Ohio Self Determination Association

promoting, advocating and facilitating Self-Determination for all persons with disabilities and their families throughout Ohio

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Technology has its place— *but not in the bathroom*

Lee Wedemeyer, President

As new technology and service delivery models continue to play a role in the lives of people with developmental disabilities, I cannot help but wonder what the future holds.

Technology and service models have traditionally been developed for the common good, an effort to make life better for civilization. Unfortunately, all technology and service delivery models become perverted and used for evil against groups of people who have been historically devalued, as explained in the book *The Principals of Normalization* by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger.

In his book, *Making a Difference: the Art of Community Connecting*, Scott Osterfeld – a la Jeff Foxworthy's "You might be a redneck," shtick - lists 19 statements that may indicate if you live in a group home!

You may live in a group home if . . .

You go bowling every Saturday.

You have your underwear counted at least once a year, and your initials marked in them with a black magic marker.

You have to plan a social activity in a week in advance.

You wear out-of-style clothes that are two sizes too big.

Every person you hang out with is paid to be with you.

*You ever said, "oh sh*t" and then been told "that's not appropriate."*

You ever wanted to go banking but your checkbook is locked up in the house manager's office.

You have ever taken a member of the opposite sex into your bedroom and were told to keep your door open.

You have ever been told you cannot watch your favorite TV show because your daily schedule says its time for you to work on goal number three.

You have ever gone out to a movie with your boyfriend/girlfriend and had it called an "outing" instead of a date.

You ever asserted yourself by saying, "No, I don't want to do that right now," and have been accused of being non-compliant.

The day you moved into your new place and were given a 35 page manual describing rules and regulations for living there.

You ever wanted to spend some time alone in your room but couldn't because it was time for your "peer interaction" goal.

You are in a job you don't like but can't get another one because you are one of those difficult people to place.

You've ever gotten up late for work and missed your bus because you were told you're not leaving this house until your bed is made.

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You might live in a group home if… *continued from page 1*

You've ever gotten a midnight craving for a snack but have been told the kitchen is closed.

You are 55-years old and you have to ask a recent high school graduate if it is okay to go outside.

You have ever been put on a coffee restriction.

You live with eight or more people not related to you and people not of your choosing.

Mr. Osterfeld's list is sad, but true.

When group homes became part of the mainstream service delivery model in the 1970s, they were considered progressive and cutting edge when compared to the living conditions of large state institutions. Over time, however, bureaucracy began to intrude, attempting to control the routines and rhythms of daily lives in these homes. As a result, deviations and devaluing activities were accepted.

Today these devaluing activities have evolved into the above list.

The latest technology to shape the service delivery system is called remote monitoring. I was recently in a conversation with a person who works in the developmental disabilities arena and he was stating the many benefits of this technology.

One was documentation of the activities of the individual in their home, which was more than an on-site staff could ever do. The monitor of the camera apparently had no other duties other than to document the person's activities.

How many of us would want to live in a home where our every move was monitored electronically and documented?

People with disabilities have long been segregated, isolated and rejected by society. This has been true even for those who live in the community. Many of us know individuals whose only contact is with paid staff - day after day.

Remote monitoring has a place to enhance the support system for the persons with disabilities. However, as we have repeatingly seen with technology and service support systems, they become perverted and used to isolate and segregate people who have been devalued by society.

As state and local budgets continue to shrink and remote monitoring is considered as a cost-cutting measure, safeguards need to be established, such as those for behavior support programs with positive culture guidelines, to ensure the technology is not abused and simply utilized as a staff convenience.

These guidelines shall ensure remote monitoring does not take the place of the supports needed to connect a person to their community, where meaningful relationships take place. It should be used in addition to these, an add-on, if you will.

It should never be promoted as a solution for individual budget reductions. Regardless of a person's mental or physical disability, or age, we never lose the desire for presence and touch of another human being.

I want to believe in 10 years no one will be making a list that begins, "You may have remote monitoring if:"

You are over your DDP funding range.

