones.org](http://www.milestones.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Beth Thompson

**TITLE:** Teen/Adult Services Coordinator

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**PHONE:** 216.464.7600 ext. 108

**EMAIL:** [bthompson@milestones.org](mailto:bthompson@milestones.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Milestones Autism Resources provides information about available resources and workshops teaching effective strategies to support transition years and adulthood. In addition to an annual conference, Milestones provides referral support by phone, email, and on-site. Milestones also offers private consultation services for families and providers. Scholarships are available for both workshops and the annual conference.

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**NAME:** *The Music Settlement*

**ADDRESS:** 11125 Magnolia Drive  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**PHONE:** 216.421.5806

**FAX:** 216.231.5007

**WEBSITE:** [www.themusicsettlement.org](http://www.themusicsettlement.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Joan Sparks

**TITLE:** Administrative Assistant/Registrar, Center for Music Therapy

**PHONE:** 216.421.5806, ext. 140

**EMAIL:** [jsparks@themusicsettlement.org](mailto:jsparks@themusicsettlement.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Private or small group music therapy sessions are available for individuals of all ages at our University Circle location as well as at Solon Center for the Arts. Our staff of Board-Certified Music Therapists will design music therapy plans geared to meet each participant's individual needs and to provide opportunities to address important goals such as enhancing psychosocial/behavioral, communication/language, perceptual/motor, and/or cognitive skills. Important skills for increasing self-determination, coping with transitions and using leisure time may be addressed. Building upon each person's strengths and interests, musical experiences may include singing, instrument playing, movement, listening, improvisation, song writing, and dramatization. A monthly Saturday Jam for adults with special needs and a weekly Musical Revue program for teens and adults with special needs are available at our University Circle campus. New this year are our *Friends in Harmony* social skills music therapy groups for children through adults at our new Ohio City location!

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An individualized assessment/interview is required for all new registrants, and regular progress evaluations are provided for all participants.

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**NAME:** *New Avenues to Independence, Inc.*

**ADDRESS:** 17608 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44112

**PHONE:** 216.481.1907

**FAX:** 216.481.2050

**WEBSITE:** [www.newavenues.net](http://www.newavenues.net)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Karen Knavel

**TITLE:** Community Relations Director

**PHONE:** 216.481.1909 ext 224

**EMAIL:** [kknavel@newaveues.net](mailto:kknavel@newaveues.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** For over 60 years, New Avenues to Independence, Inc. has provided a continuum of services to adults and children with disabilities. Our mission is “to provide opportunities for people with disabilities and special needs to become more independent and productive members of society by offering the highest quality support services and developing innovative and inclusive programs”. We achieve our mission by offering residential, community-based housing, therapeutic (music, language, art, occupational, physical, and recreational), nursing, recreational, day, vocational, and senior services. Our over 700 adults, and children, that are served annually, include individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions such as autism, brain injury, cerebral palsy, and mental illness.

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**NAME:** *New Hope Specialized Services*

**ADDRESS:** 13951 Progress Parkway, Suite A  
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

**PHONE:** 440.628.8270

**FAX:** 440.582.2754

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**WEBSITE:** [www.nhssohio.com](http://www.nhssohio.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Angela Jones

**TITLE:** Intake Coordinator

**PHONE:** 440.628.8270 ext. 14

**EMAIL:** [angelaj@nhssohio.com](mailto:angelaj@nhssohio.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** New Hope Specialized Services offers Supported Employment, Vocational Rehabilitation and Adult Day Services for adults with developmental disabilities. We are happy to meet with those interested in our services to assist with this fragile transition.

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**NAME:** *Northeast Care Center*

**ADDRESS:** 13405 York Road  
North Royalton, OH 44133

**PHONE:** 440.582.3300

**FAX:** 440.582.1980

**WEBSITE:** [www.necare.org](http://www.necare.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** David Loucka

**TITLE:** Executive Director, Operations

**PHONE:** 440.582.3300 ext. 492

**EMAIL:** [dloucka@necare.org](mailto:dloucka@necare.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Northeast Care Center is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides residential and adult day support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental (IDD) throughout Cuyahoga County.

At Northeast Care Center, resources are available to enable each individual to reach his/her highest level of development. A variety of residential settings provide an opportunity for individuals to progress towards more independent living and personal growth. Day programs engage participants with social, recreational, and vocational activities encouraging them to discover new skills, hobbies, and interests.

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Programs are fully certified through the Waivers system. Residential and day services are tailored for individuals with mild and profound intellectual and developmental disabilities and can also account for physical disabilities, behavioral and medical issues.

