

Summer 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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PUTNAM COUNTY BOARD OF DD HOLD ANNUAL STAFF IN-SERVICE

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities held their annual staff in-service. Team members review rules and regulations set by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for updates and compliance.

During the in-service, team members Vicky Inniger and Beth Hempfling had their careers recognized! Vicky has dedicated 17 years of combined services to the community, including her role as a Service and Support Coordinator with our agency for 12 years. Vicky retired at the end of May. Beth has dedicated 34 years of combined services to the community, including her role as a Medicaid Manager with our agency for 24 years. Beth retires at the end of July.

Vicky and Beth, the lives you have touched and supported throughout your tenure to help improve quality of life for individuals we support and serve every day does not go unnoticed. Congratulations and best wishes in your futures! You will both be missed greatly.



We also celebrated a 30-year anniversary of Tammy Wurth being part of our team! Tammy is a Developmental Specialist in Early Intervention. She supports and helps children and their families in Putnam County. Happy Anniversary Tammy! We greatly value the experience and knowledge you bring with you every day.

PEOPLE FIRST HOLD "HOP INTO SPRING" DANCE

People First of Putnam County held their "Hop into Spring" Dance on May 9, 2025 at the Leipsic Community Center. Individuals enjoyed dancing, visiting friends, and listening to music. The music for the event was provided by D.J. John Tadena. Attendees also played a game to help review their rights as individuals with developmental disabilities. Thank you to those that attended and hosted the event, the Leipsic Community Center for the use of their facility, and D.J. John Tadena for providing music!



PEOPLE FIRST ASSISTIVE TECH PRESENTATION COMING SEPTEMBER 25

In collaboration with Safe in Home by Heather Leader, People First is hosting an Assistive Tech Presentation and Game Night on September 25, 2025 at the Putnam County ESC, and People First of Putnam County invites you to join them!

Check out the website event calendar and Facebook page using the links below for updates, details, and how to RSVP.

Come learn about technology that could assist you and play some games!

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.



Visit KNAP Sack online for the latest distribution updates:

[KNAP Sack Facebook Page](#)

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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