

# HOPE SERVICES

APRIL 2020

Seeing Potential ~ Inspiring Opportunities

ALL TOGETHER OHIO

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### Our Mission

*HOPE Services is committed to creatively working in partnership with eligible individuals and their families to discover, pursue and achieve what is important to them.*

Listen to WNDH 103.1 every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for more information about HOPE Services.

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## STAY HEALTHY HENRY COUNTY



### TAKE EVERYDAY PREVENTIVE ACTIONS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS



**Wash Hands Often with Soap and Water (20 Seconds or Longer)**  
Use Hand Sanitizer if Soap and Water Not Available



**Dry Hands with a Clean Towel or Air Dry Hands**



**Cover Your Mouth and Nose With Tissue or Upper Sleeve When Coughing or Sneezing**



**Avoid Touching Eyes, Nose, or Mouth**



**Stay Home When You Are Sick**



**Avoid Contact with People Who Are Sick**



**Call Before Visiting Your Doctor**

Adapted from the Ohio Department of Health



**Clean and Disinfect "High-Touch" Surfaces Often**



**Use Good Health Habits (Get Enough Sleep, Eat Healthy, a Drink Plenty of Fluids)**

3/2/2020

### HELPFUL LINKS

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>

<http://henrycohd.org/coronavirus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dodd/about-us/communication/news/COVID-19>



## From the Superintendent



What a difference a month makes! A few weeks ago we were anticipating a very busy March celebrating DD Awareness Month! Now we find ourselves tucked away safely at home. It may be a little disappointing to not be able to get together with our friends, go bowling, or participate in recreational activities like we usually do. Let's remember that we are being asked to help make sure other people don't get sick. That's really not so much to ask. There are still plenty of things to do. You can go to the park, just keep your distance! Catch up on all the Captain America movies. You can stay in touch with friends on the phone, text, or through Facebook. Randy Barnes and Zach Meister are busy planning activities that can be done virtually. Tina Parsons, along with the Voices of HOPE, are bringing people together via Zoom meetings. We will get through this. But we need everyone's help. If you have some ideas please let us know. We would love to give new things a try! - Stephen Tucker

A message from HOPE Staff

While we are working in a different location (at home, not in the office) we are still here for you! SSA's are calling to check in on people, and we are seeing many on video chat! If you have a change to call someone, do it. Check in on your friends and family, stay active and stay healthy! Remember, you are not stuck at home, you are SAFE AT HOME!

Take care and we will get through this and come out stronger than ever!

**The Four County ADAMhs Board understands the impact that the COVID -19 crisis is having on individuals and families.**

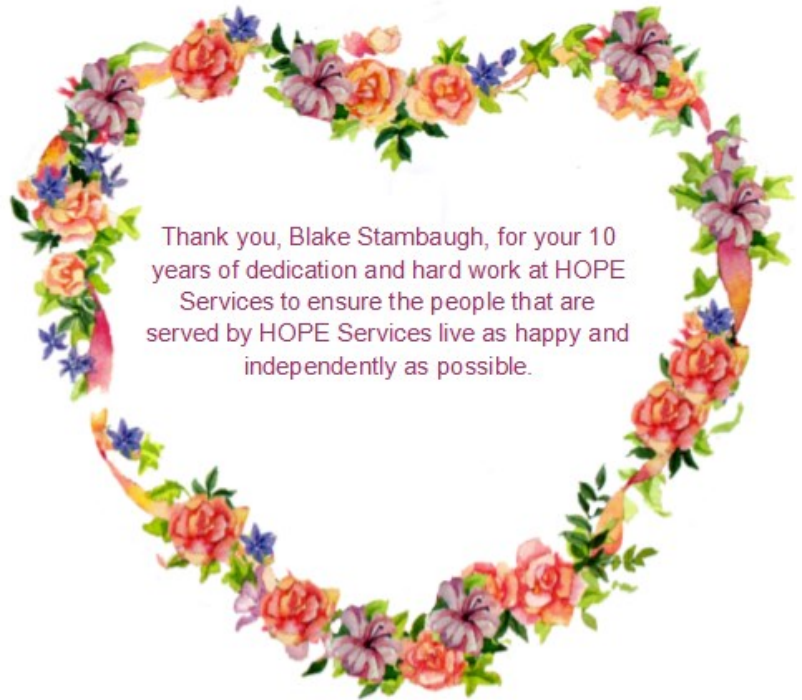
If you or someone you love is experiencing troubling sadness, anxiety or fear, [you're not alone.](#)

