



PARENT MENTOR PROJECT

with Western Buckeye ESC



Ohio's Parent Mentor Project

Parent Mentor Mission Statement:

The mission of the Parent Mentors of Ohio is to provide the necessary support and resources, free of charge, to the families of children with disabilities and the professionals who serve them.

PAULDING COUNTY & SURROUNDING AREA AGENCY RESOURCES – 2025

Provided by: Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center, Paulding County

Office: 451 McDonald Pike, Entrance #1, Paulding, OH 45879

Office: 419-399-4800 Cell: 419-203-7364 cruiz@wbesc.org

Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE) – Legal Aid of Western Ohio (LAWO)

419-930-2454, 1340 A W. High Street, Suite A, Defiance, OH 43512, www.ablelaw.org

Legal Aid Line Staff provide FREE legal information, advice and referrals to eligible low-income residents of northwest and west central Ohio (on civil law matters).

Counties served: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams

Early Intervention (EI) – Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities

419-399-4800, Ext. 8309, 451 McDonald Pike, Entrance #4, Paulding, OH 45879

EI provides services to eligible children from birth – age 3, supporting parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities.

Emergency – Crisis Hotline:

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 24/7 Free, Confidential Support via Call, Text or Chat

Crisis Text Line: Text 4HOPE to 741741: 24/7 Free, Confidential Text-Based Mental Health Support & Crisis Intervention

Family & Children First Council (FCFC) Paulding County

419-399-4800, or 419-203-7364, 451 McDonald Pike, Entrance #1, Paulding, OH 45879

The mission of the FCFC is to provide leadership to the Paulding County Community identifying and responding to the needs of children and their families.

Service Coordination (SC) – Family & Children First Council (FCFC)

Cathy Ruiz, Administrator/Service Coordinator, FCFC, 419-399-4800

451 McDonald Pike, Entrance #1, Paulding, OH 45879

*** Service Coordination (SC) services are provided upon referral from area agency or self-referral**

*** SC is a team approach to helping families and children with multiple needs**

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Foundations Behavioral Health Services:

If you are experiencing a crisis and need immediate assistance call:

988 or 800-567-4673 or Text 4HOPE to 741741

Office: 419-584-1000 4761 OH-29, Celina, OH 45822

Office: 567-344-6081 250 Dooley Dr., Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879

Behavioral health care services are provided through:

***Diagnostic Assessments *Crisis Intervention *Counseling *Psychiatric Services
*Case Management *Groups**

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Services

419-399-2447, 1030 West Wayne Avenue, Paulding, OH 45879

(located across from the Paulding County Hospital in the YFC Samaritan Center building)

Provides free pregnancy testing, guidance and material assistance for pregnant women and teens. Also post abortion support for anyone who requests it.

Harbor - Children's Safe Harbor

*** Harbor - Defiance Satellite Office: 419-782-4196**

6825 State Route 66 North, Defiance, OH 43512

*** Children's Safe Harbor 419-291-88892 or 888-259-0023**

Jobs Tower at Toledo Children's hospital

2109 Hughes Drive, Toledo, OH 43606

OR 123 22nd Street, Toledo, OH 43604 800-475-4449

www.harbor.org

Harbor includes a wide range of services that include but not limited to: counseling, primary care, adult day services for individuals with developmental disabilities, and vocational programs.

(Medicaid, most insurances and private pay accepted)



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Health Dept.- Paulding County

419-399-3921 (Hours: M-F, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

800 E. Perry Street, Paulding, Ohio 45879

www.pauldingcountyhealth.com

*** BCMH (Bureau for Children with Medical Handicap)**

An insurance and case management program for families with children who have certain medical health care needs

*** Crippled Children of Paulding County - can help w/special devices, specific needs * Food**

*** Immunizations * WIC (Women, Infants, Children)**

A nutrition program that provides supplemental food, breastfeeding & nutritional counseling and education for all women, infants, and children in our district who meet criteria for this program

Help Me Grow (HMG) - Home Visiting (HV) for Paulding County

419-599-5545, Ext. 1161

HMG-HV Programs provided by the Henry County Health Dept.

HMG program is designed to ensure Ohio's children receive a healthy birth and the resources to warrant a healthy and productive start to life, for prenatal to age three.

