

The County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CBDD)	State Support Team Region 1 (SSTR1)	Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence disabilities (OCALI)
<p>Contact Info: Find your county board location at: https://doddportal.dodd.ohio.gov/INF/additionalservices/cnt/Pages/default.aspx</p> <p>Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities: http://dodd.ohio.gov/</p>	<p>Contact Info: http://www.sstr1.org/</p> <p>419-720-8999 1-800-346-8495</p>	<p>Contact Info: www.ocali.org</p> <p>1-866-886-2254</p>
<p>What they do:</p> <p>Local branch of the state agency that administers and oversees services for individuals who have a diagnosed developmental disability (DD) (including Autism Spectrum Disorder) who qualify based on an eligibility evaluation.</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Provides support to educators, parents, and families in 13 northwest Ohio counties in the focus areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school improvement • special education compliance • postsecondary transition • early learning & school readiness • parent and family involvement <p>Additional information about transition: Go to: www.SSTR1.org → Education Topics → Postsecondary Transition</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Online support via OCALI: <i>Lifespan Transitions Center</i> http://www.ocali.org/center/transitions offers resources, training, technical assistance, and consultation to support the successful transition of individuals with autism and multiple disabilities throughout their school careers and into their adult lives. Resources address community living and employment.</p> <p>The online <i>Transition to Adulthood Guidelines</i> contain information about school aged programming, IEP transition components, age-appropriate transition assessments, and employment for individuals with autism, including customized employment.</p> <p>Transitions webcasts and online Autism Internet Modules (AIM) http://www.autisminternetmodules.org/ offer tutorials in evidence-based practices in autism. Modules of interest include Customized employment, Preparing Individuals for Employment, Self-Management, Social Supports for Transition-Aged Individuals, The Employee with Autism, Video Modeling.</p> <p>OCALI also offers a free lending library for residents of Ohio.</p>

<p>Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)</p> <p>(formerly known as the Rehabilitation Services Commission – RSC)</p>	<p>Social Security Agency (SSA)</p>	<p>Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)</p>
<p>Contact Info: http://www.ood.ohio.gov/</p>	<p>Contact Info: http://www.ssa.gov/</p>	<p>Contact Info:</p>
<p>What they do:</p> <p>State agency that helps Ohioans with disabilities find employment through two different bureaus :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) • Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) <p>This agency also makes determinations on Social Security disability.</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Federal agency provides benefits to individuals of limited means who are unable to work due to disability.</p> <p>Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program pays benefits to children and adults who meet the criteria for their disability and who have limited income and resources.</p> <p>Income eligibility for children under 18 is based on family income.</p> <p>Disability criteria is based on the extent of the child’s functional limitations.</p> <p>Additional information/tips: The Bluebook Criteria (the guidelines that workers use to determine eligibility for children with autism) can be found in: Section 112.10 http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/112.00-MentalDisorders-Childhood.htm .</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Program pays benefits if you have worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. An adult with a disability may qualify for benefits based on his parent's Social Security record if the parent is retired or deceased. The adult child must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22 and meets the definition of disability for adults.</p> <p>Criteria is based on limits to the individual’s lack of ability to work with the same pace, persistence, and concentration as typical workers.</p> <p>The Bluebook Criteria (the guidelines that workers use to determine eligibility for adults with autism) can be found in: Section 12.10 at http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/12.00-MentalDisorders-Adult.htm .</p> <p>Additional information/tips: After age 18, income eligibility is based solely on the adult child’s income and resources. Note that if the individual is living with parents, they will receive a higher amount if they have a signed lease with parents requiring them to pay rent for their room and board. A standard lease agreement form can be found by searching for “Ohio Residential Lease Agreement” online. Applications for SSI need to be done in person. Begin gathering needed documentation the year your child turns 18 and apply right before your child’s 18th birthday.</p>

Autism Society of Northwest Ohio	Toledo Area Regional Transportation Authority (TARTA)	County Department of Jobs and Family Services CDJFS	Camp Courageous and the Arc of NW Ohio, Inc.
<p>Contact Info : www.asno.org 419-578-2766</p>	<p>Contact Info: http://tarta.com/services/tarps/ 419-382-9901, Option2</p>	<p>Contact Info: Lucas County office: 419-213-8999 www.lucasjfs.org Find your county office at: http://jfs.ohio.gov/County/County_Directory.stm</p>	<p>Contact Info: Arc: 419-882-0941 http://arclucas.org/ Camp Courageous: 419-875-6828 http://campcourageous.com/</p>
<p>What they do:</p> <p>Offers support, education, and advocacy to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families, and the professionals who support them across the lifespan in 12 northwest Ohio Counties.</p> <p>Provides information about autism and related topics; referrals to autism specific and "autism-friendly" community resources; educational workshops; support for families, <i>Sibshops</i>; a monthly social/activities group for 20 and 30 something adults; an extended school year academic program for children 3 -22; family events; presentations to professional and community groups; legislative and community advocacy on behalf of individuals and families affected by autism; activities to increase public awareness; annual <i>Lace It, Face It</i> Autism Awareness walk; website which lists our programs and autism community events; Facebook; and e-newsletters.</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Offers public transportation and paratransit service called TARPS (Toledo Area Regional Paratransit Service) for riders with special needs.</p> <p>Can fill out application online or call for application.</p> <p>Travel Training is available to people who do not qualify for TARPS or for people who do qualify but want to learn the fixed route system.</p> <p>Webpage contains TARPS/ADA Rider Guide, TARPS Application, Policy Manual, and Travel Training Referral.</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>Provides access to Medicaid (healthcare for low-income residents), energy assistance (programs to help low-income residents with energy needs), food and cash assistance (food stamps and cash aid for low-income residents), employment and training.</p> <p>Must be an Ohio resident and US Citizen, have a Social Security number, meet income guidelines, and for individuals with a disability, be deemed disabled under the Social Security rules.</p> <p>Additional Information/Tips: If you have a diagnosis but are not deemed by SSA, you may still be eligible if you are an adult up to age 64 and live at or below 138% of Federal Poverty Level.</p> <p>To enroll: Go to your county office Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm or apply online https://odjfsbenefits.ohio.gov/SelfServiceSplash.jsf?lang</p>	<p>What they do:</p> <p>The ARC provides individuals and family members living with an intellectual (ID) or developmental disability (DD) in Lucas County access to the information, advocacy, and skills they need to participate as active members of our community.</p> <p>Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Next Life Skills classes to help teens and young adults transition to adult life and learn and improve communication and social skills • People First: a self-advocacy group for adults with ID or DD • information and referral • family support <p>Camp Courageous runs outdoor recreational experiences including day and residential camps.</p>