Our community mental health providers are open and ready to help.

**During the current health crisis, many mental health services can be provided through your telephone or computer.**

For more information about mental health service available in Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams counties, call:

**1-800-468-4357**



Thank you, Blake Stambaugh, for your 10 years of dedication and hard work at HOPE Services to ensure the people that are served by HOPE Services live as happy and independently as possible.

**Happy Birthday**

**Tina Parsons – April 19**  
**Donna Warren - April 12**

CREATED BY STEPHANIE JONES

# HOPE Services Early Intervention Team

**Kellee Downard – Service Coordinator:** Kellee is a graduate of Napoleon High School and Morehead State University. Her professional background is in low-income housing and Developmental Disabilities. Kellee lives with her family in Weston. She and her husband, Ben, have been married over 10 years and have three children: Julian, Sadie, and Lucy. Kellee is an animal lover and volunteers at DogWorks of Northwest Ohio, a nonprofit dog rescue.



**Jessica Harmon – Service Coordinator:** Jessica is a graduate of Patrick Henry High School, Defiance College where she received her Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education, and she also received an Intervention Specialist Master's Degree from Bowling Green State University. Jessica has worked in Early Intervention for seven years, two of those have been in Henry County with HOPE Services. Jessica has been married to her husband, Chris, for fifteen years and they have two children, Levi and Jess. Jessica is also the proud new grandma to her granddaughter, Bindi. When not at work, Jessica loves spending time with and walking her dogs, crafting, and participating in Cardio Drumming.

**Dawn McBride – Developmental Specialist:** Dawn is a graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Bachelors in Special Education. She graduated from the University of Toledo with her Master's Degree in Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education. She has worked with young children through HOPE Services for 37 years. Dawn lives in Napoleon. She is married to Jeff and has four adult children: Jordan (married to Hillary), Jericha (engaged to Jon), Jai-Lynn (married to Brock) and Jensen. She has one grandson, Andersen (AJ). Dawn enjoys developing relationships with families and their infants and toddlers and helping them foster their child's health and development.



**Cassandra Seesholtz – Developmental Specialist:** Cassandra is a graduate of Napoleon High School and she graduated with her Bachelors from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Cassandra now lives in Napoleon with her husband of 12 years, they have two kids Adrianna and Jackson. Cassandra has been a Developmental Specialist at HOPE Services for 3 years, prior to moving back to Napoleon she was a stay at home mom. When Cassandra is not at work she is either reading, restocking her Little Free Library, or transporting her kids to and from sports.



# HOPE Services Early Intervention Team

**Sue Leopold – Occupational Therapist:** Sue Leopold, graduated from Miller City High School and The Ohio State University. She has worked as an OT for over 30 years in a variety of settings (Early Intervention, school-based, hospital, private practice, outpatient clinic, and mental health settings). However, her primary area of interest has always been pediatric because she truly enjoys interacting with children and their families. Sue is from the Glandorf area. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for 34 years and live on their 4<sup>th</sup> generation family farm. They have 5 children and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their first grandchild.