HV program equips parents with the means to help their child acquire the early building blocks necessary for long term success.

Lions Club of Grover Hill

419-399-2255

Categories of assistance for children under age of 12:

1) hearing (hearing aid, tubes, etc.)

2) eyes (glasses, etc.)

3) epilepsy (scans, testing, etc.)

4) respiratory-related (allergies, asthma, breathing equipment, monitoring equipment, etc.)

Offer assistance for: minor surgery for ears, newborn baby SIDS monitoring equipment, & category-related doctor appointments, just to name a few.





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Low Income Housing Rental:

419-258-2603, T & TH 9-2; F 1-6

North Garden Place Apts., 511 N. Main St., Antwerp, OH

2 bedroom - max: 4 people

If they are full, still good idea to go in & fill out applications to get on the list (\$20 application fee)

Need: Birth Certificate, proof if divorced, etc. ---based on income

Partridge Place Apts: 400 Partridge Place, Paulding, Ohio, 419/399-3822

Patrick's Place Apts: 12280 Dennis Street, Paulding, Ohio, 419/399-3344

Mobile Response Stabilization Services (MRSS)/Foundations Behavioral Health Services, Paulding, Celina

988 or call direct at: 567-344-6081

MRSS is available to all youth and families within Paulding County experiencing escalating emotional symptoms, behaviors, or traumatic circumstances that have impacted their ability to function within their family, living situation, school, or community.

Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission (NOCAC) & Salvation Army

Office: 419-567-0650, located in the Senior Center, 401 E. Jackson St., Paulding, OH 45879

NOCAC Hot Line: 419-219-4641 www.nocac.org

NOCAC provides a wide array of programs to low-income residents of northwest Ohio such as: early childhood education, child care and nutrition, emergency services, weatherization and home repair, and community services

NOCAC/ESOP

Foreclosure: If family may lose their home to foreclosure call: 419-784-5393

Ohio Means Jobs/JFS - "Impact 419"

419-399-3345, 250 Dooley Drive Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879

www.paulding.accentohio.com

Works w/those 14 yrs. & over

***Application *Job Center *GED *Search online for jobs**



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Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)

OOD Paulding County location: Ohio Means Jobs office, 250 Dooley Dr., Suite B, Paulding, OH 45879

Call for intake appt.: 419-861-8857

OOD mission: to ensure individuals with disabilities achieve quality employment, independence and disability determination in integrated services, partnerships and innovation. OOD is the designated state agency for providing vocational rehabilitation and other services to people with disabilities. Services include evaluation, counseling and guidance, training, treatment and job placement assistance

Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities

419-399-4800, 451 McDonald Pike, Suite B, Entrance #4, Paulding, OH 45879

The following services are provided by the Board of D.D.:

***Residential & Supported Living Services *Early Intervention Services *Case Management Services *School Age Program
*Senior Citizen Programs *Supportive Home & Family Services *Special Olympics *Transportation Services
*Speech & Language Development *Supported Living Services *Occupational Therapy *Family Resource Services**

Paulding - Defiance/Paulding Consolidated Job & Family Services

Office: 419-399-3756, 303 West Harrison Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Dept. of Job & Family Services:

***Mainly makes referrals *Assists w Medicaid, Food stamps**

Cash assistance (can assist for max. of 3 yrs. - but does not have to be consecutive)

***Budgeted: in-home services**

***Lifeline: in-home case services w/case management**

***Investigates families if notified of concern to the children**

PRC (thru JFS)

1st mths rent: Need statement from landlord, need copy of last 4 wks income



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Paulding County Schools

Antwerp Local Schools 419-258-5421
303 S. Harrmann Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

Divine Mercy Catholic School 419-263-2114
120 Arcturus, Payne, OH 45880

Paulding County Opportunity Center (PCOC)
419-399-4711, 900 Fairground Drive, Paulding, OH 45879

Alternative Learning Center provides specialized learning and support for students elementary - 12. Serving students from Antwerp, Paulding, Wayne Trace Local School Districts.