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**NAME:** *Northeast Ohio Parent Mentors*

**Bay Village:** Mary Woods  
440.617.7323  
[BayParentMentor@aol.com](mailto:BayParentMentor@aol.com)

**Berea:** Rachel McDonnell  
216.267.2040  
[rmcdonnell@berea.k12.oh.us](mailto:rmcdonnell@berea.k12.oh.us)

<b>Cleveland:</b> Raychelle Fair 216.592.7264 <a href="mailto:raychelle.l.fair@cmsdnet.net">raychelle.l.fair@cmsdnet.net</a>	Saundra Jordan 216.592.7265 <a href="mailto:saundra.l.jordan@cmsdnet.net">saundra.l.jordan@cmsdnet.net</a>
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<b>Cuyahoga Hts &amp; Independence Local Schools:</b>	Eileen Hawkins 216.524.0424 <a href="mailto:eileen.hawkins@esc-cc.org">eileen.hawkins@esc-cc.org</a>
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**E. Cleveland:** Terrie Powell  
216.249.4261  
[tpowell@east-cleveland.k12.oh.us](mailto:tpowell@east-cleveland.k12.oh.us)

**Mayfield Hts.:** Natalie Senra  
440.995.7484  
[nsenra@mayfieldschools.org](mailto:nsenra@mayfieldschools.org)

<b>Parma:</b> Lisa Neumeyer 440.885.3761 <a href="mailto:parentmentorlisa@cox.net">parentmentorlisa@cox.net</a>	Michelle Pallo 440.885.3761 <a href="mailto:mpallo@sbcglobal.net">mpallo@sbcglobal.net</a>
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**Shaker Hts.:** Holly Palda  
216.295.4372  
[Palda\\_h@shaker.org](mailto:Palda_h@shaker.org)

**Solon:** Anne Harmody  
440.349.8039  
[aharmody@solonboe.org](mailto:aharmody@solonboe.org)

**Strongsville:** Teresa Karsnak  
440.572.6593

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[karsnak@strongnet.org](mailto:karsnak@strongnet.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Parent Mentors in Cuyahoga County serve 8 school districts in the county: Bay Village, Berea, Cleveland Metropolitan, East Cleveland, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Mayfield, Parma, Shaker Heights, Solon, and Strongsville. Parent mentors assist families and district staff on special education issues including the transition process.

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**NAME:** *Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)*

**ADDRESS:** 165 West Center Street, Suite 302  
Marion, Ohio 43302

**PHONE:** 800.374.2806

**FAX:** 740.383.6421

**WEBSITE:** [www.ocecd.org](http://www.ocecd.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Tammie Sebastian (Cuyahoga County)

**TITLE:** Advocate/Trainer

**PHONE:** 800.694.6402 or 440.882.3141

**FAX:** 440.882.3080

**EMAIL:** [tammies@ocecd.org](mailto:tammies@ocecd.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** OCECD is a statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the educational interests of children with disabilities since 1972. We offer free in-service trainings for parents and professionals in Ohio on advocacy and educational topics, including transition, along with assistance to individuals or groups with advocacy for appropriate education services. We also maintain a complete library including resource materials related to special education, specific disabilities and best practices, staffed full-time by a certified librarian.

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**NAME:** *Ohio Guidestone*

**ADDRESS:** 202 East Bagley Road  
Berea, OH 44017

**PHONE:** 440.234.2006

**FAX:** 440.234.8319

**WEBSITE:** [www.OhioGuidestone.org](http://www.OhioGuidestone.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Arian May

**TITLE:** Communication Assistant

**PHONE:** 440.260.8212

**EMAIL:** [arian.may@OhioGuidestone.org](mailto:arian.may@OhioGuidestone.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** At Ohio Guidestone, we provide pathways for growth, achievement, and lifelong success. We have been inspiring families for almost 150 years through programs like counseling, parenting, workforce development, education, foster care, and residential treatment and group homes. Because every individual is unique, we have created a continuum of flexible, customized services developed to build upon one another so they address every aspect of a person's needs. We were one of the first non-profit organizations to provide treatment in the family home. Today, our expertise finding complete solutions has helped us evolve into the leading organization dedicated to preserving family relationships. Our passionate people are committed to smart thinking, responsiveness, and accountability. Above all, we are always focused on making a positive, lasting, measurable difference in the lives and communities we serve.

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**NAME:** *OhioMeansJobs/Cleveland-Cuyahoga*

**ADDRESS:** Youth Resource Center\*  
Bolivar OMJ|CC  
1020 Bolivar Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, OH 44115

Brookpark OMJ|CC  
11699 Brookpark Road  
Parma, OH 44130

\*Youth Resource Center is stationed at the Bolivar OMJ/CC location.