After going to the bathroom a voice comes out of the wall and commands, "Lee; you will need to place the toilet seat down in two minutes or you will lose your outing."

"Celebrate the Fire Within"
2010 Annual Conference
September 20 and 21, 2010

Nick Scott and friends at the dance

Christine Brown accepts an award from Sharon Travis

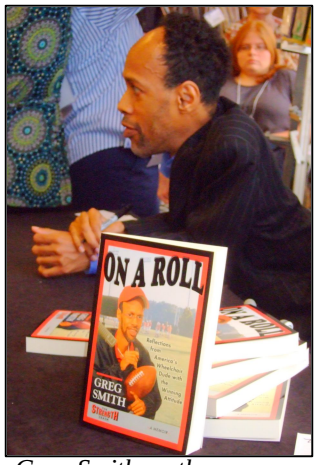
Attendees share their thoughts about the new proposed SELF Waiver

Ohio Partners In Policymaking Annual Gathering—from a graduate's perspective

Diana Lynn Mairose, 2006 Graduate, Cincinnati

Each Fall, it's like a class reunion or a family get together in Columbus for the graduates of the Ohio Partners In Policymaking (PIP) program…..a weekend I always look forward to! I am a graduate of the Class of 2006, which was coordinated by ELP Consulting and hosted by Hamilton County DD Services (which is also where I work!). This year for the first time, I am honored to serve with Essie Pederson (fellow OSDA Board Member) as the Co-Statewide Coordinator of Ohio PIP. I am following in the footsteps of my dear friend, colleague and mentor Linda Kunick who had to resign this position when she was appointed to the Ohio DD Council, the organization that provides the funding for Partners.

Partners is a national advocacy training program designed for adults who have a disability working together with parents who have a young child with a disability. The model is to meet one weekend for six months, which really gives the group the time to get to know one another and work effectively. One of the major things I learned from the Partners session on Employment was not all jobs are not listed in the paper or on-line. You can seek out a job you want by going to the place you want to work and meet with the person who does the hiring – which is exactly what I did when I met with Cheryl Phipps, Superintendent of Hamilton County DD Services. I can tell you first hand this idea does work!



Greg Smith, author

On Friday, October 8th, 120 Partners graduates and family members met for the 2010 Annual Gathering to hear the inspiring words and wisdom of Greg Smith, author of the book and radio show called *"On A Roll."* He was a fantastic speaker! Saturday's Keynote was Emily Perl Kinsley, who has been a writer for the show, *Sesame Street*, for many years. She showed slides of her son Jason, with whom I went to school with in New York State, when he was very young and a guest on Sesame Street! Jason also authored a book with our friend and former Cincinnatian; Mitchell Levitz called *"Count Us In!"* In addition to these two great keynotes we had many, breakout sessions, most of which were by Partners graduates talking about the great work they are doing in their communities across Ohio.

This year the theme of the Gathering included making a time capsule that will be kept at the Ohio DD Council offices in Columbus and opened in five years. Many of the activities of the weekend included what goals and dreams people have for the next five years and how they would like to see things change for the better by the year 2015. It will be fun in five years to open up the time capsule and see what has come true!

Vision 2015 Time Capsule

As you can probably tell by now, I really like Partners and I think you might too – you should check it out if it is offered at a time and place that meets your schedule. It is a great way to meet people and learn from good speakers and presenters – as I always say: "It's all about relationships!"

"Celebrate the Fire Within"…. *Continued from page 2*

Left—Participants share ideas during "What's in a Name" session

Right—Clyde Yoder assists Sue Thomas during her presentation

2010 ESDY and Other Award Winners

Jeff Stacklin, Richland Co, Service Award

I have never spoken to Jeff Stacklin on the phone or in person. I have only communicated via email. I would not even know Jeff if he sat beside me or bumped into me.

Matter-of-fact, my knowledge of Jeff Stacklin is pretty thin; but I know he is worthy of an award because the work he does for self-determination truly impacts the world.