PEVS (Paulding Exempted Village Schools)
419-399-4656, 405 North Water Street, Paulding, OH 45879

PEVS/Oakwood Elementary School
419-594-3346, 409 Oakwood Street, P.O. Box 37

Vantage Career Center
419-238-5411, 818 North Franklin Street, Van Wert, OH 458791

Wayne Trace Local Schools
WT/Grover Hill Elementary: 419-587-3414, 101 Monroe Street, Grover Hill, OH 45849
WT/JR-SR High School: 419-399-4100, 4915 US Route 127, Haviland, OH 45841
WT/Payne Elementary School: 419-263-2512, 501 W. Townline Street, Payne, OH 45880

United Way of Paulding County
419-399-8240, 103 ½ E. Perry Street, Economic Development Building, Paulding, OH 45879
www.unitedwayofpauldingcountny.org
Monthly meetings, resources (ie: Home Depot, Food Pantries, etc), Cluster, etc.



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Veteran's Assistance

Paulding County Veterans Service Office

419-399-8285, 810 E. Perry Street, SR 127 South, Paulding, OH 45879

www.pcvsc@midohio.twcbc.com

Veteran Ohio resident: May be eligible for educational, employment, financial, healthcare, home loans and many other benefits

Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF)

419-782-8856, Maumee Valley Guidance Center, 211 Biede Ave., Defiance, OH 43512

SSVF Maumee Valley Guidance Center will focus to improve housing stability of low-income Veterans and their families through SSVF

Western Buckeye Educational Service Center (WBESC)

419-399-4711, 835 W. Williams Street, P.O. Box 167, Paulding, OH 45879, www.wbesc.org

WBESC support partner school districts in the areas of special education, curriculum, gifted education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech & language therapy, grant writing, school psychology, professional development and global education.

Parent Mentor

Cathy Ruiz, Parent Mentor of Paulding County, Western Buckeye, ESC

Office: 451 McDonald Pike, Entrance #1, Paulding, OH 45879

Office: 419-399-4800, Cell: 419-203-7364, Email address: cruiz@wbesc.org

Official Parent Mentors of Ohio Project website: <https://parentmentor.osu.edu>

or go to www.occad.org & click on Parent Mentors link

The Parent Mentor program provides (free of charge):

- * Supports, services and resources to parents of children with disabilities and to the district staff who serve them**
- * The Parent Mentor can attend Evaluation Team Report (ETR), Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings and other parent-staff meetings at parent or school district's request**
- * Organizes & conducts informational sessions/workshops based on needs of families & school personnel**



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Westwood Behavioral Health Center, Inc.

If you are experiencing a crisis and need immediate assistance call:

988 or 800-567-4673 or Text 4HOPE to 741741

Office: **419-399-3636, 501 McDonald Pike, Paulding, OH 45879**

Office: **419-238-3434, 1158 Westwood Drive, Van Wert, OH 45891**

Office: **567-765-0123, 234 N. Jefferson St., Delphos, OH 45833**

Office: **567-890-1710, 329 ½ Market St., Celina, OH 45822**

Behavioral health care services are provided through:

- * Diagnostic Assessment * Psychiatric Service * Mental Health Services * Referrals
- * Counseling * Prevention * Alcohol and Drug Services * Employee Assistance Program
- * Parenting Skills Classes

MISC. NEEDS/ASSISTANCE:

CHILD CARE

419-784-2150, NOCAC Child Care Program, 1933 E. 2nd Street, Defiance, OH 43512

Subsidized/pays for child care if eligible.

CHILD PSYCHIATRY:

Maumee Valley Clinic

211 Biede Ave., Defiance, OH 43512 419-782-8856

203 N. Lynn St., Bryan, OH 419-636-2932

CLOTHING:

The Bargain Bin, 419-399-5053, 121 N. Cherry Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Hours: Tues. Thurs. & Sat.: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Fri.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed: Mon., Wed., & Sun.

(Non-profit organization - Gently used clothing for discount price)

Dollar General

Locations: Antwerp, Grover Hill, Oakwood, Paulding, Payne

(New clothing)



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Goodwill, 419-782-2577, 1005 N. Clinton Street, Defiance, OH 43512

(Gently used clothing for discounted price)

Goodwill, 419-238-7910, 206 Towne Center, Blvd., Van Wert, OH 43891

(Gentle used clothing for discounted price)

Hope Chest

419-980-1010, 8846 St. Rte. 66 North, Defiance

The Limitless (store), by PC Workshop, Inc.