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**PHONE:** Youth Resource Center: 216.664.3352  
Bolivar Main Line - 216.664.4673 Brookpark Main Line - 216.898.1366

**FAX:** 216.443.5950

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.employmentconnection.us/en-US/youth.aspx>

**CONTACT PERSON:** Stacy Kolcum or Melanie Green

**TITLE:** Youth Resource Center Coordinator/Youth Resource Center Case Manager

**PHONE:** (216) 664-3896/ (216) 664-3352

**EMAIL:** [SKolcum@youthopportunities.org](mailto:SKolcum@youthopportunities.org) / [mgreen@towardsemployment.org](mailto:mgreen@towardsemployment.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The YRC offers a range of youth workforce development support and services including case management, information and referrals, employability skills training, and career exploration support

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**NAME:** *Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)*  
*Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)*  
*Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI)*

**ADDRESS:** 14650 Detroit Avenue, Suite 300  
Lakewood, Ohio 44107-4210

**PHONE:** 216.227.3250  
886.325.0026  
216.227.3292 TTY

**FAX:** 216.227.3290

**WEBSITE:** [www.ood.ohio.gov](http://www.ood.ohio.gov)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Carolyn O'Connor

**TITLE:** Vocational Rehabilitation Supervisor

**PHONE:** 216.227.3266

**EMAIL:** [carolyn.oconnor@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:carolyn.oconnor@ood.ohio.gov)

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**DESCRIPTION:** OOD's BVR provides counseling and testing to learn about skills and interests to choose a suitable vocational goal. Counselors develop an Individual Written Rehabilitation Plan. These services may include work adjustment training, on-the-job training, job placement, and follow-up. When contacting the office, tell the receptionist your zip code and you will be referred to the nearest office. There are three (3) locations in Cuyahoga County.

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**NAME:** *Red Treehouse*

**ADDRESS:** Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland  
10415 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland 44106

**PHONE:** 216.229.5757

**FAX:** 216.229.0556

**WEBSITE:** [www.RedTreehouse.org](http://www.RedTreehouse.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Linda Kresnye

**TITLE:** Program Manager

**PHONE:** 216.229.5757, Ext 1126

**EMAIL:** [lkresnye@rmhcleveland.org](mailto:lkresnye@rmhcleveland.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** [www.RedTreehouse.org](http://www.RedTreehouse.org) is Ohio's online resource providing valuable information for individuals with challenges or disabilities (prenatal to 25) and those who support them. Red Treehouse is a collaborative effort of Ohio Family and Children First and the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Inc.

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**NAME:** *Skylight Special Needs Planning Team*

**ADDRESS:** 2012 West 25th Street, Suite 900  
Cleveland, OH 44113

**PHONE:** 216.621.5680

**FAX:** 216.621.1096

**WEBSITE:** [www.skylightfinancialgroup.com/financial-planning/special-needs-planning/](http://www.skylightfinancialgroup.com/financial-planning/special-needs-planning/)

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**CONTACT PERSON:** Ken Vinikoff

**TITLE:** Special Care Planner, Financial Advisor

**PHONE:** 216.592.7340

**EMAIL:** [kvinikoff@financialguide.com](mailto:kvinikoff@financialguide.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Our dedicated team of special needs planning [specialists](#) can support you through what is a unique planning process. We will listen to your needs and concerns, help simplify issues and figure out a comprehensive financial plan for the entire life of your child. We can help you with financial planning strategies to tackle issues such as taking full advantage of government benefits and protecting your child's eligibility, retirement planning, special needs trusts and funding options.

What sets us apart is that we have been through it ourselves. We are sensitive to the issues facing people with special needs as nearly all of our team have experience of individuals with special needs within their own families. And we understand the entire family dynamic. *Collaborative approach --*

To ensure proper life care planning, we will work with your professional advisors, your banker, lawyer, social worker and healthcare provider to offer financial strategies to fit the needs of your situation.

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**NAME:** *Social Security Administration*

**ADDRESS:** 1240 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 793  
Cleveland, Ohio 44199

**PHONE:** 800-772-1213-national toll free number

**FAX:** 216.522.7825

**WEBSITE:** [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Brandon Smith

**TITLE:** Public Affair Specialist

**PHONE:** 877-319-9185 x21631

**EMAIL:** [brandon.smith@ssa.gov](mailto:brandon.smith@ssa.gov)

**DESCRIPTION:** This office of the Social Security Administration administers the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and the Social Security Disability Programs.

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### Additional offices in Cuyahoga County:

11601 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, OH 44120  
15250 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110  
7517 Lorain Road, Cleveland, OH 44102  
3591 Park East Drive, Beachwood, OH 44122  
18711 Miles Avenue, Warrensville Hts., OH 44128  
7344 Pearl Road, Middleburg Hts., OH 44130  
17513 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107

**HOURS:** Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri: 9am-3pm  
Wed: 9am-12pm (noon)

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**NAME:** *State Support Team – Region 3*  
(SST-3)

**ADDRESS:** Essex Place  
6393 Oak Tree Blvd. S  
Independence, OH 44131

**PHONE:** 216.524.3000

**FAX:** 216.524.2885

**WEBSITE:** [www.esc-cc.org](http://www.esc-cc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Edward Flegel

**TITLE:** Consultant  
Secondary Transition

**PHONE:** 216.446.3819

**EMAIL:** [edward.flegel@esc-cc.org](mailto:edward.flegel@esc-cc.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The function of the State Support Team is to support state and school district efforts in improving school effectiveness and student achievement in Cuyahoga County. The SST-3 will assist school districts to coordinate, integrate, and align their school improvement efforts in the following areas: academic performance for all students; compliance with federal and state requirements for improving results of students with disabilities and students at risk of being identified as disabled; early learning and school readiness, and literacy.

