

HOPE Round Up



News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

August 2024

momentum[®] refresh



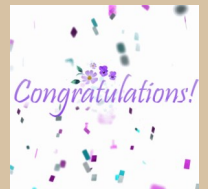
Momentum Refresh will be at the Henry County Fair! See more details on Page 5 and 17!

Accreditation



We are thrilled to announce that the Henry County Board of DD has received a 3-year accreditation from DODD. This recognition is a testament to our commitment to providing high-quality services and supports to individuals in our community. Thank you to our dedicated staff, partners, and supporters for helping with this achievement. We look forward to continuing to serve and advocate for individuals with disabilities in our community.

#AlwaysHOPE #ddawareness



The August Board Meeting has been cancelled.
The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday September 18th at 4:00pm in the activity center.

Welcome TO THE TEAM



Angel Dietrich

Angel is a Service Coordinator in our an Early Intervention Department. She lives in Napoleon with her spouse Corey and children Cooper, Allison & Colby. She enjoys being outdoors, spending time with family going to the Zoo and Imagination Station. Angel also has an interest in Musicals and was in the recent The Little Mermaid production locally!
Welcome Angel!



Welcome TO THE TEAM



Keri Bunke

Keri is the Community Relations Coordinator here at HOPE Services. She lives in Archbold with her spouse Matt, his daughter Reece and has 2 grown children as well, Colin & Makenna. Keri enjoys being outdoors, whether it be camping or sitting by the fire at home. She loves spending time with her family, friends and exploring new places while traveling.
Welcome Keri!

How Are We Doing? Your Feedback Matters!

Thank you for being a valued member of our newsletter community. Please feel free to reach out at any time to provide your feedback, it matters!

Together, let's make the HOPE Round Up even better!

Looking forward to hearing from you! Ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism can be sent to:

Keri Bunke, Community Relations Coordinator at:
kbunke@henrydd.org



Join Our Newsletter

Subscribe to our newsletter to get our latest news and updates

Scan the code below to sign up!



Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness Month

Spinal Muscular Atrophy Awareness is each year in August. It is a hereditary neurological disease that inhibits voluntary muscle action, leading to gradual muscular weakness and atrophy. It is a condition in which the spinal cord does not form normally. This neural tube develops into the baby's brain, spinal cord and the tissues that surround it. Spinal Muscular atrophy does not cause any impairments and does not manifest until later in life.

Nerve cells in the spinal cord called motor neurons waste away and this is what causes spinal muscular atrophy. It is the main cause of death in babies under the age of 2 and the main feature is gradual paralysis of voluntary muscles, with the arm, leg and respiratory muscles being affected the most. Poor head control, swallowing difficulties, scoliosis and joint problems are all possible complications.

All levels of this nerve disease necessitate varying degrees of treatment, which usually entails a combination of prescription, technology and psychotherapy. With proper treatment, many children and adults with this disease can lead full, productive lives.

History

*The first case was discovered in 1891 when Guido Werdnig discovered spinal muscular atrophy in two baby brothers

*In 1899, Sylvestre became the first to describe severe infantile Spinal Muscular Atrophy

*In 2009, surgeons begin using the vertebral body for surgery

*In 2011, people who wear the scoliosis bodysuit are subjected to research

This information was found on <https://nationaltoday.com/spinal-muscular-atrophy-awareness-month/>

-submitted by Stephanie Jones

Youth Services



Participants attending COREe's World of Work have been busy learning new skills to prepare for work in the community. Enrique R, Kaydence K, Hannah D, Jordyn B, Molly B and Caitlin K, are assisting with various paid work tasks such as shredding and cleaning. World of Work was designed to focus on obtaining and improving skills for competitive employment. Both volunteer and paid work experience are offered in this setting. While the focus is on employment, they also incorporate other activities into the day.



Youth Volunteer Opportunity

Are you a young adult between the ages of 15 and 24 looking to make a meaningful impact in your community this summer? Volunteering at the milkshake stand at the Henry County Fair on Thursday August 8th could be the perfect opportunity for you! Not only will you be serving up delicious treats, but you'll also be contributing to a vibrant community atmosphere and gaining valuable skills along the way.

Why Volunteer at the Milkshake Stand?

1. Community Engagement:

Volunteering at the milkshake stand allows you to connect directly with people from your neighborhood. Whether you're serving families, friends, or fellow students, each interaction helps build a stronger sense of community.