You may not know Jeff either, but I am sure you are familiar with what he does. If you have ever logged on to the OSDA's web site, than you are familiar with Jeff's work because he maintains the organization's web site, something Jeff has done since 2007.

Jeff graciously manages the site at no cost to the organization but it does cost him. In addition to overseeing OSDA's site, Jeff is a Computer Programmer and Trainer for Richland County Board of DD. Jeff has shared his technology expertise with Richland County for nine years. Some of his fellow-staff members say they are not surprised by Jeff's willingness to take-on OSDA's site or his high work ethic.

Jeff is truly a gem and an asset to the OSDA. When material is given to him for the website, his turn-around time to getting it posted is almost immediate. When asked computer logistic questions, he answers patiently and in a way that is easily understood.

Jeff provides a unique window to the world of self-determination. Fortunately, for the OSDA, he treats his professional and his volunteer work with the upmost respect and pride, and as a result, self determination continues to make strides not only in the state of Ohio, but in the world as well.

Brad Whitmoyer, Delaware Co, ESDY Award

Brad Whitmoyer is a problem solver. He loves the challenge of complex problems that have stumped everyone else. If, when presented with a problem, his brow furloughs and he becomes focused, this is a problem he has not encountered before. He will not offer off handed solutions but within a very short time he will have researched the problem and presented one or more workable solutions.

More often, when you are half way through presenting the problem, he starts with a devilish grin and you realize he has already figured out the solution and he is able to implement it in half the time you expect it would take. He has become so experienced in solving problems and confident in his knowledge and skills that he has proudly accepted the title of "Arrogant Bastard."

Brad has spent his life solving the challenges he faced caused by his Cerebral Palsy. The greatest barrier was low expectations by others. By the time he was a junior at Buckeye Valley High School he was recognized for his academic skills and was asked to train teachers on how to work with students with disabilities, especially related to the application of technology. He also worked with the Prentke Romich Company, testing and debugging communication devices and he began his own business developing websites for local businesses.

After high school, he attended the Ohio State University and has grown his website development business. Today he has developed and manages 30 websites including the Delaware County Board of DD. Please visit the website at www.dcbded.org and to to "Media Center" then to "Videos" and watch the video of Brad skydiving.

The truth is, Brad is not arrogant. He is just that good.

Robert R. Morgan,
Superintendent

Mike Riggle, Erie Co, ESDY Award

My nominee is Mike Riggle who has lived independently in Huron for 15 years. Mike is 44-years old, a high school graduate, and he attended the Vision Center in Columbus for life skills training. Over the years, Mike has worked in the community at Enderles Food Market, Berardi's Restaurant, an enclave at Glidden through Double S Industries, and presently he is working at Goodwill Industries four hours a week.

Mike's varied activities include Member of State Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) for RSC for six years and received the CAC Member of the Year Award in 2003. He is a member of the Employee Advisory Committee at Double S, member of the Erie County Self Determination Group, board member for People First of Ohio, and active in the ARC Men's Group in Erie County.

Mike volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity Restore and in 2008 received the Special Service Award. He was a volunteer for the PALS program at Betty Rinderle. In 2010, Mike was awarded a Proclamation from the City of Huron honoring him for "his continuing commitment, contribution and civic spirit to the community". When it snows, Mike, voluntarily, goes around town and shovels the intersections and sidewalks so walkers can navigate safely to places like the doctors, post office, and bank.

Many folk in Huron know Mike and know of his efforts to be a productive citizen of his community. He has established a relationship with City Hall and various Department Supervisors and lets them know the needs of folk who must use sidewalks and accessible access situations.

At Double S Industries, Mike is a great help in his module. He always has suggestions for activities and he helps his Supervisor whenever he is needed. These activities earned him Employee of the Month in February, 2010.

He is an active member of the Firelands Postcard Club and the Nickle Plate Historical and Technical Society as well. Mike has several interests and he has been involved in presentations at the Huron Public Library and at Club meetings. Mike is an avid train rider, history buff, and loves to travel. He shares his love of history and travel with friends in the community and at the Workshop and Goodwill.