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**MISSION:** Our mission is to build the capacity of educational systems as learning organizations inclusive of families and communities to develop and sustain proactive, integrated learning environments through timely and relevant professional development, technical assistance and consulting services.

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**NAME:** *Step by Step*

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 551  
Vermilion, Ohio 44089

**PHONE:** 440.967.9042

**FAX:** 440.967.9199

**CONTACT PERSON:** David Volak

**TITLE:** Executive Director

**PHONE:** 440.320.4722 (cell)

**EMAIL:** [step2workdave@hotmail.com](mailto:step2workdave@hotmail.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Step By Step are providers of community-based transition services in the following areas: situational assessment, work experience, work adjustment, personal/social adjustment, career exploration, job seeking skills training, travel training, job coaching, job placement, and job retention.

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**NAME:** *Support 4 Teachers and Families*

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 161098  
Rocky River, OH 44116

**PHONE:** 440.684.0400

**WEBSITE:** [www.s4ts4f.com](http://www.s4ts4f.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Sandra Curran, M.Ed, LSW

**TITLE:** CEO

**PHONE:** 440.684.0400

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**EMAIL:** [sandra@s4ts4f.com](mailto:sandra@s4ts4f.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Support 4 Teachers and Families strives to make the hardest job in the world a little easier by providing Autism Behavior Support Services. We provide educators guidance in the areas of program development, Individual Education Program (IEP) implementation and Functional Behavior Assessments, leading to effective Behavior Intervention Plans.

Support 4 Families provides home-based instruction and behavioral guidance through our care-centered approach. This includes programs designed to increase independence in the areas of personal management, community involvement, work, and participation in community social events.

Support 4 Teachers and Families also collaborates with the teachers, families, or the entire transition team to develop a plan that allows the voice of the young person receiving transition services to be heard. This plan is designed to include the needs and desires of the young person transitioning, identifying the supports available as well as identify supports needed for success. This care-centered document is useful at all phases of the transition process.

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**NAME:** *United Cerebral Palsy  
Vocational Service Center*

**ADDRESS:** 10011 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**PHONE:** 216.791.8363

**FAX:** 216.791.3372

**WEBSITE:** [www.ucpcleveland.org](http://www.ucpcleveland.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Paul J. Soprano (Vocational) & LaWanda Crawl (Residential)

**TITLE:** Director of Vocational Services & Director of Residential Services

**PHONE:** 216.791.8363, ext. 258 (Vocational) & 216.791.8363, ext. 222 (Residential)

**EMAIL:** [psoprano@ucpcleveland.org](mailto:psoprano@ucpcleveland.org) & [lcrawl@ucpcleveland.org](mailto:lcrawl@ucpcleveland.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** *Vocational Services:* UCP serves individuals 16 or older with cerebral palsy or other severe physical and developmental disabilities. UCP assists consumers in reaching their optimum level of vocational development, provides a variety of steady paid work (both in-house and at work sites throughout the community), improves functional skills and assists in obtaining jobs based upon the consumer's

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strengths, skills, and preferences. INTERFACE, a community-based clerical training program, helps prepare individuals for general office employment by providing training in an actual work setting. The program focuses on the development of general office and computer skills. Assistive Technology Services help consumers benefit from an array of computer assistive technology adaptations to maintain or develop new skills and enhance job performance. Consulting services are tailored to meet individual needs.

*Residential Services:* UCP provides Residential Services to adults with developmental disabilities, age 18 and older, through our Independent Living Program (ILP) and Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Group Homes. Our ILP is certified by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for Supported Living services and Non-Medical Transportation. Individuals live in their own homes/apartments, alone or with roommates or family members, and can receive services from several hours per day to 24 hours per day. Services are based on individual need and can include personal care, basic housekeeping, money management, medication administration assistance, medical appointment scheduling and escort, meal planning and preparation, transportation, social activities, and other areas of daily support. Our ICF Group Homes provide 24 hour care and can accommodate 8 individuals at each site. Services include all that are offered in ILP and more. Individuals are provided with the supports and assistance necessary for them to live as independently as possible. Due to significant medical challenges of residents, each Group Home has a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse. In addition, full-time Registered Nurses and 24 hour on-call nursing are provided to both the ILP and ICF programs.

