

HOPE Round Up



News from HOPE Services

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

September 2024

Celebrating Jenny's 30 Years of Dedication and Service at McDonald's

After three remarkable decades of service, Jenny Hartford is bidding farewell to McDonald's, leaving behind a legacy of dedication and excellence. Over the past 30 years, Jenny has become a cornerstone of the McDonald's family, touching the lives of countless customers and colleagues with her unwavering commitment and warm-hearted spirit.

Jenny's journey with McDonald's began in 1994, and over the past 30 years, she has become a beloved fixture of our community, known for her unwavering dedication and her warm, welcoming smile and hugs.

Jenny's enthusiasm and strong work ethic quickly set her apart. Her passion for delivering exceptional service was evident from the start. Jenny's career at McDonald's is a testament to her hard work, always going above and beyond to ensure every customer had a great experience.

Congratulations, Jenny, and thank you for 30 amazing years at McDonald's! Here's to a joyful retirement filled with relaxation, adventure, and all the happiness you deserve.



Board Meeting
Reminder

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th at 4:00pm in the Activity Center.

The office will be closed on September 2 for Labor Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday September 3rd at 8:00am.

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day.



Welcome TO THE TEAM



Amber Falor

Amber is a Service & Support Administrator in our Adult SSA Department. Amber lives in Archbold with her husband David and daughter Payton. Amber loves crafting and spending time with her family.
Welcome Amber!



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CHECK THIS OUT!

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

ON AIR

Join HOPE Services every Thursday over the Noon hour on WNDH 103.1 for the latest updates and information!

The Henry County Fair 2024

- ◆ HOPE Services, proudly placed 2nd in the fair parade, showcasing our commitment to the community. Henry County is truly "The Heart Of It All!" Many also volunteered to assist in the HARC popcorn booth.
- ◆ Kids Day at the Henry County Fair was a huge success! The event was filled with so many fun activities for children. One of the highlights of the day was the presence of our beloved mascot, the Henry County Special Olympics Cougar, who was there to interact with the kids and pose for adorable photo ops.
- ◆ Additionally, the "Shine in the Show Ring" event, organized by the Henry County Farm Bureau, was a tremendous success.
- ◆ Momentum Refresh was also provided during Senior/Veteran/DD Day and Kid's Day at the Fair. 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.



KID'S DAY at the FAIR



For more information about our programs visit: www.henrydd.org

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September



Cheryl Lewis is celebrating 12 years at HOPE Services

Jessica Harmon is celebrating 6 years with HOPE Services

Jennifer Jenkins is celebrating 1 year at JAC Products

Tyler Silveous is celebrating 1 year at Mayville Engineering Company

Darwin Becker is celebrating 1 year at HOPE Services

Staff Birthdays:

Jody Farber

Cassandra Seesholtz

Cheryl Lewis

Tracy Deblin

Individuals Served Birthdays in September:

Dallas Cupp

Brandon Bischoff

Kelsey Wayne

Shannon Allen

Linda Baser

Kristin Moehle

Jennifer Cordes

Mary Ellen Ochoa

Logan Cavoza

Rebekah Hoagland

Joel Gerken

Logan Parker

Edmund Kretzer





Kelly's Column

This month we celebrate Direct Support Professionals! DSPs play a vital role in the lives of individuals with disabilities. These dedicated individuals provide essential support and care to ensure the well-being and quality of life for those they serve. From assisting with daily tasks to providing emotional support, DSPs make a difference in the lives of others. Their compassion, patience, and dedication are truly commendable, and their work is invaluable in

helping individuals live fulfilling and independent lives.

Your hard work and selflessness are greatly appreciated. Thank you, DSPs, for all you do!!

Sincerely,

Kelly Aldrich

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM JESSICA



“I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.”

Abraham Lincoln

We look forward to next month's quote!



DSP WEEK
SEPTEMBER 9TH-13TH

**MORE
DETAILS**



Do you know an outstanding Direct Support Professional? Help us provide recognition they deserve! The "Best of the Best" DSP Award recognizes Henry County DSPs who have provided extraordinary service to those they serve. Parents or guardians, providers, SSAs, fellow DSPs, and individuals served are encouraged to nominate a local DSP for special recognition. There is no limit on the number of DSPs you may nominate for this award but please submit nominees separately.

