

Our Brave Kids **2023**

Montgomery County Ohio Resource Guide
for Individuals with Disabilities



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ADULT DAY SERVICE



Caterpillars to Butterflies ***All Things Autism***

7650 Timbercrest, Huber Heights, OH 45424

Dayton Office: (937) 304-5650

[Website](#)

Assisting individuals with Autism as they transition in through different phases of their life. Providing care from infancy through adulthood



Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Disabilities Services

A DIFFERENT PATH TO INDEPENDENCE

Dayton Office: (937) 461-4800

[Website](#)

Our Adult Day Support program (for ages 18 and older) provide a "home base" in the community that emphasizes small group activities in the community and vocational skill building. This program implements the needs and interests of each participant by focusing on their individual goals.

Serving Beavercreek, Centerville, Huber Heights, Lebanon, Lima, Piqua, and Troy.



Good Works Farm

3427 Waynesville Rd. Bellbrook, OH 45305

Office: (937) 284-7800

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

An inclusive community- and farm-based recreational and vocational program located in SW OH. The mission of Good Works Farm is to enthusiastically empower differently-abled individuals to reach their fullest potential in supportive and meaningful environments. Ages 5 and older. Summer Enrichment Day Camp for individuals with developmental disabilities, especially designed for people with Autism. Also offers Special Events and Family Night!



Hard Acre Farms
1536 N Hampton Rd., New Carlisle, OH 45344
Office: (937) 882-6087
* Provides Transportation

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

A working farm for adults with disabilities. We are an adult day support program located on a 25-acre farm dedicated to meaningful experiences in an agricultural setting. The H.A.R.D. Acre Farm, LLC is a working farm that is a day program certified by the State of Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.



Nemo's Reef
5212 Brand Pike Ste B, Huber Heights, OH 45424
Office: (937) 414-1572
* Provides Transportation

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

We provide day support for adults with developmental disabilities. We offer a wide range of activities and are here to empower the people we serve while raising the bar for the standard of care in our community.



SpiritHorse of Ohio
1800 Gordon Rd, Jamestown, OH 45335
Office: (937) 926-1324

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Encouraging, Educating & Empowering Individuals with Disabilities to Maximize their Potential through Equine, Farm & Community Experiences including: Adult Day Support, Shared Living, Group Employment Support, Homemaker, Personal Care, HPC Transportation, Individual Employment Support and Vocational Habilitation



United Rehabilitation Services of Greater Dayton

4710 Old Troy Pike (at Needmore Road), Dayton, OH 45424

Office: (937) 233-1230

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

We offer day services and daycare/pre-K programs for adult and child clients with disabilities. Our facility also has an Employment Services and Therapy department.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Art With Buddies- (not a waiver program)

Play Kettering

Office: (937) 296-2454

[Website](#)

Rosewood Arts Centre offers this art class each season for kids ages 3 - 6 on the Autism Spectrum and their "buddies" (parent or caregiver). Each student will receive individualized attention from an experienced art teacher



We Care Arts - (not a waiver program)

3035 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, OH 45429

Office: 937.252.3937

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

We believe in the healing power of creating and producing art that transforms physical, developmental, and mental challenges into a future rich with possibilities. We're guided by our vision that creating art compliments medical therapies. Classes include: Decorative painting, Clay, Digital Art, Sewing, Jewelry Creation, and Fine Arts.

BOWLING



Friendship Bowling League (not a waiver program)

The Friendship Bowling League is a league developed for individuals with disabilities. All notices regarding signups, participation, and schedule changes are maintained by Our Brave Kids and are posted on the Our Brave Kids "[Upcoming Events](#)" page. The League begins in Sept. and ends in the Fall. It is open to people with disabilities of all ages. Providers and Caretakers must stay with the bowler during this event. Bowling is held at: [Marian Lanes, 6170 Brandt Pike, Huber Heights, OH 45424.](#)

DANCE



Adventures in Movement For The Handicapped

945 Danbury Rd, Dayton, OH 45420

[Website](#)