419-399-4805, 118 N. Williams St., Paulding

(New clothing)

Zion Lutheran Church, Defiance

419-782-8781, 3rd Wednesday of each month, 5-6:30 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church, Defiance

419-782-5766, Thursdays 9-5, Fridays 10-2

Paulding County & Area Dentists

Aderman Family Dentistry 419-594-3345, 110 N. High Street, Oakwood, OH 45873

Child & Adult Orthodontics 419-399-3394, 402 E. Baldwin Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Paul W. Harr, DDS 419-399-5211, 721 Tom Tim Drive, Paulding, OH 45879

Michael Mott, DDS 419-399-3394, 402 E. Baldwin Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Parrish Orthodontics - Paulding 260-447-2568, 402 E. Baldwin Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Defiance Center for Dentistry 419-517-4138, 1075 E. Second Street, Defiance, OH 43512

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Henry County Health Dept

Office: 419-599-5545, Dental Clinic: 419-591-3060

1843 Oakwood Ave., Napoleon, OH 43545

(The Henry Co. Dental Clinic provides dental services for those who have Medicaid or for the uninsured based on their income with a sliding scale).

Lima Community Dental

419-741-9903, 1702 Allentown Road, Lima, OH

(Lima Community Dental also provides services for those who have Medicaid).

Paulding County Family Physicians:

Julie Arend, Certified Nurse Practitioner

419-399-1782, PC Hospital Medical Office Building, 1032 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Melanie Banks, Certified Nurse Practitioner

419-263-2947, Payne Medical Center, 301 S. Main Street, Payne, OH 45880

Virginia Halachanova, M.D.

419-399-1752, PC Hospital Medical Office Building, 1032 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Matthew Hogan, D.O.

419-258-5641, Regional Health Center, 608 S. Erie Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

Nigel Hogan, D.O.

419-263-2947, Payne Medical Center, 301 S. Main Street, Payne, OH 45880

Timothy Hogan, M.D.

419-594-3520, Oakwood Medical Center, 109 N. First Street, Oakwood, OH 45873

Jacob Shaffer, Family Nurse Practitioner – Board Certified

419-399-4080, PC Hospital, 1035 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879

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Wendel Spangler, M.D.

419-399-1762, PC Hospital Medical Office Building, 1032 W. Wayne Street, Paulding, OH 45879

Janet Zeedyk, Physician's Assistant

419-399-5641, Regional Health Center, 608 S. Erie Street, Antwerp, OH 45813

PAULDING COUNTY/AREA FOOD PANTRIES:

Antwerp

Antwerp Food Pantry, Antwerp United Methodist Church, 202 E. River Street, Antwerp

Office: 419-258-4901

Serves: M & W 9-12 noon

Grover Hill

Rainbow Ministries, 5326 Co. Road 151, Grover Hill

Office: 419-786-9914

Serves: 2nd Wed. of the month 5-8 p.m.

Oakwood

Auglaize Chapel Church of God, 580 State Street, Oakwood

Office: 419-594-2441

Serves: 2nd Saturday of the month 9-11 a.m.

Paulding

Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, 119 South Main Street, Paulding, OH 45879 (next to the Paulding Library)

Office: 419-388-9562

Serves: Wed. & Sat., 9-12 noon

Paulding Family Worship Center, 501 W. Perry Street, Paulding

Office: 419-399-3525

Pioneer Christian, 17936 Road 108, Paulding, OH 45879

Office: 419-393-4050

Last Tuesday ea. Month 4 - 6 p.m.

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Payne

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 312 S. Main Street, Payne, OH 45880

Office: 419-263-2418

Serves Payne families only

Third Thursday of each month (5-6 p.m.), and the following Sat. (9-10 a.m.)

OTHER AREA AGENCIES:

Autism Society of Northwest Ohio (ASNO)

419-490-7357, 6629 W. Central Ave., Suite 1, Toledo, OH 43617

Website: <https://asno.org> Email: asno.org@bex.net

ASNO provides support, education, and advocacy to individuals, parents, family members, and professionals affected by autism across the lifespan and the entire autism spectrum in 12 counties in Northwest Ohio, serving: Lucas, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Sandusky, Seneca, Williams, and Wood.