All nominees will be recognized by the Henry County Board of DD with a Certificate of Appreciation and one nominee will be selected as the 2024 "Best of the Best" DSP Award winner.

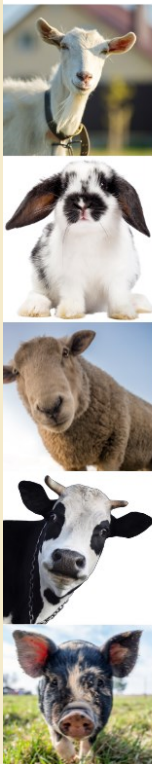
Nominations will be accepted through the end of business on Friday September 6, 2024. The 2024 "Best of the Best" DSP Award winner will be announced at the end of DSP Week, Friday, September 13.

If selected, they will receive a special gift, be featured on our social media and in our October newsletter!

We believe that ALL Henry County DSPs strive to deliver the very best to support those we serve and are equally worthy of recognition. This is just an extra opportunity for others to recognize the work of local DSPs in a special way.

Link to nominate: <https://forms.gle/x1tExeN1PGxiUZoi6>

In honor of the upcoming DSP week, we will be holding daily giveaways for those DSPs serving Henry County. Drawings will be held during DSP week to honor YOU! If you would like the opportunity to win, please follow this link to enter by Sunday, September 8th! <https://forms.gle/MccQxF4jQt2FfHAM6>



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Henry County Farm Bureau for their exceptional efforts in organizing the Shine in the Show Ring event. This initiative has truly been a blessing to the community of individuals we serve. Your dedication and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and the positive impact you've made is deeply appreciated. The event not only brought joy and recognition to participants but also strengthened the bonds within our community. Thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to making a difference.

HOPE Services Foundation Annual Fundraiser



Donation \$9.00 **Pre-Sale ONLY**

*Secure tickets by September 12th

Meal includes Pulled Pork Sandwich, Mac-N-Cheese & Baked Beans Carry Out/Drive Thru

Date: Friday September 20, 2024

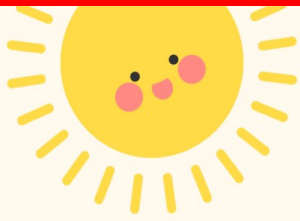
Time: 4:30pm-6:00pm

Location: HOPE Services 135 E. Maumee Ave.

Tickets are available at HOPE Services, from any HOPE Services employee or HOPE Foundation Board Member.

Please make checks payable to HOPE Services Foundation





EARLY INTERVENTION RECENT PLAYGROUP



PLAY

THIS PAST MONTH OUR SPEECH THERAPIST JOINED US FOR OUR MORNING SESSION OF PLAY GROUP TO SHARE STRATEGIES TO HELP WITH SPEECH DEVELOPMENT. WE HAD 4 FAMILIES AT OUR MORNING SESSION AND 3 AT OUR EVENING SESSION. NEXT PLAYGROUP IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH AND WE WILL BE COLLABORATING WITH HELP ME GROW! HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.



Contact Us
at 419-599-2892 if you
have concerns for your
child's development

Bowling 2024-2025 Season begins soon!!



Please click or scan to register.
Contact Zach (419-260-2176) or
Renita (419-601-2372) with questions

🎳🎉 It's time to sign up for the Fall/ Winter bowling season. Bowling will start back up on Tuesday, October 8, 4-5:30 pm at River City Bowl-A-Way, Napoleon. You can sign up by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/NUrXHytDoNyPsPc96> or scan the QR code to follow the prompts. If you have any questions, please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372).

Youth Services

Participants attending Active Day of Defiance have been busy taking part in a variety of activities and learning new skills.

Community integration is a key component of the program. They encourage participants to engage with their local communities through volunteer opportunities, community events, and partnerships with local organizations. This not only enhances participants' social connections but also fosters a sense of belonging and contribution.

Another area of focus is providing comprehensive life skills that covers essential areas such as cooking and personal hygiene. Their hands-on approach ensures that participants gain practical skills they can use every day, enhancing their ability to live independently and effectively manage their routines.

Engaging in social and recreational activities is a vital part of the program. They offer a variety of group activities, including arts and crafts, music therapy, and community outings. These activities not only provide enjoyment but also encourage social interaction, teamwork, and personal growth.