Special Olympic is very important to Mike. In addition to bowling, he plays bocce ball, participates in basketball skills and cheers fellow Olympians to success. Many friendships are the results of the competitions he participates in. Mike views his success by the old friends he runs into at competition.

Mike also visits legislators in Columbus and local elected officials. He has volunteered in the campaigns of candidates.

Mike uses assistive devices to be independent and then uses his experiences with these devices to work with folk who have vision problems. Many people do not know what is available to them, how to purchase the technology, and how to use assistive technology. Mike is able to demonstrate how to use and access these devices.

Mike is my son. I learn something from him each day. He is a joy to talk with and to learn about his life. Mike leads by example and he is a success and an achiever. He is a believer in self-determination and independence and he is always advocating to others to speak up for themselves. Please consider this fine young man for an ESDY Award.

Cindy Carpenter, Butler Co, ESDY Award

I am writing you for the purpose of nominating Cindy Carpenter for an OSDA ESDY Award. I have worked for Cindy for more than a year in my role with the Butler County Clerk of Courts. In the workplace, she has been an advocate for hiring people with disabilities not just in “made up” jobs but the same jobs as individuals without the challenges that each of us face. It is from this observation that I nominated her for “Employer of the Year,” which she received from the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

In her personal life, Cindy has a daughter with developmental disabilities and has nurtured her through home health care as opposed to placing her in an institution. From this she has a great deal of knowledge of the challenges each of the individuals face, as well as the support people.

It is for these reasons, I am nominating, Cindy Carpenter for this year’s award. .

James R. Henrie

Brady Sellet, Hamilton Co, ESDY Award

Brady's advocacy efforts have been far-reaching and long-lasting. He is above and beyond a shining example of a person with disabilities determined to advocate on behalf of, with, and for his many fellow citizens in Ohio and beyond who have disabilities.

A native of Cincinnati, Brady was born 33 years ago with Spina Bifida. He attended Cincinnati Public Schools and is a proud graduate of the prestigious Elder High School on the west side. Brady also attended Wright State University in Fairborn, Ohio.

For the past seven years, he has served as Self-Advocacy Coordinator at the world-renowned Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, in the department of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics.

In 2009, he served as president on the board of directors for the Spina Bifida Association of Greater Cincinnati. Brady's presidency was hugely significant, because, believe it or not, he was the first president of that board who actually has Spina Bifida.

Children's is a place he is intimately familiar with, as it is where he entered the world and subsequently spent many hours as a patient, client, student, volunteer, and now, part of the paid professional staff. He frequently talks with local school children, law enforcement officers, agency providers, board staff, and various community groups to increase awareness and understanding of individuals with disabilities.

Brady has been active in various community efforts to improve transportation for individuals with disabilities in Hamilton County, working to provide affordable, accessible and reliable transportation for all. As a customer, Brady has spoken at numerous public hearings.

He has also served as a coordinator of "*Learning for Life*," which provides adult education for people with disabilities in Hamilton County. As an active member of Leaders in Action, self advocates associated with Hamilton County DD Services, he was one of seven founding members of the Advocacy Leadership Network (ALN), which oversees Leaders in Action.

As an ALN member, he uses his considerable charm, calm presence and articulate speaking manner to present at in-services, conferences, trainings, and to community groups. He was instrumental in 2009 in supporting Hamilton County DD Services' levy campaign as a speaker and fundraiser. Also in 2009, he was instrumental in implementing and communicating the agency's comprehensive strategic plan that he helped develop by leading café conversations.

Brady has represented Children's Hospital on the county-wide Community Ambassadors Resource Alliance (CARA), a non-profit organization of agencies serving people with disabilities that exists to raise awareness and funds for various causes.

In addition, he still serves on the Greater Cincinnati Spina Bifida Association Board and has been a delegate at the last several national conferences. He is active at the national level, working with the emerging young leaders program.

