

## What Unites Us...

Whatever the disability, there are “common threads” of knowledge that make **all** families stronger advocates, better-equipped decision-makers, and ready planning partners of/for the person with a developmental disability they support.

## Common Threads Network...

Is group of disability organizations, family members, and agencies from Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties in Ohio.

Believes that all families should receive timely state and local information that will help meet their needs. (Values we share with the Ohio Department of DD Family Advisory Council.)

Prepares families to better meet advocacy challenges, and support positive policy changes in the delivery of services at the local and state levels.

## A Caring Collaboration

Our partners support this work by sharing information, offering in-kind and financial resources, and serving on the board. We welcome your membership.

## We hope to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities and their families in southwest Ohio by...

- Respectfully listening to families' ideas and concerns and working with them to find creative solutions
- Welcoming people from all backgrounds, cultures, religions, and lifestyles in efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families
- Working for positive changes in organizations supporting people with disabilities and their families
- Encouraging disabilities organizations to listen to what families say they need and partner to find ways to provide it
- Welcoming young parents, siblings and professionals in efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families
- Being good stewards and reducing the costs of by working collaboratively, thoughtfully around shared ideas, needs, and desired outcomes

## Community Information Sessions

- New information, timely topics
- Accurate information
- State and local presenters
- Supported small group discussions
- Families/professionals learning together
- Electronic summary materials
- Next steps, and contacts
- Respectful treatment for all
- Priority registration for families

- **FREE for families**

(See session topics on back.)



*Check-Out our Web Page!*

[www.Commonthreadsnetwork.org](http://www.Commonthreadsnetwork.org)

- Announcements
- Links to session materials
- Partnership information
- How to join this growing network

- Autism Society of Greater Cincinnati
- Beech Acres/ Project JOURNEY
- Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Butler County Family & Children First Council
- Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities
- Community Fund Management Foundation
- Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati
- Envision
- Families Connected/ Clermont County
- Family Voices of Ohio/ Southwest Ohio
- Hamilton County Developmental Disabilities Services
- Hamilton County Educational Services Center
- PLAN of Southwest Ohio
- Project STEPS -Talbert House
- Red Tree House
- Spina Bifida Coalition
- University of Cincinnati UCEDD
- Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities

**And Parent Mentors from these school districts**

- \*Forest Hills Schools
- \*Lakota Local Schools
- \*Middletown City Schools
- \*Mt. Healthy City Schools
- \*Northwest Local Schools
- \*Oak Hills Schools
- \*Ross Local School District
- \*Sycamore School District

**2015 Information Series**  
**Adapting to the New Reality**

**Wednesday, January 14**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Framework for Future Planning**  
Warren C. Young Center  
801 Drake Road; Lebanon, OH 45036

**Tuesday, July 28**  
**8:30am-12:30pm**

**Critical Updates!**

**Ohio's Redesign Plan**

Hear long-awaited outcomes of strategic plan, service-delivery and budgetary revisions from state leaders

**Location to be announced**

**Thursday, September 10**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Planning for Life, Taking Charge!**

Miami University Wilks Center  
1601 University Blvd; Hamilton, Ohio 45011

**Wednesday, October 14**  
**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Education**

Warren C. Young Center  
801 Drake Road; Lebanon, OH 45036

**Saturday, November 7**  
**9:00am-12:00pm**

**Future, Estate, & Financial Planning**

Wildey Center  
2040 State Route 50  
Owensville, OH (Batavia) 45103

**Please register on-line or by phone**

**FREE for families!**

**\$2 donation from all professionals**

**Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties in Ohio**



**Information  
Collaboration**

**Knowledgeable families**

**Better lives for people with disabilities**

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We recognize and respect the efforts of determined, creative families. Contact us if you are a family member or organization interested in joining the circle.

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