Lymphoma

Lymphoma is a cancer of the Lymphatic system of the body involving immune cells. These causes swelling of the lymph nodes in the neck, armpit or groin, fever, night sweats, difficulty breathing, and weight loss. This condition is very rare, since there are less than 20,000 cases per year. It is more common in males and a family history may increase likelihood.

Lymphoma is a cancer of the lymphatic system. The lymphatic system is part of the germ-fighting and disease-fighting immune system. Lymphoma begins when healthy cells in the lymphatic system change and grow out of control.

The lymphatic system includes the lymph nodes, which are found throughout the body. Most are in the abdomen, chest, neck, pelvis, chest, and underarms. This system also includes the spleen, thymus, tonsils and bone marrow.

I got my information from: www.mayoclinic.org/disease-conditions/lymphoma/symptoms-causes/syc-20352638

-submitted by Stephanie Jones



HARC Recreation Events September 2024

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
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.



This summer has flown past very quickly. Seems like yesterday that we were still getting ready for Special Olympics Ohio Summer Games, and now we are competing for State Fall Games this month. Currently we have Golf, Flag Football, Softball, Powerlifting, Equestrian going strong, and Competition Cheer just finished up their last comp at the Holgate – Cheerleaders Gone MADD competition.

The Competition Cheer team competed in 5 competitions over the summer and brought home 1st in the Spirit Division every time. This year's Competition team consisted of Bishop Nieto, TJ Stover, Caty Kuehner, Jessica Clapp, JP Fisher, Dallas Cupp, Bella Moon, Adrienne Gerken, Mia Ramirez, Hannah Damman, Mary Ellen Ochoa, Logan Parker, Caitlin McCafferty, Emmy Miranda, Jenny Hartford, Linda Baser, and Jordyn Beilharz. Thank you to this year's coaches, Kendyl Burkey and Amanda Seiler and all of the volunteer assistants Carly, Jordan, Avery, Caylee, and Athlete Leaders Krysta and Anthony.

Defiance County Special Olympics hosted a cheer clinic with the help of Fairview High School. We had a fun morning learning new cheers, chants, and dance moves to improve our cheerleading style. We want to give a huge shoutout to Defiance County for setting this up. Everyone had a great time!

Our Golf team headed to Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Regional golf tournament. This year we had Unified Partners Nate Vogelsong/Matt Harris (placed 5th), Domenik Neumeier/Brad Booth (Placed 5th), and Juan Delgado/Joe Kuehner (Placed 1st). Singles golfing were Khristian Miller (Placed 2nd) and Jacob Heath (Placed 1st). They will all be advancing to Special Olympics Ohio State Golf the weekend of September 20-22 in Columbus. Good Luck Golfers!

Our softball team was very large this year. We had to split into two teams, a Traditional team and a Skills team. Each athlete was divided into one of these teams based on skill level and length of time playing. The Skills team has been progressing very well. They work on batting, base running, fielding, and of course throwing. Caitlin McCafferty placed 1st in her division, and James Guinn placed 3rd in his division. They will both be advancing to Special Olympics Ohio State Softball the weekend of September 7-8. Our traditional team has had a great season. They competed at the Mike Piero Tournament hosted by Sandusky County Special Olympics on August 10. They placed 4th in their division. On August 17, they placed 2nd in their division at the Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Regional Tournament in Findlay. They are runners-up but will not be advancing to state this year. They will finish out their season through the end of August playing their remaining games. Way to go Cougars! You fought hard and STRONG at the tournament!

The Henry County Fair Parade was fun as always! We had over 70 athletes, friends, and families walk along with us and HOPE Services. The cheerleaders cheered the whole route and performed their routine several times. This is definitely a honored tradition that we have been a part of for many years. Thanks to everyone who participated with us!!

We had two Athlete Leaders step up and volunteer at the Art Department for the 2nd year. Tyra Knepper and Sammi Adkins have been helping sort, arrange, and hang art during the fair week. They both love looking at all the creations and creative outlets that are presented each year. They cannot wait for next year and are excited to be part of the Community of the Henry County Fair.



Henry C Cougar enjoyed the Henry County Fair this year. He spent a few hours out at the HC Fair during Kids Day. He walked the midway and even played a few games and had a great time hanging with old friends and making new ones.