2. Skill Development:

This volunteer experience offers more than just serving milkshakes. You'll learn essential skills such as customer service, teamwork, and time management—skills that are valuable in any future job or educational setting.

3. Personal Growth:

Volunteering is not only about giving back but also about personal development. It fosters a sense of responsibility, empathy, and pride in contributing positively to your surroundings.

4. Summer Enrichment:

If you're wondering how to spend your summer break productively, volunteering at the milkshake stand provides structure and purpose. It's a great way to stay active, meet new people, and make the most of your time off from school or work.

How to Get Involved

Getting started is easy: Contact Mel Dachenhaus or Melinda Camp at 419-599-2892 by August 6, 2024.



Kelly's Column



August 2024

We are excited to announce that the Henry County Board of DD was awarded a 3-year accreditation through DODD. This three-year award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the HOPE Services staff! JOB WELL DONE!

We are also pleased to announce that the momentum refresh, a universal changing station, designed for individuals with disabilities, will be available at the fairgrounds for two days this year thanks to funding secured through the HCBS ARPA Grant.

This innovative vehicle is designed to provide convenience, accessibility and dignity for individuals with limited mobility, or those in need of assistance with personal hygiene. This vehicle, equipped with a toilet, sink, changing table, a Hoyer lift and privacy is perfect for those who may need this type of assistance while at the fair. Momentum refresh will provide a comfortable and convenient experience for individuals with disabilities and families with small children.

You can visit the momentum refresh on August 13 for Senior, Veteran and DD day and August 14 for kid's day. Look for a bright and colorful vehicle on the south side of the fairgrounds. The mobile changing unit will be set up and staffed on the southside of the fairgrounds next to the pavilion and veteran's tent from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. each day.

See you at the fair!

Sincerely,

Kelly Aldrich

THE FAIR IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.



HOPE EVERYONE WILL ENJOY THEIR TIME AT THE FAIR THIS YEAR.

**THERE ARE NO HOLIDAYS IN AUGUST.
THERE WILL BE NO VOICES OF HOPE MEETING THIS MONTH.**

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:20 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.



Do you have an article or photos to submit? We are always looking for stories. Submit items of interest to Keri Bunke: kbunke@henrydd.org



HENRY COUNTY FAIR PARADE

**MEET AT EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
5:15-5:30 PM
810 SCOTT ST, NAPOLEON, OH 43545**

**ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE SIGNED UP AND ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF IF REQUIRED.
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A RIDE AT THE END OF THE ROUTE.
CELL SERVICE IS NOT THE BEST, BE PREPARED.**

**RSVP TO KERI BUNKE AT:
419-599-2892 OR EMAIL AT KBUNKE@HENRYDD.ORG**

VOICES OF HOPE

SELF-ADVOCACY GROUP



The group met on Thursday, July 18th and had a lot of fun chatting about how to keep ourselves busy during the summer, staying in touch with our loved ones, and sharing recommendations for TV shows. We also talked about ways to stay cool in the heat and checked out the We Thrive Together website for connecting with other advocates, joining fun activities, and accessing great resources. Plus, we made some essential oil bug spray to take home!



Bug Spray

KEEPING THOSE PESKY BUGS AWAY. LET'S MAKE BUG SPRAY.

1. ADD TABLESPOON OF RUBBING ALCOHOL
2. ADD 20 DROPS OF LEMONGRASS OIL
3. ADD 10 DROPS OF EUCALYPTUS OIL
4. ADD 5 DROPS OF TEA TREE OIL
5. ADD 5 DROPS OF PEPPERMINT OIL
6. FILL REMAINING ROOM IN BOTTLE WITH WATER
7. LABEL THE BOTTLE



Ryan's Restaurant Review

Hello! For this month's restaurant review, I chose the Firepit Grill in Holland, located at 7723 Airport Highway. My family started our meal with an order of Dixie egg rolls, served with South Carolina style honey mustard dipping sauce. The egg rolls were stuffed with BBQ pork and cabbage. Everyone at the table loved the flavor of the egg rolls. For my dinner, I ordered street tacos. The 3 tacos in my order were filled with pork and topped with coleslaw, pineapple and pickled onions - a great combination of flavors. My Mom ordered a BBQ chicken pizza, a new addition to their menu. My mom's pizza was a flavorful thin crust pizza and was easily enough for 2 or 3 people! My Dad ordered chicken wings, and he was impressed with the serving size of the chicken wings. He liked the smokey flavor of the chicken. My brother ordered BBQ chicken which was served with 2 sides. He liked the juicy smoked chicken and rated his BBQ chicken 5 stars out of 5. The rest of us gave our meals 4.5 stars out of 5.