Ability Center of Greater Toledo

866-885-5733, Toledo/Sylvania Main Office

5605 Monroe Street, Sylvania, OH 43560

www.abilitycenter.org

Ability Center offers various programs for transition, independent living skills, disability awareness, employment, and volunteer opportunities

Defiance County Furniture Bank

419-782-2776, 715 Jefferson Street, Defiance, OH 43512

Serves: Defiance, Southern Henry and Paulding Counties

(Managed by St. Mary Catholic Community)

All requests for assistance must come to the Furniture Bank from social service agencies.

Provisions to families in need:

*** Basic necessary furniture * Electrical appliances * Beds/bed linen * Baby furniture * Kitchenware**



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Disability Rights Ohio (DRO)

800-282-9181 or 614-466-7264, 50 W. Broad Street, Suite 1400, Columbus, OH, 43215-5923

www.disabilityrightsohio.org

Disability Rights Ohio is designated under federal law as the system to protect and advocate the rights of people with disabilities and as the Client Assistance Program under the Rehabilitation Act. The mission of Disability Rights Ohio will be to advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio.

EASTER SEALS

Easter Seals has been helping individuals with disabilities and special needs, and their families, live better lives for more than 80 yrs. They offer a variety of services to help people with disabilities address life's challenges and achieve personal goals.

Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana

800-234-7811, 4919 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

www.neindiana.easterseals.com

Some of the services provided:

*** Supported Living Services * Residential Services * Community Support Services * Employment Services * Projects Driven Group**

Easter Seals Northern Ohio

419-535-5750, 440 S. Reynolds Road, Suite C, Toledo, OH 43609

www.noh.easterseals.com

Some of the services provided:

*** Medical Rehabilitation * Job Training & Employment * Speech & Hearing Therapy * Early Intervention * Child Care
* Physical Therapy * Adult Day Services * Occupational Therapy * Camping and Recreation**





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Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)

740-382-5452, 125 Executive Drive, Suite 200, Marion, OH 43302, www.ocecd.org

The OCECD is a statewide, nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, and agencies who provide services to them. The mission of the OCECD is to ensure that every Ohio child with special needs receives a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE).

OhioKinship & Adoption Navigators (OhioKAN)

844-644-6526, www.ohiokan.ohio.gov

100% free service for Ohio's kinship and adoptive families.

OhioKAN can help navigate:

***Basic Needs *Benefits Access & Coordination *Caregiver Health *Caregiver Education *Child Health
*Child & Caregiver Social Support *Child Development *Childcare *Education & Schools
*Family Functioning *Legal Aid & Services**

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213, 205 East Second Street, Defiance, OH 43512

Together We Can Make a Difference

419-579-0199, 722 N. Perry Street, Napoleon, OH, togethernwoh@gmail.com

Hours: Mon., Wed., Frid.: 10 a.m. - 12 noon; Tues.: 3-5 p.m.; Thurs.: 5-7 p.m.

Their mission is to assist people of all ages in NWO with basic needs and resources that are not available with any government assistance programs. Providing and accepting donations of the following items as available: toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo, razors, laundry detergent, diapers, and adult briefs.



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ESOP (Empowering & Strengthening Ohio's People)

877-731-3767, 1001 Indiana Ave, Toledo, OH 43607

Lucas County 419-464-9885

- * Non-profit HUD-certified housing counseling agency
- * Main focus: to stabilize and strengthen communities
- * Provide assistance to homeowners who are facing foreclosure or struggling to make their monthly mortgage payments due to predatory lending hardship situations
- * Homeowners must currently reside in the home they are seeking assistance from ESOP

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Ohio Center for Autism and Low-Incidence (OCALI)

Office: 866-886-2254, 470 Glenmont Ave., Columbus, OH 43214, www.ocali.org

People diagnosed with Autism and Low-incidence disabilities have the opportunity for a high quality of life - for their entire lives. OCALI's mission is to develop state- and system-wide capacity to improve outcomes for people diagnosed with ASD and other low-incidence disabilities through leadership, professional development, technical assistance, collaboration, and technology. OCALI provides on-line modules, training centers, and a variety of info. and d resources regarding Autism and low-incidence.