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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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WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER CHLOE HUISKES

Join us in welcoming Chloe Huiskes, our newest team member! She has joined our Service & Support Administration team. Chloe is excited to be with us and help individuals be the best they can be! Welcome to the team, Chloe!



PEOPLE FIRST LEARN ABOUT ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

On September 25, 2025, People First had a presentation from SafeinHome to demonstrate how remote supports and adaptive technologies can assist people in their homes and outside in the community. Speaker, Heather Leader, shared different devices like medication dispensers, safety devices for a stove, an iPad that can connect to another person with remote support assistance, and many more options. With this technology, individuals can stay in their homes with minimal supports and increased independence.

After the presentation, People First members played board or card games and socialized with one another. The next People First event will be a Christmas Party on December 11, 2025. Thank you to SafeinHome for the Assistive Tech presentation, and to everyone that attended the event!



PEOPLE FIRST SYNERGY FEEDBACK COMING SOON

Stayed tuned for the Winter edition of our quarterly newsletter to see what People First has to say about attending the 2025 Synergy Conference! If you want to learn more about Synergy, check out their website: <https://synergyohio.org/>

PEOPLE FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY COMING DECEMBER 11

On December 11, 2025, People First is hosting their annual Christmas Party at the Putnam County ESC, with an Advocacy Presentation by the People First Advocates. People First of Putnam County invite 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 enjoy friendship and the spirit of the holiday season!

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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