

## People First Ch. 70

### LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS

#### PEOPLE FIRST MEETING MARCH 17

At our meeting on 3/17/22 we were able to have our People First meeting and had a speaker come in.

Katlin\_Shuherk, Prevention Coordinator with Crime Victim Services came to speak. She was able to share with us different ways to stay safe online.

#### DD AWARENESS MONTH

The Putnam County Commissioners met with self-advocates from the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities People First chapter and a family receiving Early Intervention services. The Commissioners signed the Proclamation for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month March 1, 2022 – March 31, 2022. This is a celebration of people with special needs. Putnam County has chosen "WE ARE JUST LIKE YOU" as our theme for 2022 Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month.



The Putnam County Board of DD along with the Commissioners encourage all citizens to foster and support opportunities for persons with disabilities that include having a job, being members of our church, clubs and organizations, having families that love us, having a voice and advocating for ourselves, having hopes and dreams, and being valued members of our community, just like you; we urge all citizens to join in this celebration of people with special needs who do many of the same things people without special needs can do, and by celebrating these strong and resilient individuals!

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This year, we were able to donate books to the local elementary schools. The book chosen was "Some People are Blind".

## DECEMBER MEETING AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

We had a wonderful turn out for our annual Christmas Party. Many got to participate in both Bingo and a gift exchange and it seemed to go well!



## SPRING DANCE

This spring we are able to have a dance again!! Come join the fun as we begin to have more events and activities in person! 😊

**DATE:** FRIDAY, MAY 6TH, 2022

**Time:** 6:00PM-9:00PM

**Location:** Leipsic Community Center

120 E Main St, Leipsic, OH 45856

There will be a cover charge of \$3 for the Spring Dance.

Please note this is open to the public and anyone is welcome to come join in on the fun!

We will have a DJ, snacks and drinks available!

## KNAP SAC DONATION



People First was able to give a nice donation to Knap Sack this year of \$300.

Knap Sack continues to happen the third Wednesday of each month. April 20th and May 18th will be the next dates for Knap Sack. This is held from 2pm-4pm at the Putnam County ESC parking lot. If you wish to receive the food distribution please note that you must have a photo ID and proof of residency to be served; and they need to have new proxy forms completed, beginning every September, even if one has been completed in the past. The person must come in person the first time, with their ID and proof of residency. If we receive any changes or additions we will make sure to inform everyone.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

People First Meeting

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Knap Sack distribution

MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

People First Dance

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

Knap Sack Distribution

## OTHER INFORMATION

### PEOPLE FIRST OF OHIO

The statewide chapter has a Zoom meeting every first Friday of each month at 10am for their People First of Ohio Monthly Chat. To join this Zoom meeting use the link below.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83296748510>

### ADVOCACY WEDNESDAY'S WITH OSDA

Each week, OSDA has a zoom meeting. OSDA is Partnering with We Thrive Together EVERY Wednesday at 11am to talk Advocacy! Looking for leadership opportunities for members of the advocacy group in your county or region? Create an opportunity for disability experts (people who live with a disability)! The schedule of sessions will be announced via OSDA's Facebook Page. There is no need to sign up. Come one, come all! You can use the link below for each session.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010396858>

Meeting ID: 801 039 6858

### WE THRIVE TOGETHER

We Thrive Together has free virtual programming funded through the Directions Home of Eastern OH. Programming is available for senior citizens and adults with developmental disabilities throughout Ohio. The programming includes games, educational content, social events and more. Sessions are on zoom and are conducted by the team at We Thrive Together. Individuals and groups can sign up for the sessions using the website here <https://wethrivetogether.org/> . We've also included their calendar below for December.