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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 ATTEND THE 2024 SYNERGY CONFERENCE AT KALAHARI RESORT

In the first part of October, members of the People First self-advocacy group of Putnam County participated in the 2024 Synergy Conference held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio. The Synergy Conference is designed as a way to meet new people, make connections, and learn about tips, tools, and advocacy to help in everyday life. People First learned about their right to vote, tools for success, how to handle crisis situations, how to use faith, hope and resiliency, and how to be fearless in getting further education or wanting to be successfully employed. People First of Putnam County would like to thank everyone that helped make it possible to attend Synergy!



Pictured above is the Putnam County People First group at Synergy.

Pictured below are drawings made in each session to describe what was learned.



See more photos on the next page!



People First members attended Synergy Sessions, Synergy Dance, an Art Session, and posed with statues that were located throughout the building where the conference was held.

PEOPLE FIRST HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



People First had their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12, 2024 at the ESC. Food and holiday cheer was shared with all. A short meeting was held to discuss plans for next year's People First calendar and a reminder of new Officer elections in March 2025. Many of the individuals helped to fill out Christmas cards to be sent to people in nursing homes. People First members delivered food to those members who were unable to make it to the gathering due to illness.



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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KNAP SACK UPDATES

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



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CHECK OUT UPCOMING EVENTS ON OUR CALENDAR: [HTTPS://PUTNAMCOUNTYDD.COM/CALENDAR/](https://putnamcountydd.com/calendar/)

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

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