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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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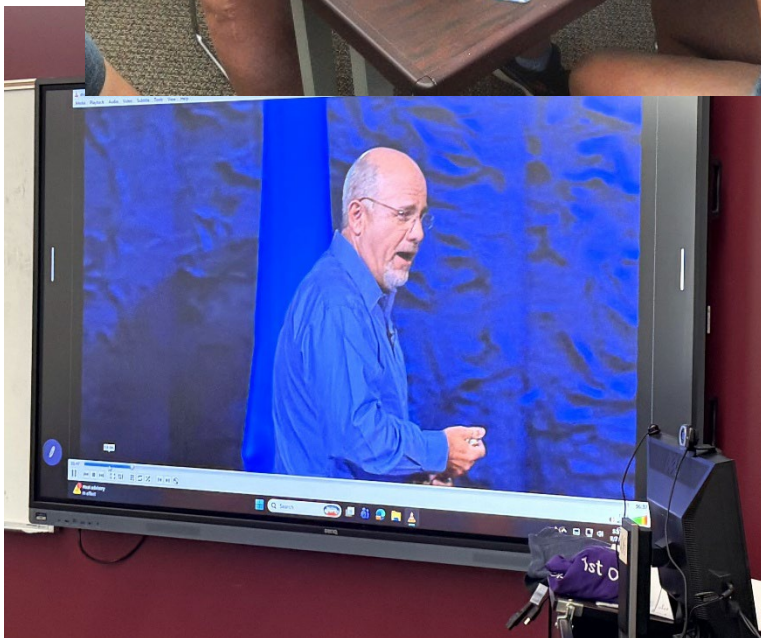


PEOPLE FIRST LEARN MONEY MANAGEMENT AND ENJOY GAME NIGHT

People First, of the Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities, held their Fall meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd. The main presentation focused on learning about saving the Dave Ramsey way. A short video from Financial Peace University was shared about saving money in an emergency fund and the financial peace a person has when they have savings.

Discussions were held about how to save money on a tight budget, which focused on key points: make saving a priority, pay yourself first, set a goal and meet it. Ohio Stable Accounts and how they can benefit some individuals with disabilities was also a topic of conversation.

The meeting concluded with members enjoying board games and discussions on upcoming activities. The next People First event will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at the Putnam County ESC for their annual Christmas Party.



CELEBRATING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS (DSP) WEEK

During September 13-19 we recognized Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week by celebrating their dedication, compassion, patience, and encouragement they bring to individuals and the community. DSPs work alongside people with developmental disabilities to support them in building their best lives and reaching their goals.

We reached out to individuals in Putnam County that DSPs work with to hear directly how the support from their DSP is most appreciated. You can watch these personal stories on our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/PutnamCoDD>.

We greatly appreciate all DSPs and their services to individuals and families throughout Putnam County. Thank you for supporting and making a meaningful impact to individuals in our community!

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about DSPs, visit our website for more information: <https://putnamcountydd.com/providers/>.



INDIVIDUALS FROM PUTNAM COUNTY ATTEND 2026 SYNERGY CONFERENCE

The Putnam County Board of Developmental Disabilities had nine (9) People First Members attend the 2026 Synergy Conference at Kalahari in Sandusky, Ohio September 30-October 2, 2026.

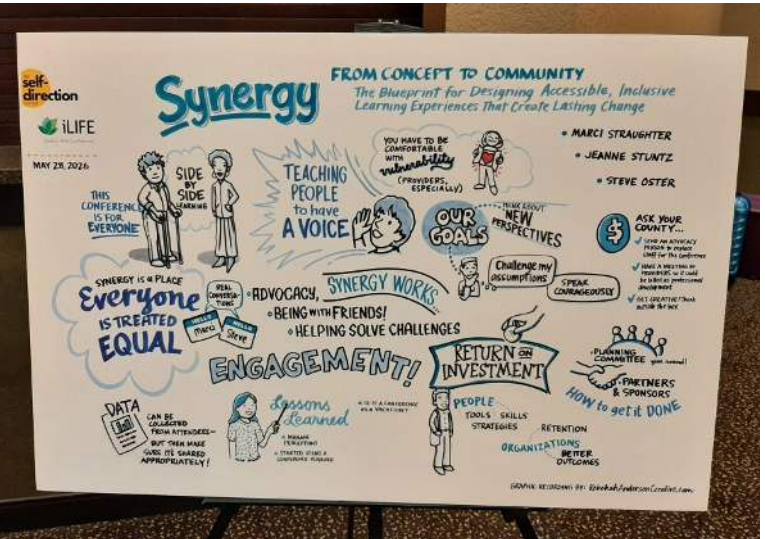
Synergy is Ohio's premier collaborative developmental disability conference. Nearly 950 people with disabilities, family members, providers, educators, professionals, and community leaders attended. The goal of Synergy is reshaping the future of developmental disabilities through intentional inclusion, networking, and personal change.

Some highlights included keynote speakers, a free Synergy Marketplace showcasing entrepreneurs with disabilities, class like sessions that covered topics like building resilience and strength, building real community connections, understanding Artificial Intelligence, and more. Individuals also had opportunities to use the water park facilities and socialize with other participants.

Synergy is scheduled for Oct 6-8, 2027 at Kalahari Resort and Conference center for next year's conference.







PEOPLE FIRST NEXT EVENT



People First's next event, Annual Christmas Party and Advocacy Discussion, will be held on December 9, 2026, 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 details and how to RSVP.

Come and have a good time!

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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