**Kristi Smith – Speech Language Pathologist:** Kristi graduated with her Bachelors in Communication Sciences and Disorders and Masters in Speech Language Pathology from Bowling Green State University. She has over six years of experience working in Early Intervention, and specializes in working with children birth to three years of age. Prior to working in Early Intervention Kristi was a Speech Language Pathologist in a Nursing Home, an Outpatient facility, and did Home health with adults. Kristi's focus is on helping children to understand language, communicate with gestures, signs, words, and/or an Augmentative Alternative Communication System, be understood by others, and eat and drink safely. Kristi enjoys developing relationships with the families she gets to work with and watching the children develop new skills. Kristi lives in Glandorf with her Husband, four year old, and a two year old. She will be welcoming another child to her family in June.

**Deb Butler – Physical Therapist:** Deb is the physical therapist for HOPE Services' Early Intervention. Deb lives in Napoleon and is married, the mother of 4 children, and grandma of 2 girls. Her favorite hobby is scrapbooking and card making, which she has also taught for the past 16 years. Deb cannot imagine any career she would love more than the one she has had for the past 37 years! She loves the team concept and helping every little one succeed at their own rate.



DIRECT  
SUPPORT  
PROFESSIONAL

# DSP

*Helping People. Changing Lives.*

Direct support professionals (DSPs) are individuals who work directly with people that have physical and/or intellectual disabilities.

Providers throughout Henry and surrounding counties are looking for DSPs to join their team!



During this time of Stay-at-Home orders, Providers are working so very hard to assure all staffing needs are met. If you would like information on who is in need of staff, please call HOPE Services and we will connect you with Providers in your area.

Please email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org) if you would like a job opening posted in the monthly newsletter.

# URGENT CRITICAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE

## THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM WORKERS

Starts at \$16.88/Hr

## LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

Starts at \$21.67/Hr

## PSYCHIATRIC NURSES (RN)

Starts at \$28.31/Hr

APPLY NOW @

[www.careers.ohio.gov](http://www.careers.ohio.gov)

For Immediate Consideration

Helping people live better lives wherever they choose to live, work, and spend their day.  
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities



### LOCATIONS

- Cambridge
- Columbus
- Gallipolis
- Mount Vernon
- Toledo
- Tiffin
- Highland Hills
- Batavia

### Benefits

- Part-Time/Full-Time
- Multiple Shifts
- Excellent Pay
- Health Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Public Retirement

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

### Is your job on hold during COVID-19?

We need Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) to serve people with developmental disabilities TODAY.

Provide assistance to our most vulnerable:

- Pick up medication
- Pick up groceries
- Provide care and supervision



**NOWAC**  
Northwest Ohio Waiver Administration Council

[www.nowac.com](http://www.nowac.com)



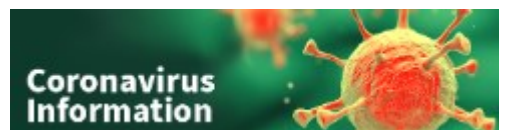
## Resources for Economic Support

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/Resources-for-Economic-Support/>

<https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/Account/UCClaimantsOverview.aspx>

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

<https://benefits.ohio.gov/>





## 2021 Trip Choices!

These are the choices for the 2021 Trip. Pick 1 and we will then go with the one that gets the most votes.

### Mackinac Island \_\_\_\_\_

5 days 4 nights BUS TOUR

Mackinac Island, Soo Locks, Mackinaw City, Colonial Michilmackinac, Dewadin Sault Casino

### Pigeon Forge \_\_\_\_\_

5 days 4 nights BUS TOUR

Dolly Parton's Stampede (dinner show), Ride the Great Smokey Mountain Wheel, Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Fued show, Visit the Old Mill, Titanic Museum

### Myrtle Beach \_\_\_\_\_

7 days 6 nights BUS TOUR

Three Evening Shows, Barefoot Landing, Myrtle Beach Boardwalk, Amazing L. W. Paul Living History Farm

### New Orleans \_\_\_\_\_

6 days 5 nights BUS TOUR

Historic French Quarter, Riverboat Cruise, Jackson Square, National WW II Museum, Mardi Gras World

### Disney Parks \_\_\_\_\_

6 days 5 nights

Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studio, Animal Kingdom, Epcot

- Flight departs from Toledo Airport



How did we do in 2019?