On a state level, Brady is a founding board member of the Ohio Alliance for Direct Support Professionals. He has been active with the Ohio PATHS Program, a credentialing program for direct support professionals, as the only person with a developmental disability directly involved in the start-up of this effort in the entire state of Ohio.

Besides all of the above, Brady has also found time to be active with The ARC of Hamilton County, and the Inclusion Network.

Brady Sellet is an exemplary leader and role model for advocates, and is one of the most worthy candidate for an esteemed ESDY award.

OSDA Board members completing their terms were also recognized.

Christine Brown 2004—2010

Ann Plassenthal 2001—2010

David Carr 2004-2010

Glenda Miles 2005-2010

Fatica Ayers, Franklin Co, Steve Cooley Award

Fatica Diana Ayers is currently a Policy Analyst for the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council (ODDC). She staffs the Community Living Committee on Council and is the Planning Coordinator for the federal mandated state plan.

Ms. Ayers has provided social service in the developmental disabilities field for well over 26 years and has been with the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council for 22 years.

Ms. Ayers is an advocate for people with disabilities, who demonstrates a strong voice for her love and passion as an employee of the ODDC. Ms. Ayers often expresses that "the ODDC is the best kept secret."

Steve Cooley

Ms. Ayers has a Masters degree in General Administration from Central Michigan University, and a Bachelors degree in Communications from the Ohio State University. Ms. Ayers has served on various committees, councils, and advocacy groups representing people with disabilities on a statewide basis.

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Tyson Gentry shares a story during his presentation

Attendees talk about their favorite name for the new proposed SELF Waiver

Nick Scott gathers with attendees at the dance

Dave Leedy talks with a participant during the closing session

What's in a Name? History was made!

What's in a name? Ask anyone who took part in naming the proposed Medicaid waiver at the 2010 OSDA conference in September. The Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) invited OSDA to **"NAME"** the new, flexible supports, Medicaid waiver for individuals with developmental disabilities that is being proposed.

Several educational methods were used to make sure everyone at the conference learned about the unique features of the new waiver before selecting the best name. A fact sheet was shared with each conference participant. Deputy Directors of DODD, Patrick Stephan and Patrick Lanahan, along with Christina Miller gave a detailed presentation about the waiver's features and services.

On day two of the conference, Ohio Leaders from Project STIR performed a skit that took place in a coffee shop. Individuals, Paula, Seneca County, and Carly, Erie County, discussed with their support broker many things they had heard about the new waiver – like how a support broker was different from a SSA and how both had important roles in the new waiver; and how a fiscal intermediary can support a self advocate being the employer of staff and to manage a budget.

Mixed with the learning was a democratic process that included all participants at the conference. Late on day one of the conference, OSDA Board member, Jeanne Stuntz, facilitated the entire audience of 250 plus people calling out names that were descriptive of what had been learned. All 167 names were captured on wall post-its and posted outside the conference room so they could be reviewed and thought about until the next day

Around noon on day two, it was time! Director John Martin kicked off the naming session with some wise words about things people consider before naming something, like a new baby or an organization. He talked about the importance of acronyms that would come from the name and the "message" that a name can carry. He asked the audience to think about all these things as they continued through the process to find the perfect name for the new waiver.

By now, the 167 names were listed alphabetically on new wall post-its and were on the wall in the front of the conference hall. Everyone was given one colored dot (with a sticky back) and was asked to place it on their favorite name. As you may have already guessed, the dots clustered around twelve or so of the names that had become the most popular since the day before. All the names were great – names like the Buckeye Waiver, the COOL Waiver (Controlling our own lives) – just to mention a couple.

Now it was time for some serious thought! The audience separated in to small groups and selected from the smaller list of about 12, the name they thought was the best and identified why that name was the best. Each group was given an opportunity to present their selected name and arguments for it to everyone.

