

## FOURTH QUARTER 2022

### WELCOME!

Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities is proud to collaborate with a number of local 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 and offer a full range of services throughout all the stages of their lives.

## NEWS & UPDATES

### People First Annual Summer Picnic with Food and Fun!

People First advocates gathered for food and fun during their annual summer picnic that was hosted at the Putnam County ESC in August. There was a great turnout of attendees! Thank you to everyone who attended!



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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.”

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# PEOPLE FIRST NEWS AND UPDATES

## PEOPLE FIRST UPDATES

Hello fellow advocates! Our next big People First meeting details are listed below. Please check with a People First advisor for updates.

**Guest Speaker, Carries Hayes, will inform attendees about Technology First! There will also be a Pizza Party!**

**Date & Time:** October 20, 2022; 5-7:00pm.

**Location:** Putnam County ESC  
124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa

**PCBDD Event Calendar Link:**  
<https://putnamcountydd.com/calendar/>

## PEOPLE FIRST OFFICIAL LOGO!

People First of Putnam County is excited to announce they have an official logo to represent their self-advocacy group! Be on the lookout for T-shirt and Sweatshirt order forms to help support self-advocacy in our community!



## KNAP SACK UPDATES

KNAP Sack food distribution is on the third Wednesday of each month.

**Location:** Putnam County ESC  
124 Putnam Parkway, Ottawa, OH

**Time:** 2:00-4:00 pm (or until food is gone)

**Visit the following link for distribution updates:** [KNAP Sack Facebook Page](#)

## QUESTIONS? WE CAN HELP!

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## PEOPLE FIRST NEWS

### Synergy Fundraiser Contest Winner of Popcorn Sales

People First partnered up with Shirley's Popcorn once again to have a fundraiser event to help support their trip to the Synergy Conference with popcorn sales. People First Advisors spurred motivation by having a prize for the top seller of popcorn sales for the event. First Place was awarded to Seth Johnson, and Second Place was awarded to Jim & Lisa Burkhart! **Congratulations Winners!** A big thank you as well to everyone and their hard work to help fund the upcoming trip!



### People First Proudly Participate in the Pioneer Day Parade!

The rainy weather didn't keep members of People First from having fun and being a part of the 150th Pioneer Day Parade on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Kalida! Participants represent the importance of being a self-advocate by leading with a banner at the front of the group and handing out candy to parade viewers. Thank you for those who participated the Pioneer Parade to spread the word about self-advocacy!



## DATES & DETAILS

CHECK OUT THE EVENT CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY CHANGES OR UPDATES TO SCHEDULED EVENTS HERE: [HTTPS://PUTNAMCOUNTYDD.COM/CALENDAR/](https://putnamcountydd.com/calendar/)

- October 5-7: People First Synergy Conference
- October 11: Board Meeting
- October 20: People First Meeting with Guest Speaker and Pizza Party
- November 8: Board Meeting
- December 15: People First Christmas Party

*\*Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change.*



## OTHER NEWS

**School is back in session! That means fall and Halloween are coming around the corner. See the following safety tips and links to ensure a fun and enjoyable school and fall season!**



### SCHOOL SAFETY (Referenced from the National Safety Council)

- ✓ **Transportation Safety:** Know how to be safe while going to and from school. Types of transportation safety measures include Walking, Bike Riding, Bus Riding, Being Driven to School, and Teen Driving. Click on the "School Safety" headline above for details about each type of transportation.
- ✓ **Injury Prevention at School:** Choose a backpack carefully that fits your child's needs and is comfortable. While bumps and bruises will happen while your child uses the Playground or participates in Sports, you should never ignore a head injury. Click on the "School Safety" headline above for details about preventing injuries while at school and extracurricular events.

### AUTUMN SAFETY (Referenced from the National Safety Council)

- **Be prepared for seasonal illnesses:** Autumn is the start of flu season, and doctors recommended everyone 6 months and older gets vaccinated against the flu. [Learn more about flu prevention and the flu vaccine.](#)
- **Know the dangers and precautions to enjoy Halloween:** Halloween is a fun-filled time for children, but there are many dangers associated with the holiday unrelated to ghouls, goblins and witches. Parents need to take the necessary [Halloween safety precautions to make sure their children remain safe while still having fun.](#)
- **Brush up on driving safely as it gets darker:** Daylight Saving Time ends every year on the first Sunday in November. This means it starts to get darker earlier. As we set our clocks backward by one hour in most areas of the country, [here are some tips for driving at night.](#)



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