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**NAME:** *U.S. Department of Education  
Office for Civil Rights*

**ADDRESS:** 600 Superior Avenue E  
Suite 750  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

**PHONE:** 216.522.4970

**FAX:** 216.522.2573

**WEBSITE:** [www.ed.gov/ocr](http://www.ed.gov/ocr)

**EMAIL:** [ocr.cleveland@ed.gov](mailto:ocr.cleveland@ed.gov)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Office for Civil Right (OCR) is the agency within the U.S. Department of Education responsible for enforcing Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 which prohibits discrimination based on disability by recipients of federal financial assistance from the Department and certain public entities.



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**NAME:** *United Way's 211/First Call for Help*

**ADDRESS:** P.O. Box 15471  
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

**PHONE:** 216.436.2000 or 211

**FAX:** 216.436.2252

**WEBSITE:** [www.211cleveland.org](http://www.211cleveland.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** 2-1-1 is a free community service you can use to get information about social, health, and government resources 24 hours a day, every day. Simply dial 2-1-1 or call Cuyahoga County (216.436.2000), Geauga County (440.285.3194), or Medina County (888.330.4211). Our website lists information on more than 10,000 community services.

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**NAME:** *Akron Rotary Camp*

**ADDRESS:** 4460 Rex Lake Drive  
Akron, OH 44319

**PHONE:** 330.644.4512

**FAX:** 330.644.1013

**WEBSITE:** [www.rotarycamp.org](http://www.rotarycamp.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Dan Reynolds

**TITLE:** Executive Director

**PHONE:** 330.644.4512 ext. 3200

**EMAIL:** [danr@akronymca.org](mailto:danr@akronymca.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Akron Rotary Camp provides safe and fun recreational opportunities for all children and adults with special needs. Our programs are designed to cultivate an appreciation for nature, foster self-discovery, stimulate creativity, and nurture friendships. We meet this by offering summer overnight camps, summer day camps, weekend respites, day respites, and sibling group activities. Financial aid is available.

The Akron Rotary Camp also seeks to aid and advocate for parents who may be struggling to find funding and adequate services for their child outside the scope of recreational opportunities. Call for more information.

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**NAME:** *Cleveland Metroparks Institute of the Great Outdoors  
Adaptive Outdoor Recreation*

**ADDRESS:** 11350 Broadway Avenue  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

**PHONE:** 216.341.1704

**FAX:** 216.341.8528

**WEBSITE:** [www.clemetparks.com](http://www.clemetparks.com)

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**CONTACT PERSON:** Rachel Nagle

**TITLE:** Outdoor Recreation Manager

**PHONE:** 216.341.1704

**EMAIL:** [rmb2@clevelandmetroparks.com](mailto:rmb2@clevelandmetroparks.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Does a weekend backpacking trip sound like fun, but you don't know how to get started? Have you watched someone paddle a kayak, navigate with a compass, or fish with a fly rod, and wished you knew how? Cleveland Metroparks **Institute of the Great Outdoors (IGO)** is the focal point of inclusive outdoor recreation activities in Cleveland Metroparks. Through the Institute, you can take part in activities that help you develop outdoor skills. And learning a skill is only one of IGO's features. While you are having fun kayaking, backpacking, or fishing, you will also learn about the environment and the need to be responsible stewards of the great outdoors. The Outdoor Recreation Inclusion Specialist will work with you to find the best way for you to enjoy the great outdoors, through equipment and instructional adaptations.

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**NAME:** *Governor's Council on People with Disabilities*

**ADDRESS:** 400 East Campus View Blvd. 3GC  
Columbus, Ohio 43235-4604

**PHONE:** 614.438.1391 Voice  
800.282.4536 (Ohio)

**FAX:** 614.985.9052

**WEBSITE:** [www.gcpd.ohio.gov](http://www.gcpd.ohio.gov)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Donna Foster

**PHONE:** 614.438.1391

**DESCRIPTION:** GCPD co-sponsors the Youth Leadership Forum for Students with Disabilities which is an innovative, exciting career awareness and leadership training program for high school juniors and seniors. The program is for 5 days in the summer and is free to attend. Other sponsors include Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, the Statewide Independent Living Council and private donors.

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They also sponsor the Karla Lortz Scholarship. This \$1000 scholarship is for incoming college freshman and sophomores with a disability majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math.

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**NAME:** *Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH)*  
*c/o Cleveland Public Library*

**ADDRESS:** 17121 Lake Shore Blvd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44110-4006

**PHONE:** 216.623.2911  
1.800.363.1262

**FAX:** 216.623.7036

**WEBSITE:** [www.cpl.org](http://www.cpl.org)

**EMAIL:** [lbph@cpl.org](mailto:lbph@cpl.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress provides free recorded and brailled books to eligible adults and children. The Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Cleveland Public Library serves as a Regional Library for the 55 northern Ohio counties.

