

# Fall 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.

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#### PEOPLE FIRST SELF-ADVOCACY PRESENTATION AND MOVIE NIGHT

On Thursday, August 15, People First attended a presentation held by Katie Cherry, Service and Support Administrator, of Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Katie explained how to use self-advocacy during an OISP (Ohio Individual Service Plan) meeting. Self-advocacy is the act of speaking up for oneself and one's interests. After the presentation, People First enjoyed a movie and popcorn night, with "Champions" as the feature film.



#### PCBDD RECEIVES 3-YEAR ACCREDITATION AWARD

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) recently recognized the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities (PCBDD) with a three-year accreditation award, the highest award available to Ohio's 88 county board agencies.

The DODD Accreditation Reviewers visited PCBDD in August and met with people served, their families, and provider agency representatives. They also met with PCBDD employees. DODD reviewed a sampling of casework files associated with those served in Putnam County and interviewed them and many others in an effort to gain a picture of the agency's operations.

Accreditation reviews are completed at least once every three years and are only conducted by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) Office of Compliance. Representatives of DODD evaluate the effectiveness of the county board's planning, policies, practices and services.

A huge shoutout and thank you to the community of Putnam County and PCBDD team for the hard work and efforts that go into improving quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities!



#### **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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CHECK OUT UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR: <u>HTTPS://PUTNAMCOUNTYDD.COM/CALENDAR/</u>

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