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Our Mission

To ensure individuals with developmental disabilities have access to quality supports providing them opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their community.

Our Vision

A community that respects and recognizes the importance and potential of all people.

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SHARING EXPERIENCES, FOOD AND FUN AT THE PEOPLE FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER PICNIC!

The 2023 People First of Putnam County Summer Picnic was another success! Over 20 individuals, parents, and providers attended the event held on August 17. Advocate, Ashley Reindel, talked about stranger danger and other attendees shared their stranger danger experiences. What most advocates took away from the conversation was to be aware of who is around them. After dinner, people enjoyed playing corn hole games. Thank you to all who came out to support the Summer Picnic!



PEOPLE FIRST ATTEND THE 2023 SYNERGY CONFERENCE AT KALAHARI RESORT

In the first part of October, 14 members of People First self-advocacy group participated in the 2023 Synergy Conference held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. The Synergy Conference is designed to create connections that encourage collaboration, innovation and growth. People First also met with Director Kim Hauck from DODD!

This year, People First learned about creating connections, respecting others, standing up for yourself, being uplifting to people, and working together to succeed. Individuals also enjoyed recreational activities between classes by going to the water park, arcade, dancing, painting, and watching movies. People First of Putnam County would like to thank everyone that helped make it possible to attend Synergy!



OCTOBER IS NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH



October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), and the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) has chosen “Advancing Access and Equity” as its theme in 2023.

Held annually, NDEAM educates about disability employment topics and celebrates the many contributions of America’s workers with disabilities make to workplaces and economy.

Putnam County Board of DD would like to thank partnering agencies for their ongoing commitment to [Employment First](#) and for assisting individuals entering the workforce.

Individuals with disabilities add value and talent to our local workplaces and communities. We greatly appreciate local employers for providing inclusive employment Putnam County.

All play an important part in fostering a more accessible and equitable workforce, one where all people are recognized for their abilities, every day of every month. Learn more at dol.gov/NDEAM.

PEOPLE FIRST EVENT UPDATES

Hello fellow advocates! Tentative upcoming People First meeting and events are below. Please check with a People First advisor for updates.

- Fall Dance: October 27
- Christmas Party: December 14

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



QUESTIONS?

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KNAP SACK UPDATES

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

Visit KNAP Sack online for the latest distribution updates:
[KNAP Sack Facebook Page](#)



CHECK OUT THE EVENT CALENDAR ON OUR WEBSITE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS AND UPDATES WITH THE FOLLOWING LINK: [HTTPS://PUTNAMCOUNTYDD.COM/CALENDAR/](https://putnamcountydd.com/calendar/)

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

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