I noticed a few other new menu items, including milkshakes and bacon wrapped shrimp. I tried a strawberry milkshake. The milkshake was good, but it could have used more strawberries and ice cream to make it even better.

The Fire Pit Grill has a nice covered outdoor patio. The patio has a very cool fire pit with plenty of chairs to sit and relax around the fire. Firepit Grill serves a Sunday brunch each weekend, which features amazing breakfast and lunch favorites. The brunch is a great choice for a special occasion.

This has been your friend Ryan. Thanks for reading my reviews and have a great week. Until next time, goodbye readers and fans and friends!



Let's get cooking



Cook Night sponsored by HARC Inc.

This month the group prepared Sausage, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Roll Ups, Hash Browns, and Cinnamon Roll Casserole. These recipes were prepared by Jacob P, Derrick, Braydon, Jacob H and Linda. This was a quick, easy and filling meal! We added the new recipes to our cookbooks and discussed our thoughts about the meal. If you love trying new recipes, have a passion for cooking, and are interested in joining the group sign up by contacting Randy Barnes at 419-591-6498 or 419-599-2892. Hope to see you next month!



QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM JESSICA



“The fact is, with every friendship you make, and every bond of trust you establish, you are shaping the image of America projected to the rest of the world.”

Michelle Obama

We look forward to next month's quote.



July has flown past us quickly. We have several updates. We spent the last weekend of June at 2024 Special Olympics Ohio Summer State games. We had over 40 athletes, coaches, staff, and family members travel to OSU to spend the weekend and compete at state level in powerlifting, traditional volleyball, bocce, and track/field events. We had a blast as always. It's super warm every year. One of the highlights of our weekend was getting to have opening ceremonies at the OSU Football stadium. It was so neat to sit on the 50-yard line where so many great players have run.

But we were also honored to have one of our Athlete Leaders, Lydia Knepper lead the Athlete Oath for the 3,000 athletes that were competing. We also had two of our athletes receive Distinguished Athlete Awards from Special Olympics Ohio. Linda Baser in cheerleading, and Terri Jo Stover in Equestrian. Distinguished Athlete awards are only handed out every 4 years and are given to the oldest active athletes in each sport we offer in Ohio.

Altogether, this group of athletes brought home 21 gold medals, 12 silver medals, 10 bronze medals, 2 – 4th place medals, and 4 – 5th place medals. Way to represent Henry County!!

During that weekend, Henry County was invited to be part of a surprise Flash mob dance during the dance on Saturday night of the summer games. These athletes practiced a lot ahead of time, and then teamed up with athletes from Tuscarawas and Williams Counties to surprise everyone and encourage more people to get out on the floor. We laughed and had a great time making new friends. This is a must for next year. We attended Healthy Athletes and participated in games set up in Athlete Village. As always, it was truly another memorable weekend!!

Our powerlifting team competed in their first non-Special Olympics meet on July 6. We traveled to Toledo to the Alpha Omega Freedom Lift. Tyra Knepper set new Deadlift and Bench Press personal bests. Anthony Delgado placed 2nd in his division. Tyra Knepper and Job Knepper placed 1st in their divisions and set a new personal bests in bench press. Way to GO Cougars!!

We held our annual Athlete Appreciation Banquet in July. Every year we host our athletes and their families and recognize them for all their hard work. We handed out almost 500 certificates for participation and awards of service. Congratulations to Athlete of the Year, Logan Parker. Thank you to the hard-working families and staff that help get our athletes where they need to be.

This year we have 26 athletes out for softball season. This means we now have two team levels. We have a skills division, as well as a traditional division. All the teams practice together and work to help each other. They have been practicing since the last week of May at the batting cages. This is a strong group of athletes who work well together. Can't wait to see how their season will evolve.

The Equestrian team is going strong. They will head to the Special Olympics Ohio State horse show on Sunday, August 25 in Springfield, Ohio. This year representing Henry County will be Domenik Neumeier, Juan Delgado, Robby Bauer, Samantha Dorrington, Bob Rosebrock, Keon Fields, Elizabeth Helberg, Anthony Cline, and Rockne Saunders. Wish these Equestrians good luck!!!