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**NAME:** *The Mandel Jewish Community Center of Beachwood (JCC)*

**ADDRESS:** 26001 South Woodland  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

**PHONE:** 216.831.0700

**FAX:** 216.831.7796

**WEBSITE:** [www.mandeljcc.org](http://www.mandeljcc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Carol Anne Cohen

**TITLE:** Director of Programs for Individuals with Disabilities

**PHONE:** 216.593.0447

**EMAIL:** [ccohen@mandeljcc.org](mailto:ccohen@mandeljcc.org)

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Mandel JCC Program for Individuals with Disabilities provides opportunities for children and teens with emotional, physical, and developmental disabilities and their families to take advantage of many of The Mandel JCC programs and services. Playmakers Youth Theatre, after school programs, our summer camps, and many other of our children and teen programs are inclusive and children with disabilities are able to participate alongside their peers.

- Fitness and aquatics programs specifically designed to serve disabled children are available including an adapted basketball team and an adapted swim class.
- Personal Training for People with Disabilities – The Mandel JCC has qualified trainers that can work muscles and get toned in a safe, enjoyable way. You choose the time and day. Fees vary depending on the length of the session. If interested, contact Rich Zatta at 216.831.0700, ext. 1398.
- Preston’s H.O.P.E., the extraordinary outdoor playground for both able and disabled children, is located at The Mandel JCC campus. The \$3 million playground is FREE and open to the public from 6am to 10pm daily.

An intake interview may need to be scheduled for interested youth prior to acceptance into some programs. For more information on any of our programs for individuals with disabilities or to schedule an intake interview, please contact Carol Anne Cohen at 216.593.0447 or [ccohen@mandeljcc.org](mailto:ccohen@mandeljcc.org).

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**NAME:** *Mayfield Communities Adaptive Recreation Program*

**ADDRESS:** 6622 Wilson Mills Road  
Mayfield Village, Ohio 44143

**PHONE:** 440.461.5163

**FAX:** 440.461.2231

**CONTACT PERSON:** Bill Thomas

**TITLE:** Director, Parks and Recreation

**PHONE:** 440.461.5163 ext. 138

**EMAIL:** [bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com](mailto:bthomas@mayfieldvillage.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Mayfield Communities, Mayfield Schools, and surrounding communities offer year round recreational offerings for individuals with physical, sensory, or developmental disabilities. Please call us at 440.461.5163.

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**NAME:** *Solon Blue Ribbon Program*

**ADDRESS:** 35000 Portz Parkway  
Solon, Ohio 44139

**PHONE:** 440.248.5747

**FAX:** 440.349.6331

**WEBSITE:** [www.solonrec.com](http://www.solonrec.com) (click blue ribbon tab)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Kimberly C. English

**TITLE:** Blue Ribbon Coordinator

**PHONE:** 440.248.5747 ext 2114

**EMAIL:** [Kenglish@solonohio.org](mailto:Kenglish@solonohio.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Solon Blue Ribbon Program provides high quality recreation and leisure activities to persons with disabilities enabling each to enhance his or her potential by sharing in the emotional, social, and physical benefits fostered by such community-based activities. Programs are year-round and are designed to reach youth, teens, and adults. Ages served are 5 and up.

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**NAME:** *SOAR! (Sports Opportunities & Active Recreation)*

**ADDRESS:** 4937 Mills Industrial Parkway  
North Ridgeville, Ohio 44039-1953

**PHONE:** 440.327.6454

**CONTACT PERSON:** Scott Montgomery

**TITLE:** Executive Director

**PHONE:** 440.327.6454

**EMAIL:** [montgomerysa0501@aol.com](mailto:montgomerysa0501@aol.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** SOAR! is an organization dedicated to providing “after work” sports, recreation and wellness activities for people with mental and physical developmental disabilities.

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Activities are conducted in western Cuyahoga County and typically run for six weeks with program fees ranging from \$12 to \$25 for the six week session. Typical activities include: aerobics, baseball, bocce ball, bowling, dance, outdoor games, indoor games, water aerobics, and walking. Participants receive a snack at each activity and a SOAR! 'souvenir' and award at the conclusion of the session.

SOAR! is committed to helping each and every participant maximize their opportunities for personal growth and accomplishment through a variety of activities conducted in a safe, cheerful, and positive environment.

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**NAME:** *Horvitz YouthAbility Program of JFSA*

**ADDRESS:** 24075 Commerce Park  
Beachwood, Ohio 44122

**PHONE:** 216.378.3434

**CONTACT PERSON:** Heidi Solomon

**TITLE:** Youth Ability Coordinator

**CELL PHONE:** 216.513.9277

**EMAIL:** [hsolomon@jfsa-cleveland.org](mailto:hsolomon@jfsa-cleveland.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** YouthAbility empowers young adults with disabilities by engaging them in volunteer activities. Through these service activities, young adults explore career interests and develop employability skills. YouthAbility participants begin with an intake process which explores their talents and interests. YouthAbility participants are then placed in a volunteer position in the community.

