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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 2025 SYNERGY CONFERENCE

On October 1 through 3, 2025, members of the People First of Putnam County Advocacy Group attended the 2025 Synergy Conference at Kalahari Resorts. The days are packed with fun filled sessions to learn new ways to advocate for yourself, make connections and help with positive change within their communities.

The Synergy Conference 2025 is designed to foster collaborative learning experiences that promote connection, innovation, and positive change within the community. It aims to create side by side learning opportunities for attendees, including individuals served and their families, providers, and community organizations. The conference is unique in the state of Ohio, focusing on the intellectual and developmentally disabled community and providing a platform for sharing business and services.



PEOPLE FIRST HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 11, 2025, People First self-advocacy group members through the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities, gathered for their annual Christmas Party at the Putnam County ESC. The event included a potluck dinner, games and gift exchange.

This party concluded the 2025 People First calendar year. People First Officers and advisors hope to see everyone back next year. Thank you to everyone that attended and hosted the event!

(Christmas Event Photos on the following pages)





PEOPLE FIRST NEXT EVENT COMING IN SPRING

In the Spring of 2026, People First will have their first event of the year!

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

Happy New Year!

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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