Adventures in Movement (AIM) is a movement education program designed to help individuals with disabilities reach their highest potential. AIM is used to improve balance, coordination, muscle tone, and cognitive skills, while moving to music. Participants are asked to hold a regular 30 minute session, at least once a week



Art & Movement for All

Dayton Dance Conservatory Company

7762 Waynetown Blvd., Huber Heights, OH 45424

Office: (937) 236-6011

An inclusive dance program that will provide children with developmental disabilities the opportunity to further develop social, emotional and physical skills in a safe environment through the discipline of dance. FREE program open to children with physical or developmental disabilities, ages 7 to 12



Brighter Connections Theatre

In collaboration with:

**University of Dayton's Department of Theatre, Dance & Performance
Technology**

[Website](#)

- BCT aims to work with students with special needs through the therapeutic use of theatre
- Summer program where cast members will be working together to achieve social, behavioral, and communication goals over the course of the six weeks. A combination of theatre elements such as role play and educational best practices are used to create both an effective and creative learning environment.
- Youth Program – ages 8 through 14
- Young Adult Program – ages 15 through 18
- Registration usually begins in early March

All rehearsals and performances:

Fitz Hall

1529 Brown St

Dayton, OH 45409



Gem City Ballet

DANCING UNLIMITED!

20 Commercial Way, Springboro OH 45066

[Website](#)

DancingUnlimited is a dance program designed to introduce dance, music and movement to children with physical disabilities ages 5 - 18. It is exciting, invigorating and encouraging. DancingUnlimited is a wonderful way to introduce a love of exercise to a child.



Smile Awhile MVDSA Dance

941 E Franklin St, Upper Level, Centerville, OH 45459

[Website](#)

Individuals with Down Syndrome of all ages may participate

- Classes are broken down into 3 age groups
- Must be a member of Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association to enroll
- Contact the MVDSA for more information (937) 222-0744



Warrior Elite Dance Team

Practice location: Stuebaker Gym

5950 Longford Rd, Huber Heights, OH 45424

Email: Tara Taylor at ttaylor4781@gmail.com

- First practice usually starts in early December
- Ages: Preschool through high school
- Open to students with disabilities in ALL school districts

ENTERTAINMENT



Scene75 Entertainment Center Dayton

6196 Poe Ave, Dayton, OH 45414

Phone: (937) 619-3200

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

Scene 75 offers a Special Needs Program for anyone with a disability on the first Thursday of every month. The program is free for participants with special needs. [Register online](#) Participants in the Special Needs Program must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

HAIR STYLING



Our Brave Cuts Hair Care Traveling Services for Individuals with Special Needs

[Download Business Card](#) | [Facebook](#)

Our Brave Cuts specializes in offering traveling hair care services for individuals with special needs. Sometimes, the home environment is a better place to receive these services without having the unnecessary anxieties or distractions. Joi is licensed as a Cosmetologist and Independent Contractor with the State of Ohio Cosmetology and Barber Board.

SOCIAL NETWORKING



All Hands In Network - (not a waiver program) Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities

[Facebook](#)

The All Hands In Network - GCBDD was designed to help the disability community live lives that are more connected. We want to help individuals with disabilities gain greater access to relationships and resources in the community



eBuddies

[Website](#)

e-Buddies promotes social inclusion online for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

In e-Buddies, people with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as autism and Down syndrome, come together online to form friendships and a community that celebrates their diversity of character and abilities.



Joyride Cars

[Website](#)

JoyRide is a car club exclusively for kids with special needs. During JoyRide events, kids trade the everyday worry of doctor's visits and medication for a chance to cruise in high-end or one-of-a-kind cars. Along with car rides, JoyRide kids enjoy a chance to make new friends, network and build a sense of belonging.

SPORTS ACTIVITIES



Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio

100 Kurzen Rd North, Ste B, Dalton, OH 44618

[Website](#)

Strives to provide sports opportunities to individuals of any age with a permanent physical disability through recreation and competitive athletic sports



Autumn Trails Stable

"Where the impossible becomes possible!"

2000 Folk Ream Road, Springfield, Ohio 45502

Phone (937) 536-9912

[Website](#) | [Download Flyer](#)

OUR MISSION is to strive to nurture the full potential of individuals in our community through the therapeutic power of horses.