Our Golf team has been working hard also. We have 2 singles and 3 unified teams this year heading to Regionals on Saturday, August 3. Khristian Miller and Jacob Heath will be competing individually and teams of Domenik Neumeier/Brad Booth, Juan Delgado/Joe Kuehner, Nate Vogelsong/Matt Harris will be competing unified. They have been spending a lot of time out on the course, spending time perfecting their game. Good Luck at Regionals!

Continued...



Cougars Continued...



Anthony Delgado
Athlete Leader - State Council
Representative

We received more exciting news that another Henry County Athlete Leader was voted onto Special Olympics Ohio Athletic Leader State Council to represent Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Region!! Congratulations to Anthony Delgado. Anthony has been with Henry County Special Olympics since he was old enough to participate. He

has participated in almost every sport that has been offered. Currently he is in powerlifting, softball, and flag football. Anthony and his wife Krysta live in Napoleon with their two dogs, Bennie and Bruno. We are so excited for the path ahead for our State Council members!

A few important dates.... There is still time to join Flag Football. You need to contact the coaches ASAP. If you would like to play winter sports, please let Zach or Renita know. Sign ups are opening for swimming, esports, basketball, bowling, and competitive cheerleading.

We will be holding our Community Flag Football game on Monday, September 9 at Oakwood Park. We will be playing 6-8 pm in a single elimination bracket style. This event is open to ALL in the community to come out and play some great football. Play along side our state champion team!!! There is no cost to play. Please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372) if you would like to play. If football isn't your game, then come out and enjoy a great night of flag football!

We will be hosting the Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Regional Flag Football tournament on Saturday, October 5th at Napoleon High School. There will be several counties competing that day, and we could use volunteers to help at various areas on the fields, including clean-up, serving as refs, food stand, or helping athletes/coaches find their fields. If you would like to help or need volunteer hours, please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372) to sign up.

As always, we invite anyone who is interested in helping our program to please contact us. We always can use help volunteering at games or even coaching the sports we offer. Thank you, Henry County, for all of your support!

Have a wonderful time at the Henry County Fair! We hope to see you there!

Coach Zach and Coach Renita





COME SUPPORT HARC at our annual CONCESSION STAND (underneath the grandstands) AT THE HENRY COUNTY FAIR AUGUST 8TH THROUGH AUGUST 15TH!! We will open at 11am daily!



We have **POPCORN!**

We have **HOTDOGS!**

We have **NACHOS!**

We have **PEANUTS!**

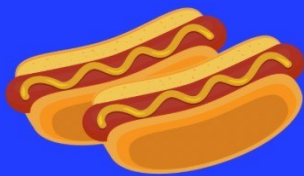
We have **CANDY!**



We have **GATORADE!**

We have **WATER and POP!**

We have a super **MEAL DEAL!**



\$7 MEAL DEAL - 2 hot dogs, bag of chips and your choice of bottled water or a pop

**** If you would like to sign up to volunteer at the concession stand, please reach out to Keri Bunke at 419-599-2892 or email her at kbunke@henrydd.org**



"Bring a Friend" Program



How it works:

We will announce a "bring a friend" event. The first event will be:

BRING A FRIEND TO THE HENRY COUNTY FAIR!

If you are an individual receiving county board services, and you'd like to attend the event, you can go for free if you bring a friend with you. The great news is your friend can go for free too! A friend is anyone that is a support to you. This will also include a meal ticket for you and your friend too! It includes 2 Hot Dogs, Chips and a Drink!

Just fill out a simple form prior to the event and return it to HOPE Services. You can drop it off at HOPE, email it to kaldrich@henrydd.org or sign up online here [SIGN-UP](#) or go to the following link:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7erw7w4/lp/9d2a5057-05f8-4792-9063-50d743880976?fbclid=IwY2xjawEUZYFleHRuA2FbQlxMAABHUKOz_E55NXy7GiBfv32vOzwrqeLm5aUnTR38azKlb7uhes-jLLyDVSyJA_aem_nEkOzv30EpDZxIWYzWvSuA

BRING A FRIEND is made possible through HCBS ARPA Funds, a grant to increase community experiences. These funds are only available for the remainder of the year.



