



**FIRST QUARTER 2021**

**WELCOME!**

Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to collaborate with a number of community entities to improve health, safety and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities within our community. We provide support for infants, children, and adults with developmental disabilities in Putnam County.

**NEWS & UPDATES**

The PCBDD would like to thank all of those who have been helping serve during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thank you to Direct Support Professionals for your care and support for individuals with developmental disabilities. Your hard work and dedication are greatly appreciated!

Throughout COVID-19, our developmental specialist and service coordinators have been working hard to continue assisting children birth through age 3.

During COVID-19, we have been assisting individuals we work with by helping them find ways to keep busy and to continue being happy and healthy even with the ongoing pandemic.

While COVID-19 has been present in our daily lives, individuals have kept a positive attitude and have been looking at the light at the end of the tunnel.

We've assisted in the health and safety of those we serve during these stressful times.

**TO OUR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

We cannot thank our providers and Direct Support Professionals enough. They are the ones working round the clock - in homes and day programs - to keep people with developmental disabilities safe, happy, and healthy. We have been in constant contact with providers, helping them in any way we can. If you are a provider and there is a way we can help you, please let us know.

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*Our Mission*

*"To assist and support individual choices in social, emotional and economic growth by providing the highest quality services through a team approach."*

**Address:**

124 Putnam Parkway  
Ottawa, OH 45875

**Hours:**

Monday – Friday  
8:00am – 4:00pm

## OUR SERVICES: INTRODUCTION

### A SERIES OF ARTICLES DESCRIBING WHAT WE DO AND HOW WE SERVE THE COMMUNITY

We provide a full range of services for infants, children, teenagers, adults, and elderly with developmental disabilities in Putnam County. Putnam County Board of DD also assists in connecting individuals to other organizations in our community with the goal of fostering skills, providing independence, and helping individuals reach their goals.

Our goal is to support individuals. We assist in employment readiness, residential services, early intervention for infants and toddlers, help connect people to transportation, and more. Putnam County Board of DD is proud to collaborate with a number of community entities so we can serve individuals within our community.

This section will go into more detail about the services we offer, including Early Intervention, Youth & Transition, and Service and Support Administration. Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming newsletters!

## PEOPLE FIRST NEWS AND UPDATES

### PEOPLE FIRST MEETING NEWS

Hello fellow advocates! We want to let you know of some important dates coming up.

On January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be having our next big People First meeting. At this point in time this will be through Zoom still.

If you would like to join our meeting the information is included below.

Date: January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Time: 5:00 PM

Meeting ID: 922 1216 0847

Meeting Password: 580237

### PEOPLE FIRST UPDATES

During the holiday season, People First of Putnam County chose to support those in need and donated \$500 to go towards those who could utilize it during these tough times.

Thank you to all of those who joined us for our December meeting in playing Bingo! We had a wonderful turnout.

Due to COVID-19 we were unable to hold elections for officers last spring. We will be looking into ways for everyone to vote so that we can have our officer elections this spring. Keep your eyes peeled for any updates regarding these elections!

KNAP Sack will continue to be on the third Wednesday of each month. The following dates are the upcoming food distribution dates:

January 20<sup>th</sup>, February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>.

***Please contact the People First Advisors Christine Leathem or Morgan Schimpf for any questions you may have!***

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## QUARTERLY EVENTS

**CHECK OUT THE EVENT CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES OR UPDATES TO SCHEDULED EVENTS**

- January 12- Board Meeting
- January 20- People First Zoom Meeting
- February 9- Board Meeting
- March 9- Board Meeting
- March 17- People First Zoom Meeting



## NATIONAL AWARENESS MONTH MENTIONS

- **January**
  - National Blood Donor Month
  - Cervical Cancer Awareness
- **February**
  - American Heart Month
- **March**
  - American Red Cross Month
  - Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month
  - Daylight Savings ends March 14- Spring Forward



## CONNECT WITH US:

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### SSA Manager

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## WE BELIEVE IN

- Person Centered Planning ●
- Community Inclusion ●
- Integrity ●
- Excellence ●
- Good Life Practices ●
- Collaboration ●

Visit our website for more information

<https://putnamcountydd.com>