Bridge Riding for the Disabled

743 West Pekin Rd, Lebanon, OH 45036

[Website](#)

Ages: 3-adult

- Therapeutic horseback riding for individuals with physical, developmental or emotional challenges
- Any individual who qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act is eligible to apply
- Applicants are evaluated before starting
- Instructors are PATH International Certified to teach Therapeutic Riding Lessons
- Non-profit organization



Buddy Up Tennis

**Kettering Tennis Center, 4565 Gateway Circle, Dayton, OH
45440**

[Website](#)

- Individuals with Down Syndrome, ages 5 and up may participate
- Spring activity usually starts in early March
- Additional fee for non-MVDSA members



"Down To Box"

2120 E Dorothy Ln, Kettering, OH 45420

[Website](#)

Down To Box empowers individuals with Down syndrome by providing them tools to gain skills in coordination, self-defense and physical fitness through boxing techniques.



Get Air - (not a waiver program)

6020 Chambersburg Rd, Dayton, OH 45424

[Website](#)

"A Special Time for You"

The First, and Third Saturday Of Every Month – 9 AM to 11 AM

Big Air – \$13.99, Little Air – \$8.99

We offer a dedicated time just for jumpers with special needs. Music is played at a lower volume and the park's atmosphere is calmer. One parent or guardian can support jumpers on the trampoline for free. Siblings of jumpers are welcome to jump for the same price, but should be more careful during this time.



North Dayton TOP Soccer - (not a waiver program)

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

TOP soccer is an outreach program from US Youth Soccer and was developed for individuals with disabilities. We play at the Vandalia Rec Center. Our season runs late August until late October. Physicals are NOT needed to play!



South Dayton TOP Soccer - (not a waiver program)

[Website](#)

TOP soccer is an outreach program from US Youth Soccer. The TOP Soccer Outreach Program is a recreational league designed for players with mental or physical challenges. We play at the Oak Grove Park in Centerville. Our season runs late August until late October. Your child does not need a physical to play.



Special Olympics SCHOOL OF STRENGTH

[Website](#)

Introducing a whole new way to exercise, featuring WWE Superstar Becky Lynch. Work out with these videos five times a week to help you stay fit and reach your athletic goals. Watch them in order starting with Video 1. When you can do each exercise in a video correctly, it's time to move on to the next one.

Montgomery County



Special Olympics

Special Olympics Ohio of Greater Dayton (not a waiver program)

3085 Woodman Drive #212, Kettering, OH 45420

[Website](#) | [Facebook](#)

The mission of Special Olympics Ohio of Greater Dayton is to provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics of Greater Dayton currently offers 11 sports at a local level: basketball, bocce, bowling, golf, gymnastics, roller-skating, soccer, softball, track and field, volleyball as well as Unified team sports!

SWIMMING PROGRAMS



Goldfish Swim School

671 Lyons Rd Dayton, OH 45459

[Website](#) | [Download Flyer](#)

Goldfish Swim School is proud to provide state-of-the-art aquatic facilities that are dedicated to indoor swim classes and programs for children, ages 4 months and up.



Special Needs Swim - (not a waiver program)

Play Kettering

[Website](#)

This class offers one-on-one swim instruction for those individuals who have physical or emotional special needs. Class is taught by an authorized swim lesson instructor.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL AND RESOURCES

If you have a friend or family member in Ohio with a disability, these resources are HIGHLY valuable and will assist you in the journey.



ADULT TRANSITIONING

[Managing Your Child's Transition to Adulthood](#)

[Transition to Adulthood: Home Remodeling for Young Adults with Special Needs](#)

[SALT School to Adult Life Transition Series of Southwest Ohio](#) | [Facebook](#) |

SALT (School to Adult Life Transition Series) SALT provides resources, meetings, & local event info to families of children with disabilities in Southwest Ohio.

School-to-work

The MCBDDS School-to-Work Employment Program works with students, parents, special educators, parent mentors, job developers, job coaches, work-study coordinators and employers to pave the pathway to post-secondary employment success for students with disabilities.



ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAMS

[Just Say WHOA to Bullying!](#) 



AUTISIM



AUTISM SOCIETY

The nation's leading grassroots autism organization, exists to improve the lives of all affected by autism.

[Accommodations for Students with Autism](#)

[Guide to Better Sleep for Kids with Autism](#)

[Autism Resource Center](#)

[Creating an Autism Friendly Home](#)

[Autism Support Network Resources](#)

[Planning a Move with Autism](#)

[30 Ways to Celebrate Autism Awareness Month](#)

[Autism and Travel](#)



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

These agencies address the specific needs of people with developmental disabilities. They advocate for community inclusion and access to Ohio disability services.

- [Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Home and Community-Based Waivers - Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities](#)
- [Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities](#)
- [Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council](#)
- [Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence \(OCALI\)](#)
- [Ohio Association of County Boards - Serving People with Developmental Disabilities](#)



EDUCATION

Vocational Training for Adults with Special Needs

What Parents and Students with Disabilities Should Know About College

City of Kettering Recreation Department

3600 Shroyer Rd, Kettering, OH 45429

Offers one on one swim instruction for children age 3-17 with physical or emotional needs. This is not a therapeutic swim program. For complete details on the Adaptive Swim Program please call (937) 296-3368.

Email: adaptive.recreation@ketteringoh.org



EQUIPMENT

[Adaptive Mall](#)

Adaptivemall.com offers a selection of adaptive equipment for children with special needs. Their products range from special needs strollers to special needs car seats to adaptive toys for children's special needs therapy. On-staff therapists are available to assist with special needs therapy products and special needs equipment questions.

[Assistive Technology of Ohio](#)

1224 Kinnear Rd., Columbus, OH 43212

Assistive Technology Ohio helps Ohioans with disabilities learn about or acquire assistive technology. They offer several programs and services related to providing assistive technology. Visit their website to learn more.

[Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Ohio Children-Youth Car Seat Safety Program](#)

The Car Seat Safety Program provides free car seats and training for families that are economically disadvantaged. Offering the class ensures that parents and caregivers know how to properly install and use car seats, which mean children stay safe.

[Goodwill Easterseals Miami Valley Ohio Medical Equipment Loan Program](#)

Goodwill/Easterseals Miami Valley lends assistive living medical equipment to anyone in need. We offer wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, crutches and more free of charge in this loan program.

Dayton: 937-528-6357

Lima: 419-228-4821



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Gorman Hewitt Ayars Fund

The Gorman Foundation was established in 1968 by Gorman School Principal Helen M. Ayars, parents, and friends. It was created to assist students and former students who needed equipment not covered by the Dayton Public School System's general operating fund. Funds are used for the acquisition of appliances, support aids, augmentative communication equipment, home modification, reasonable administrative costs with assessed needs and Camperships on a needed basis.

Ohio Department of Medicaid

Financial and Healthcare Coverage Assistance

Ohio Medicaid Consumer Hotline

Medicaid.gov Ohio page

Rent Assistance / United Way



Need help paying rent? Emergency rent funding is available!

Stable Accounts

STABLE Accounts give people with special needs more independence and financial security



GUARDIANSHIP IN OHIO

ADULT Ohio Guardianship Application

MINOR Ohio Guardianship Application

Ohio Guardianship FAQs

Ohio Guardianship of Individuals with Developmental Disabilities TOOLKIT



This 72 page pdf is made available by The Ohio Supreme Court and is PACKED with information!



GUIDES

[5 Important Ways to Talk About Disability During a Job Search](#)

[Cerebral Palsy Guide](#)

[Health Care Information for Families of Children with Down Syndrome](#)



[Project Mobility Rider's Guide](#)



[S.A.L.T. \(Student To Adult Life Transition\) Quick Reference Resource Guide](#)



HOUSING

[Access Center for Independent Living](#)

(serving Montgomery, Clark, Greene, Preble Counties)

[Assistance \(Service\) Animal Policy in Ohio](#)



Website: [Miami Valley Fair Housing](#)

AN ASSISTANCE ANIMAL IS NOT A PET. Regardless of whether your property allows pets, **a tenant who uses an assistance animal is not required to make a pet deposit** or pay a pet-related move-in cleaning fee. **There is no legal requirement for assistance animals to be visibly identified or to have documentation.** Read more by downloading the pdf.