"Bring a Friend" Request Form

Event

Location _____

Date _____

Time _____

Individual

Name _____

Phone _____

Friend

Name _____

Phone _____

By chance we met,
by choice we
become friends
✕
MILLIE



HARC Recreation Events August, September, October 2022

Contact Randy Barnes at 419-591-6798 or 419-599-2892 to sign up and Pay **ONE WEEK prior to the event**

DATE	EVENT	TIME	COST	LOCATION
Friday, August 23, 2024	Garden/Craft Day	6-7:30pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day Bridge Walk	7am-12pm	Money to eat	Morenci, MI
Sunday, September 8, 2024	Mud Hens, we have a suite	12:30-6:30pm	\$30.00	Fifth Third Field Toledo
Wednesday, Sept. 11 2024	Cook Night	5-7:00pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, September 13, 2024	Garden/Craft Day	6-7:30pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Friday, September 20, 2024	Harry Potter & Chamber of Secrets	6-11pm	\$60.00	Stranahan Toledo
Wednesday, Sept. 25, 2024	Garden/Craft Day	5-6:30pm	\$5.00	HOPE Activity Center
Saturday, September 28, 2024	Tigers vs. White Sox	11am-7pm	\$30.00	Comerica Park, Detroit
Sunday, September 29, 2024	Mansfield Prison Tour	9am-6pm	\$30.00	Mansfield, OH



VOLUNTEER opportunities



Know someone who would make an awesome volunteer?

Share this opportunity with them and help us reach more individuals who are eager to make a difference!

Are you passionate about creating inclusive and empowering experiences for individuals with special needs? Do you want to make a positive impact in your community? If so, we invite you to volunteer with us for our upcoming Special Olympics and HARC recreational events!

Contact Zach Meister for Special Olympics at 419-260-2176 or
Randy Barnes for HARC Recreation at 419-591-6798.

Congratulations to the people who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in August!

August birthdays:

Keri Bunke
Dawn McBride
Tony Patterson
Tyler Silveous
John Isaksen
Madison Lutts
Chad Fritz
Suzanne Volkman
Jonathon Fisher
Kateena Spence
Jose Sifuentes Jr
Todd Rothenberger