After listening carefully, it was time for action! This time everyone was given two sticky dots – one red for first place and one another color for runner up. Row after row of conference participants filed across the front of the room placing their two dots on their first and second choices. Right before our very eyes, the name for the new waiver began to emerge. Though the dots were scattered across many of the options, it soon became clear the COOL Waiver and the SELF Waiver were coming out on top! And……then – it was done. The last person placed their dots ……

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What's in a Name? *continued from page 8*

History was made, as conference participants selected the "name" - **SELF Waiver – Self Empowered Life Funding.** For the first time ever in Ohio's history, a Medicaid Waiver was named through a grass roots effort of individuals with disabilities, family members, professionals and others – not just by a government agency!

So what is SELF Waiver all about? The waiver design, currently with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), is very different from what exists today in Ohio's system for developmental disabilities. The proposed design components of the waiver, if approved, **will provide self-advocates and their families the opportunity for greater control** over the design of their service plan, **choice** of their services and **choice** of their providers, along with a **strong system of supports** to make responsible, knowledgeable decisions about their lives.

The SELF Waiver includes:

"Participant Directed Services" – Waiver services that are participant directed and give the individual with disabilities (or family) the authority to shape those services in ways that are unique to that individual's interests, talents, and preferences. The definitions proposed for these services are broad, rather than restrictive, so the individual can use resources that are also available to the general community. The waiver offers assistance to the participant and family to find the resources for uniquely designed services through an independent support broker.

"Independent Support Broker" – The waiver greatly enhances the creativity of designing a uniquely, individual service plan by combining the knowledge of service and support administrators (SSAs), who are part of the local systems of county boards of developmental disabilities, with a personally selected, independent support broker – a person who has knowledge related to the specific interests, needs and talents of the person with disability and who can connect with people, settings, groups, businesses and other community resources to support the ISP.

Self-advocates and/or their families may be able to choose a friend, family member or any other person to help them develop the service plan (ISP), find community experiences, including employment, that support the interests and talents of the individual and advocate for the specific interests of the individual while navigating the processes to access multiple resources that may be needed, including working closely with SSAs.

"Employer Authority" – With employer authority, waiver participants can hire, fire, supervise and direct their own workers and assume employer responsibilities. The waiver provides support to the participant from an agency that provides financial management services (FMS). The FMS can work with the State to keep track of the individual's budget, process payroll, withhold appropriate taxes and assure appropriate certification and training for independent providers.

"Budget Authority within Limits" - The individual budget for persons 18 and older is $40,000 and $25,000 for those younger, and the budget covers ALL waiver services. For adults, the budget authority for in-home supports under the combined services of Community Inclusion, Respite and Remote Monitoring is limited to no more than $25,000. No more than $8,000 can be directed toward assistance from an independent support broker and no more than $1,500 for Functional Behavioral Assessment. Having budget authority for all services means the person with disabilities (or family) may direct use of their funding to support employment, or a combination of services. The proposed budgets for children and for adults are reasonable, yet recognize the fiscal constraints faced by the disability system in Ohio.

"Celebrate the Fire Within" ... *continued from page 8*

Ruben Garcia (far right) and his group share their favorite name for the new proposed SELF Waiver

Project STIR Training!!
Coming in January 2011
SAVE THE DATE!! *Sign Up Now!!!*

Steps To Independence & Responsibility

Training for self advocates designed to provide the tools to advocate for yourself, connect with others in advocacy and gain leadership experience

WHEN: *Starts* - January 24, 2011, at 1:00 / *Ends* - January 27, 2011 at 12:00

WHERE: Mohican State Park, 3116 State Route 3, Loudonville, Ohio 44842 - Menu & Prices under Dining on website www.mohicanstateparklodge.com

HOW: Project STIR is a "train the trainer" approach that includes small work group activities, role play, and presentations

WHO: The Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) is looking for 25 individuals with a disability who have family, staff or ally to support you during the training. Agencies are also required to commit to providing staff support to assist individuals with local advocacy initiatives when they return home from the training.