[Miami Valley Fair Housing Center](#)

The Miami Valley Fair Housing Center's Inclusive Community Fund (ICF) works to help residents of ZIP codes 45417 and 45426 with home repair/rehabilitation, accessibility modifications, and home improvement loans. ICF also helps prospective residents of 45417 and 45426 with down payment assistance

[Rent Assistance / United Way](#)



Need help paying rent? Emergency rent funding is available!

[Special Needs Checklist: How Disability-Friendly is Your City?](#)

[Tenants Rights and Housing Assistance for the Disabled](#)

[The Statewide Independent Living Council \(SILC\)](#)

helps remove barriers to independent living for people with disabilities and works to increase necessary supports and services. It is part of the [National Council on Independent Living \(NCIL\)](#)

[Your Rights and Duties as a Tenant](#)



[Your Rights and Responsibilities As A Mobile Home Park Resident in Ohio](#)



Low-Income Housing Services

Information and tools for locating affordable housing and access to public housing.

- [Ohio Affordable Housing Programs](#)
- [Ohio Housing Finance Agency](#)
- [Ohio Low Income Housing](#)
- [Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) Rental Help](#)
- [Ohio Multi-County Development Corporation](#)
- [Ohio Housing Locator](#)
- [Ohio Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program](#)



LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION

These nine organizations provide ***free legal assistance*** for low-income individuals, including help with accessing Social Security and Medicaid benefits.

1. [Ohio Legal Aid](#)
2. [Ohio State Legal Services Association \(OSLSA\)](#)
3. [Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati](#)
4. [Legal Aid Society of Columbus](#)
5. [Community Legal Aid](#)
6. [Legal Aid Society of Cleveland](#)
7. [Legal Aid of Western Ohio](#)
8. [Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio](#)
9. [Pro Seniors](#)

CORNETET, MEYER, RUSH & KIRZNER, CO., L.P.A.

TOM JACOBS, ESQ.

123 Boggs Ln., Cincinnati, OH 45246

Tom Jacobs has over fifteen years of experience as a litigator. Areas of concentration include education law, special education law, and disability law. His Special Education Law practice primarily involves the representation of disabled children and their parents. He also provides both consultative and mediation services to schools and gives presentations concerning Special Education Law.



STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS

These agencies provide help for people with disabilities and their families and caregivers. Disability services are often free or low-cost.

- [Ohio Department of Health](#)
- [Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities](#)
- [Ohio Family & Children First](#)
- [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#)



SUPPORT SERVICES

4 Paws for Ability

Paws for Ability enriches the lives of children with disabilities by training and placing quality, task-trained service dogs. This provides increased independence for the children, and assistance to their families. The organization has a variety of service dogs for conditions including Autism, FASD, Diabetes, Hearing Loss, Mobility, and Seizures.

Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH)

246 North High Street, Columbus, OH, 43216

The Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) assures children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care and services that are family-centered, community-based and culturally competent. To learn more about their services, visit their website.

Good Neighbor House

627 E. First Street, Dayton, OH 45402

Good Neighbor House is a nonprofit, faith-based, human development organization that provides health, nutrition, and education services to the under-served through relationships with relevant collaborative service partners. They provide dental, medical, nutrition, and related educational services to improve the quality of life of the under-served in the Dayton community.



TRANSPORTATION

Ambucs

National AMBUCS, Inc. is a non-profit service organization consisting of a diverse group of men and women who are dedicated to creating mobility and independence for people with disabilities. The Amtryke Therapeutic Tricycle program is one way they help create mobility for people with disabilities. To learn more, visit their website.

PROJECT MOBILITY

[Project Mobility Application](#)



[Project Mobility Rider's Guide](#)



[RTA \(Regional Transit Authority\) Accessibility Information Website](#)

If your agency or organization offers programs or activities for individuals with special needs, and you would like to be added to our resource directory and the [Our Brave Kids website](#), please [contact us](#)! Please include a link where we can go to view your information.

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