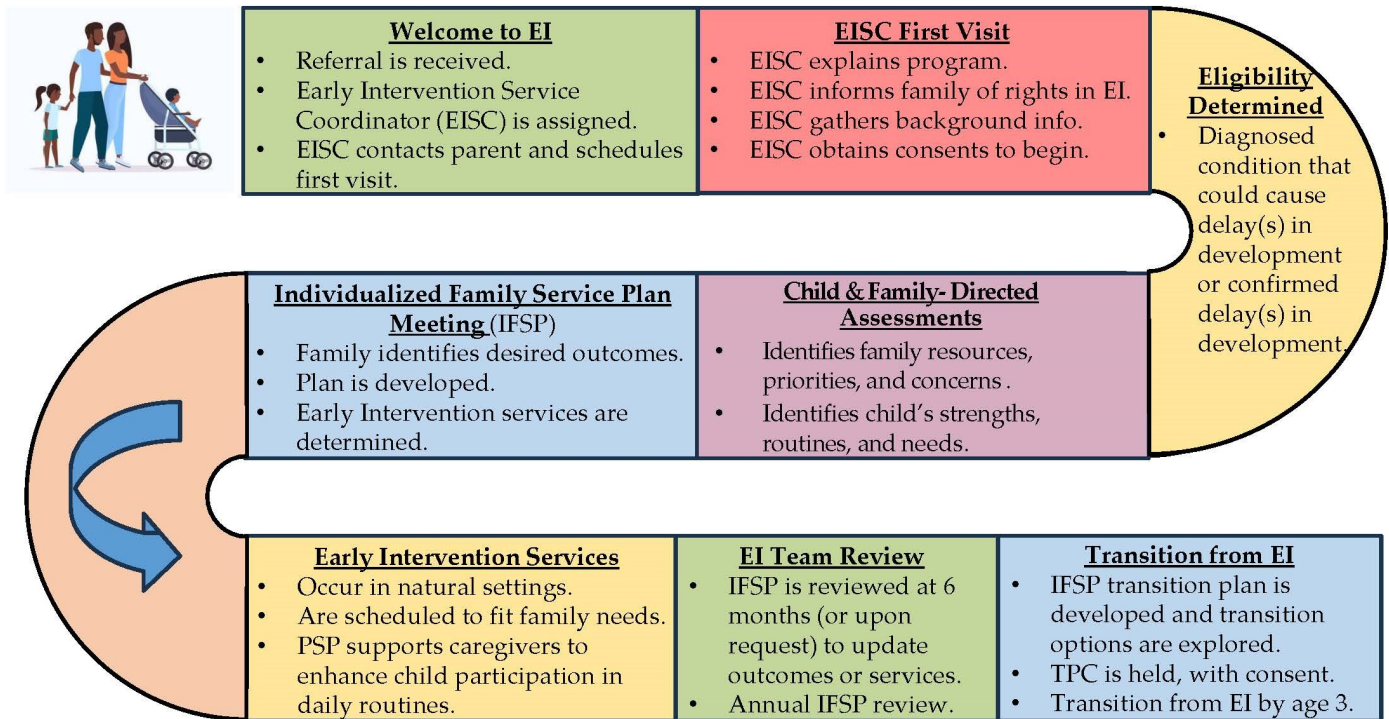


August Employment anniversaries for individuals served:

Jennifer Hartford is celebrating her 30th anniversary at McDonald's
Christina Clark is celebrating her 7th anniversary with HOPE Services
Matt Flory is celebrating his 6th anniversary at Keller Packaging
Dana Hockenberry is celebrating his 5th anniversary at Cooper Standard Automotive
Victoria Michael is celebrating her 1st anniversary at Taco Bell
Bishop Nieto is celebrating his 1st anniversary at Chief Supermarket

Congratulations!

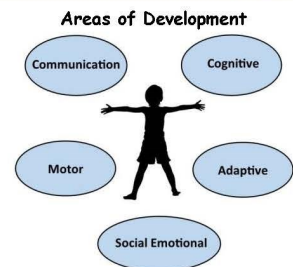
EARLY INTERVENTION (EI) AT A GLANCE



*Helping children and families
wherever they choose to live, play,
and spend their day.*

Key:

EI = Early Intervention
EISC = Early Intervention Service Coordinator
PSP = Primary Service Provider
IFSP = Individualized Family Service Plan
TPC = Transition Planning Conference



Early Intervention Referrals

Making a referral for Hope's Early Intervention services is the first step for parents and caregivers who have questions or concerns about their infant or child. One referral opens the door to many programs that support families.

HOPE Services offers Early Intervention to infants and toddlers who have an eligible medical diagnosis or a delay in development from birth until the child turns 3 years old. Examples of reasons to refer can include tasks such as feeding concerns, not being able to roll, sit, crawl or delayed walking, difficulty engaging with other people, being overly active and difficult to parent, and not using sounds or words typical of a child that age.

There is no direct cost to a family for any Early Intervention Service that is offered. The services include but are not limited to screenings, evaluations, recommendations and referrals to other agencies for services, Service Coordination, Developmental Specialists, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Physical Therapy, Mental Health, Vision, and Hearing Consultants. Early Intervention services builds up and supports families and caregivers in locating resources and working directly with them to enhance the learning and development of skills.

You can make a referral by calling HOPE Services (419-599-2892) and asking to speak to a Service Coordinator, by calling an Ohio Centralized intake number (1-800-755-4769) or by going online at

<https://ohioearlyintervention.org/referral>

momentum
refresh®



The Universally Designed Mobile Restroom That's Changing Lives



At the Henry County Fair August 13 & 14th

- ⇒ Momentum Refresh is revolutionizing accessibility at The Henry County Fair this year as the nation's first fully accessible and universally designed mobile restroom.
- ⇒ This groundbreaking facility sets a new standard by providing a range of inclusive features, including an adjustable changing table, a ceiling hoist, and a dedicated team of trained professionals to inform guests about the amenities and clean the space between uses.
- ⇒ By offering a safe and dignified environment for personal care, Momentum Refresh eliminates barriers, provides hope and opens up the world so all people can enjoy the Henry County Fair to the fullest extent.
- ⇒ This initiative not only promotes inclusivity and equal access but also sends a powerful message of respect, equity, and understanding to the broader community.
- ⇒ The presence of Momentum Refresh at the Henry County Fair signifies a significant step forward in creating a more inclusive society and highlights the importance of prioritizing accessibility in all public spaces.
- ⇒ Learn more about Momentum Refresh by visiting their website at: <https://momentumrefresh.org/>



Contact Us

Seeing Potential – Inspiring Opportunities

www.henrydd.org

HOPE Services Office	419-599-2892
Special Olympics	419-260-2176
HARC Recreation	419-591-6798

Scan Code to sign up for the newsletter!



Our Mission

HOPE Services is committed to creatively working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families to discover, pursue and achieve what is important to them.

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age.

Napoleon, OH 43545

135 E. Maumee

Henry County Board of Developmental Disabilities