DETAILS:

- **Participant "all inclusive" Fee = $415** (Covers person supporting the participant, hotel for 3 nights, breakfast, lunch and snack on days 2 & 3 – breakfast and snack on day 4 – Dinner each evening is "on your own"). Participants receive a training certificate & materials to develop a personal portfolio
- In the past, organizations sponsored local individuals for this training. Again, OSDA is hoping for this support.
- **QUESTIONS:** Contact: Dana Charlton 614/563-0788 or dcharlto@columbus.rr.com; Lew Hurst 419/447-7521 or lhurst@senecadd.org or Nancy Richards 419/898-8264 or nrichards@clearwatercog.org

Project STIR Registration (Deadline is December 22, 2010):

Please complete a registration for each attendee:

Participant Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (___) _____ Email _____

Name of Roommate _____

SUPPORT PERSON NAME_____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (___) _____ Email _____

Name of Roommate _____

Make checks payable or send Purchase Order to Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA), 705-D Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Worthington, Ohio 43085 or Fax to 614/846-5530

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OSDA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To become an OSDA member or to renew your membership, please complete the following form and mail it along with your payment to: OSDA, 705-D Lakeview Plaza Blvd., Worthington OH 43085. Make checks payable to OSDA.

Please select which type of membership you are joining and fill out the bottom portion of this form:

❑ **Organizational ($600)**

This membership is designed to cover all staff within the organization.

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name:_____

❑ **Professional ($50)**

This membership is for a professional, such as an independent provider.

Professional Name:_____

❑ **Family ($25)**

This membership is for a family member of an individual with developmental disabilities.

Family Member Name:_____

❑ **Individual ($10)**

This membership is for an individual Self Advocate.

Individual's Name_____

❑ **Family/Self Advocacy Group: $1.00 per member $ _____**(number of members X $1.00)

This membership is designed for Advocacy groups.

Name of Advocacy Group:_____

Contact Name:_____

Please complete information below:

Street Address:_____ County:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

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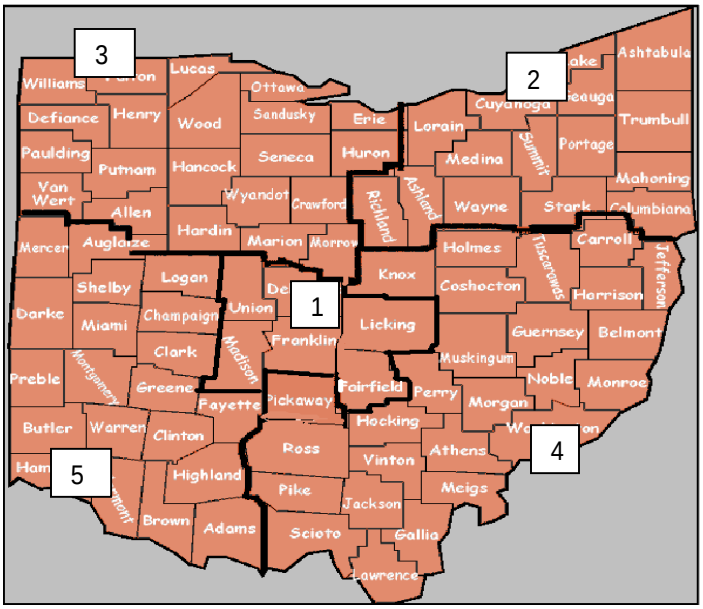
Ohio Self Determination Association Regional Meeting Information



1- Central Region

Regional Representative: Christine Brown
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2 - Northeast Region

3 - Northwest Region

- Meets the last Tuesday of every other month

Regional Representative: Cynthia Morrison
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4 - Southeast Region

Regional Representative: Christine Brown
614-529-8214 christi628@sbcglobal.net

5 - Southwest Region

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The OSDA Board meets on the fourth Friday of every month at the Delaware County Board, 10:30am to 2:30pm. Meetings are open.

For more information about OSDA go to the website at www.ohiosda.org or email at osda@ohiosda.org.

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