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**Housing / Residential / Independent  
Living**

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**NAME:** *EDEN, Inc.*

**ADDRESS:** 7812 Madison Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

**PHONE:** 216.961.9690  
TDD/TYY for the hearing impaired only: 1.800.545.1833, ext. 873

**FAX:** 216.651.4066

**WEBSITE:** [www.edeninc.org](http://www.edeninc.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jen Pfleiderer

**TITLE:** Manager of Housing Programs

**EMAIL:** <mailto:info@edeninc.org>

**DESCRIPTION:** EDEN, Inc. is a private nonprofit housing agency devoted to increasing the number of decent and affordable housing options for the disabled population in Cuyahoga County. Please check the agency's website to see what is currently available. Each of the housing options offered through EDEN have a specific set of eligibility criteria and some programs are only offered to individuals or families that are currently homeless. For the housing programs that do not require homelessness, the applications can be printed directly off of the website and submitted to EDEN once completed.

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**NAME:** *Koinonia Enterprises, LLC*

**ADDRESS:** 6161 Oaktree Blvd.  
Independence, Ohio 44131

**PHONE:** 216.588.8777

**FAX:** 216.588.5670

**WEBSITE:** [www.koinoniahomes.org](http://www.koinoniahomes.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jessica Taylor

**TITLE:** Social Services Manager

**PHONE:** 216.588.8777 ext. 134

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**EMAIL:** [Jessica.Taylor@KoinoniaHomes.org](mailto:Jessica.Taylor@KoinoniaHomes.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Koinonia Enterprises, Inc. (coin-o-nee-yah) is a private, not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization that provides Career and Senior services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) throughout Cuyahoga County. Koinonia's mission is to partner with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling, enriched lives. Career services are designed to identify a person's path to employment via volunteer opportunities, paid internships, building relationships with employers, on-going training and support aimed at developing skills necessary to obtain and maintain employment.

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**NAME:** *Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio*

**ADDRESS:** 1725 East 115<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

**PHONE:** 216.231.7221

**FAX:** 216.231.8008

**WEBSITE:** [www.mahohio.org](http://www.mahohio.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Beth Glas

**TITLE:** Administrative Director

**PHONE:** 216.231.7221

**EMAIL:** [bglas@mahohio.org](mailto:bglas@mahohio.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Maximum Accessible Housing of Ohio (MAHO) develops and facilitates options in housing for people with mobility disabilities. MAHO owns and operates affordable, fully accessible apartments in Cleveland, Parma, Avon Lake, Sheffield Township, and Mentor-on-the-Lake.

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**NAME:** *MobilityWorks*

**ADDRESS:** 810 Moe Drive  
Akron, Ohio 44310

**PHONE:** 330.633.1118

**FAX:** 866.388.6995

**WEBSITE:** [www.mobilityworks.com](http://www.mobilityworks.com)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Guy Hanford

**TITLE:** Director of Marketing

**PHONE:** 234.678.4003

**EMAIL:** [ghanford@mobilityworks.com](mailto:ghanford@mobilityworks.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** MobilityWorks installs automotive technology for people and families to regain their independence. Van (accessible) hand controls and lifts are just a few things MobilityWorks offers. Full size and minivans are available including rentals.

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**NAME:** *Services for Independent Living, Inc. (SIL)*

**ADDRESS:** 25100 Euclid Avenue, Suite 105  
Euclid, Ohio 44117

**PHONE:** 216.731.1529

**FAX:** 216.731.3083

**WEBSITE:** [www.sil-oh.org](http://www.sil-oh.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Molly Thomas

**TITLE:** Program Manager

**PHONE:** 216.731.1529

**EMAIL:** [mthomas@sil-oh.org](mailto:mthomas@sil-oh.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** SIL provides services and advocacy that empower persons with disabilities to lead self-directed and productive lives within the community. Services

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include peer support, personal care assistance, ADA/Accessibility services, information, and referral. SIL works with local school districts to develop programs that assist students with disabilities to prepare for higher education and/or employment after high school.

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**NAME:** *Spectrum of Supportive Services*

**ADDRESS:** 2900 Detroit Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

**PHONE:** 216.939.2065 (Housing)  
216.875.0460 (Employment Alliance)

**FAX:** 216.939.2077 (Housing)  
216.875.0455 (Employment Alliance)

**WEBSITE:** [www.spectrumsupport.org](http://www.spectrumsupport.org)  
[www.employmentalliance.org](http://www.employmentalliance.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Stephen Morse

**TITLE:** Chief Executive Officer

**PHONE:** 216.939.2065

**EMAIL:** [smorse@spectrumsupport.org](mailto:smorse@spectrumsupport.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** Spectrum provides housing throughout Cuyahoga County for adult mental health consumers. Program levels range from supervised living to independent, supported arrangements. We provide individualized goal planning, daily living skills training, supportive counseling, and linkage with community resources.

