

FAMILY RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Services include: in-home early intervention programs, leisure programs for seniors, specialized therapies, psychological services, support administration, family resources, respite care, supported living, vocational training, community employment, rehabilitation engineering, adult activities centers, group homes and crisis intervention.

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Consult with the speech therapist, OT's, PT's, teachers and intervention specialists to work on communication skills

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Achievement Centers for Children

Family Support social work services recognize and support the significant role that a family's emotional needs play in a child's growth and development and ultimately, his or her future success. We work in partnership with other Achievement Centers' staff to address the unique challenges families face when raising a child with special needs.

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Milestones Autism Resources

Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum by educating, coaching and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information.

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Positive Education Program – Connections

Assist families in finding the necessary supports and help connect them with appropriate resources; coordinate care to eliminate confusion and ensure that children with serious emotional disturbance are able to live successfully in the community

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Friendship Circle*

The Friendship Circle's unique approach brings together teenage volunteers and children with special needs for hours of fun and friendship.

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Kathy Leb, Family Advocacy Coordinator

Jewish Family Services Association*

Providing a variety of services (referrals, help with special needs trusts and letters, of intent, etc.) for clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities

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Lori Kowalski, Outreach

The UP Side of Downs*

Provides support, education and advocacy for people with Down syndrome and their families in North East OH.
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Terri McIntee, Parent Lead Contact, family and community involvement specialist

State Support Team 3*

State Support Team Region 3 provides families of students with disabilities and those at risk technical assistance and learning opportunities in supporting students to reach their fullest potential.

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Helpful websites to link you to community resources:

<http://www.esc-cc.org/EducationalSupports.aspx>

Listing of disability categories and related support agencies.

RedTreehouse.org

Livespecial.com