Now that September is here....there's a few important dates to mark on your calendar.... If you would like to play winter sports, please let Zach or Renita know. Sign-ups are opening for swimming, esports, basketball, bowling, basketball cheer, and competitive cheerleading. Basketball and bowling will begin in October. Swimming and basketball cheer in November. Competitive cheerleading will start in December. We will be placing our sign up on our Facebook page soon.

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 right alongside 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 cheering everyone on!

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Cougars Continued...

Our first Golf Scramble will be held on **Sunday, September 15** at Ironwood Golf Course in Wauseon. Registration opens at 1 pm, Scramble at 2 pm. We look forward to this opportunity to be out on the links with our golf team that will also be participating. We have some great prizes and swag bags. You won't want to miss out. If you would like to sponsor an athlete or sign up, there's still time. Please contact Zach (419-260-2176) or Renita (419-601-2372).

We will be hosting the **Special Olympics Ohio Northwest Regional Flag Football tournament** on **Saturday, October 5th** at **Napoleon High School**. The games will start at 12 noon. 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.

We have the schedule ready for our fall/winter Young Athletes sessions. This program is open to any child between the ages of 2-7. It's a sports-based play program where we work on motor and coordination skills. There is no cost for this program. We meet weekly in November and part of December.

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 your support!

Everyone have a wonderful September!

Coach Zach and Coach Renita






HENRY COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

COMMUNITY FLAG FOOTBALL GAME

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9 6-9 PM



**Oakwood Park
1400 Oakwood Ave
Napoleon, OH**

No Cost to Participate. Open to everyone!
Questions??? Want to Play??? Contact:
Zach (419)260-2176 Renita (419)601-2372

Henry County Special Olympics Young Athletes



Special Olympics Young Athletes is a sports based play program for children with and without intellectual disabilities, ages 2 to 7 years old. Young Athletes introduces basic sports skills like running, kicking, and throwing. Young Athletes offers families, teachers, caregivers, and people from the community the chance to share the joy of sports with children.

Benefits of Young Athletes

- Motor skill Development
- Social, Emotional, and Learning skills
- Fun Learning environment
- Inclusive play builds acceptance
- Weekly Physical activity

When & Where

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sessions are from 10 am - 11 am

**HOPE SERVICES
135 E. MAUMEE AVE,
NAPOLEON, OHIO**

Questions?? Call or Email:
 Zach Meister 419-260-2176
 zmeister@henrydd.org
 Renita Kuehner 419-601-2372
 rkuehner@henrydd.org




HENRY COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS COUGARS

GOLF -scramble-

Help Support a great group of athletes!

Have a golf team that would like to compete?

4 Person Team Registration
\$225
 Includes 4 box meals



Register for Scramble

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15 2 PM

Ironwood Golf Club,
1015 W. Leggett Street
Wauseon

Registration opens at 1 pm

Prizes for - Longest Drive (Male/Female),
Hole-in-One, Longest Marshmallow Drive,
Longest Putt

Questions? Want to Sponsor? Want to Sign Up?
 Contact:
 Zach Meister 419-260-2176
 Renita Kuehner 419-601-2372



UPCOMING EVENTS




**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!
TAKE THE SURVEY**



Henry County Special Olympics would like your valuable feedback! We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. Your input helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can improve. We are committed to providing the best possible experience and your responses play a crucial role in shaping our services. If you have any additional comments or suggestions, please feel free to share them with us. Your satisfaction is our top priority! Please utilize the link below or in the post.



→ [HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/PKJQBRM](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PKJQBRM) ←

Cougars Continued...



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



Front: Christina Clark and Melinda Camp
 Back: Keri Bunke and Shannon Allen
 Not Pictured: LaNae Thompson

On August 28th, members of Voices of HOPE and HOPE Services staff participated in a training session held at Tiffin University. This training focused on the portrayal of individuals with disabilities in the media, highlighting both current challenges and opportunities for improvement led by Rebecca Monteleone, PhD

In addition to media portrayal, the training included a presentation by Tech Ambassador Steve Pelton. He demonstrated how innovative technology can play a transformative role in assisting individuals with disabilities, enhancing accessibility, and improving quality of life.

The event was an important step in equipping attendees with the knowledge and tools needed to support and advocate for individuals with disabilities more effectively. The collaboration and insights shared will undoubtedly contribute to better practices and increased awareness in the community.



