

# Winter Newsletter

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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.

### Address

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**Hours:** M-F 8am-4pm  
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### Website

[www.putnamcountydd.com](http://www.putnamcountydd.com)

### Facebook Page

[www.facebook.com/PutnamCoDD](https://www.facebook.com/PutnamCoDD)

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to 2024! We hope everyone had a safe, healthy, and wonderful holiday season!



## OUR AGENCY WEBSITE RECEIVES A MAKEOVER

During the last months of 2023, we worked with our website managing partner to give [www.putnamcountydd.com](http://www.putnamcountydd.com) a new look! We are excited to share highlights of the main updates you'll notice when visiting our website.

- **Accessibility Tools**  
The accessibility tools button is a new feature on our website! From changing the text size, to adjusting the appearance to suite your visibility needs to make what you need easier to find.
- **Mobile Friendly**  
We've updated the layout and functionality of our website to be more user-friendly on mobile devices and easier to use.
- **Updated Menus**  
The menus on our website have been cleaned up and wording adjusted with the goal of being faster and easier to locate the resources you are looking for.
- **Search Option**  
The search bar is another new feature on our website! If you're having trouble finding what you need, try using the search bar and typing in what you're looking for.

Visit our website to see the updates and new look for yourself! A huge thank you to our local community for your ongoing support as we strive to continue improving and bringing awareness of resources, services, and supports available to individuals in Putnam County!

MUI Hotline to report abuse or neglect: Call 419-889-2980





## PEOPLE FIRST HOST FALL HARVEST DANCE PARTY

People First hosted a Harvest Dance in October 2023 featuring DJ Preston who played music to keep the party movin'! People danced to songs like the Monster Mash, Fishin' in the Dark, and Hang on Sloopy. A good time was had by all.





PEOPLE FIRST HOST CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK

People First had their Annual Christmas Party at the Educational Service Center on Thursday, December 14, 2023. Friends shared food, gifts and enjoyed games! A good time was had by all. People First members also filled out Christmas cards to drop off at Autumn Court Nursing Home. President Jim Burkhart and his wife, Lisa Burkhart delivered the cards to the people who live at Autumn Court to spread some holiday cheer. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the People First Putnam County Chapter!



People First member, President Jim Burkhart, handed a Christmas card to Pete, who lives at Autumn Court. People First wanted to help brighten the holidays and filled out Christmas cards to drop off at Autumn Court Nursing Home.

PEOPLE FIRST EVENT UPDATES & QUESTIONS?

For questions about People First Self-Advocacy Group and upcoming events, contact one of the advisors listed below.

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Click here for more People First content!

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 UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR: https://putnamcountydd.com/calendar/

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

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