Spectrum provides employment opportunities in agency-operated business and in the community through the Employment Alliance. The Employment Alliance provides a comprehensive range of pre-employment and competitive employment services to adults in Cuyahoga County who have mental illness.

Spectrum offers the Life Skills Advantage Program which is a program assisting consumers living independently in the community. Spectrum also administers the Warmline which is a round-the-clock telephone service in which peers respond to callers with encouragement and support. The Warmline phone number is 440.866.5950.

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**NAME:** *Disability Resources Monthly* (DRM)

**WEBSITE:** [www.disabilityresources.org](http://www.disabilityresources.org)  
[www.disabilityresources.org/Ohio](http://www.disabilityresources.org/Ohio)

**DESCRIPTION:** Disability Resources Monthly (DRM) is a guide to disability resources on the Internet. The DRM's Regional Resource Directory is designed to link DRM subscribers and others with disability organizations and agencies in their own state or community.

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**NAME:** *HEATH Resource Center*

The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development

**ADDRESS:** 2134 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20052-0001

**PHONE:** 1.800.544.3284

**FAX:** 202.994.3365

**WEBSITE:** [www.heath.gwu.edu](http://www.heath.gwu.edu)

**EMAIL:** [askheath@gwu.edu](mailto:askheath@gwu.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** In operation since 1984 and acquired by GWU on October 1, 2001, the HEATH Resource Center is the national clearinghouse on postsecondary education for individuals with disabilities. Support comes from the U.S. Department of Education. The clearinghouse gathers and disseminates information to help people with disabilities reach their full potential through postsecondary education and training.

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**NAME:** *National Alliance for Secondary Education and Transition (NASSET)*

**WEBSITE:** [www.nasetalliance.org](http://www.nasetalliance.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The NASSET has worked to define a multi-organizational perspective by identifying benchmarks that reflect quality secondary education and transition services for youth, and to promote high quality and effective secondary school and transition services by articulating standards that serve to guide policy development and professional practices at both state and local levels.

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**NAME:** *National Center on Secondary Education and Transition*  
Institute on Community Integration  
University of Minnesota

**ADDRESS:** 6 Pattee Hall  
150 Pillsbury Drive SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

**PHONE:** 612.624.2097

**FAX:** 612.624.9344

**WEBSITE:** [www.ncset.org](http://www.ncset.org)

**DESCRIPTION:** The National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities in order to create opportunities for youth to achieve successful futures.

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**NAME:** *National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center*  
(NSTTAC)

**ADDRESS:** University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
9201 University City Blvd.  
Charlotte, NC 28223

**FAX:** 704.687.2916

**WEBSITE:** [www.nsttac.org](http://www.nsttac.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Catherine Fowler

**TITLE:** Project Coordinator

**PHONE:** 704.687.8735

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**DESCRIPTION:** The National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center is the national technical assistance and dissemination center for secondary transition funded by the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). Our goals include: assisting states with collecting, reporting, and using Indicator 13 data to improve transition services; generate knowledge of evidence-based secondary transition practices; build state capacity



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to implement evidence-based secondary transition practices; and disseminate information regarding evidence-based secondary transition practices. Our website includes the 'Taxonomy for Transition Programming Tool' and 'Indicator 13 Checklist' and training materials.

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**NAME:** *Starting Wright*  
Wright State University

**ADDRESS:** 303 Russ Engineering Center  
3640 Colonel Glenn Highway  
Dayton, OH 45435

**PHONE:** 937.775.5827

**FAX:** 937.775.5133

**WEBSITE:** [www.StartingWright.org](http://www.StartingWright.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jennifer Barga

**TITLE:** Program Coordinator

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**DESCRIPTION:** Starting Wright is an internet-based program that aims at increasing the number of students with disabilities who transition to postsecondary education and subsequent careers, especially in fields related to science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine. The website provides transition resources for students in grades 7-12, parents, teachers, and vocational counselors. Starting Wright also offers live interactive webcasts on careers and preparing for college, a teacher's handbook, and a counselor's guide.

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**NAME:** *Transition Coalition*  
Department of Special Education  
University of Kansas

**ADDRESS:** Pearson Hall  
1122 West Campus Road, Room 521  
Lawrence, Kansas

**PHONE:** 785.864.0686

**WEBSITE:** [www.transitioncoalition.org](http://www.transitioncoalition.org)

**CONTACT PERSON:** Mary Morningstar, Ph.D.

**TITLE:** Co-Director

**EMAIL:** [mmorningstar@ku.edu](mailto:mmorningstar@ku.edu)

**DESCRIPTION:** The Transition Coalition provides online information, support, and professional development on topics focusing on the transition from school to adult life for youth. We create professional development forums by combining face-to-face and online training with a variety of technical assistance methods. Our forums are based on up-to-date research and effective practices in professional development and transition.

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