Voices of
HOPE PRESENTS

CPR TRAINING

**BE PREPARED TO HELP.
 LEARN FIRST AID SKILLS.**

Let's learn together and eat some pizza!

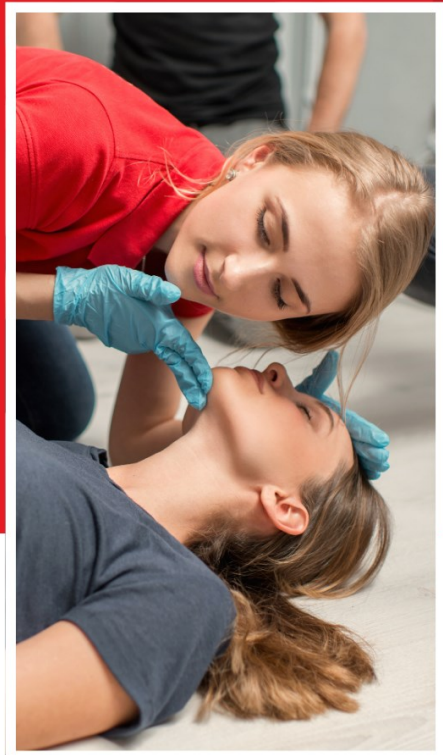
WHEN: Thursday September 19th, 2024
 5:30 - 7:00pm

WHERE: COREe, 824 E Riverview Ave
 Napoleon, OH 43545

BRING: Yourself and \$3.00 for pizza & drinks.

Please make sure to schedule your transportation and RSVP by September 13th!

If you qualify to become certified and want your certificate, you will need to also have your own email. Make sure you have that information as well.



(Make sure to note any food allergies when RSVPing)

RSVP to Keri Bunke by September 13th

419-599-2892 or kbunke@henrydd.org

NOWAC AND THE DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES HOSTS:

Human Trafficking Awareness

Monday, September 16

TWO SESSIONS!

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

At Northwest State Community College

September 4 11:00 - 1:00

CONCERNED about juggling school, work, family and financial responsibilities? There are many community resources available to help keep you balanced!

This **FREE** event provides access to over **20 LOCAL** agencies & services!



INDIVIDUALS, DSPS, FAMILIES
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
SERRICK CAMPUS CENTER - HUBBARD BANQUET ROOM

DEFIANCE COLLEGE
701 N. CLINTON ST
DEFIANCE, OH

CEU AND CPTS BEING SOUGHT

PROFESSIONALS
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
SHOMBURG AUDITORIUM

CALL OR EMAIL HEIDI HULL TO CONFIRM YOUR REGISTRATION:
419-782-6621
HHULL@DEFIANCEDD.ORG



DAVE YOST
OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL



THANK YOU FROM HARC!

The HARC Popcorn Booth was a huge success at the Henry County Fair this year! With your help, we raised approximately \$7,000 for the individuals we serve.

Thank you to the Henry County Fair Board for having us, to our volunteers who worked in the booth and to our sponsors Thrivent Financial, Reiser Realty, New Vision Farms and HOPE Services. We are so grateful for our community and your continued support!



Peer Mentor Training Opportunity

Are you interested in providing support to other families who have a loved one with a disability or special healthcare need? Who was that person for you?

Apply to become a Peer Mentor!

There is a \$200 compensation available for completion of all steps. Compensation is available through December 2024.

Ohio P2P is an evidence-based statewide parent support program that matches parents, siblings, self-advocates, foster parents, grandparents, etc. who have family members of any age, with a disability or special healthcare need, to an experienced, trained, volunteer support parent.



Training is comprised of two one-hour zoom sessions and a set of four online modules to complete on your own during the weeks in between. Total time commitment for the training is around 4 hours, including the zoom sessions.

The two one-hour zoom sessions are held on the first and fourth Thursday of each month. You may choose the time that best fits your schedule, either 12pm-1pm OR 6:30-7:30pm.

Please join us as we build this network. No one should feel alone. Ever.

Apply at: <https://www.tfaforms.com/4987475>

Questions? Email OhioP2P@cchmc.org or call 513-636-1245



Scan the QR code for more information about the Ohio Parent to Parent program.



Contact Us

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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