We would like to hear from you on how we did with the Rec Program from last year. Please take a moment to fill out the following survey.

Rate each of the following Statements:

1 inadequate, 2 alright, 3 adequate, 4 good, 5 excellent

Activities Offered 1 2 3 4 5

Staff 1 2 3 4 5

Cost 1 2 3 4 5

Organization of the event 1 2 3 4 5

Event Times/dates were 1 2 3 4 5

I did something new yes no

I made a new friend because of this yes no

I would like to see more \_\_\_\_\_

I loved doing \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:

Randy Barnes  
135 E. Maumee St.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

Or email: [rbarnes@henrydd.org](mailto:rbarnes@henrydd.org)





## Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities

Through the Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD) program, Ohioans with disabilities are able to work and still keep their health care coverage.

You may be eligible for the program if you are:

- a US citizen or meet U.S. citizenship requirements,
- a resident of Ohio,
- between 15 to 64 years old,
- living with a disability as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA),
- employed in paid full or part time work, and
- within the financial guidelines of the program.



## Youth Summer Programs

Due to our current situation with COVID19 we are delaying sending out any information regarding the assignments of program/provider. You can still drop off your application packet in the drop box at the Maumee Ave. location if you are interested in participating. Continue to follow us on Facebook for future updates.



## Could volunteering help you?

Are you looking for a job but don't have the experience you need? But you can't get experience because you can't get a job? Do you need more skills or a better network so you can find work? Are you thinking of making a change in your career but unsure about what you want to do? If you answered yes to any of these questions, volunteering could be the boost your career needs. When you volunteer, you share your skills and time with people and organizations in the community without expecting to be paid.

**Volunteering can give you a chance to build your experience and skills, and demonstrate your employability.**



## Updates from Supported Employment Services

TPI, Supported Employment Service (SES) continues working with individuals that are employed or looking for employment during the COVID19 mandates.

Currently we have approximately 25 individuals that have been effected either with layoffs and or reduced hours. We also have about 21 people still working. Job coaches are checking in with individuals to ensure that everyone is informed of any changes in the mandates and or work requirements. Several of those laid off have applied for unemployment but many are unable as the unemployment rules in Ohio states that you must have made \$243 per week for the 20 weeks in the base period to qualify. That means that someone working 20 hours per week would have to make \$12.15 per hour to qualify or \$9.72 per hour at 25 hours per week. This applies to everyone so there are many people out there that do not qualify for unemployment. SES will continue to monitor and update these individuals throughout this period.

Job Development continues, due to the increased demands on some businesses as they are eager to hire people for stocking, cashiers, maintenance and custodial. Some manufacturing businesses are also hiring as the demand for their products continues or increase. We are learning new ways to communicate and work on job searching remotely. We continue to work on interviewing skills, the right fit as well as the safety factors and how the health of each individual as well as their "family" members could be affected by working in the community. We are looking for employment in manufacturing, data entry, customer service, receptionist, child and pet care. This is just a partial list and opportunities continue to present us with new options daily.

SES wants to remind everyone to contact us should you have concerns with your jobs we are here to assist you. Due to our staff working remotely please contact us regarding work or employment issues at **419-966-5081-Tiffany Swihart** or **419-213-0205-Chris Schultz**. We are happy to assist you with any concerns or questions that you may have.

Please stay safe, wash your hands, keep your distance, cover your cough (with your elbow) as we learn new ways to work and enjoy this new normal.



A message from Randy on HARC REC:

Lion King, according to the Stranahan Theater, is postponed and they will reschedule, we will keep you posted. April is on hold. We are following the directive of Governor DeWine on social distancing and flattening the curve! We will get in touch with all of you once we can get back to the things we are missing.

We miss you all, we know you are anxious, but this is a time we need to be calm, be kind to others, and take care of ourselves. - Randy Barnes



Advocacy Day at the Statehouse 2020 was SO much fun. This was a new experience for most of the group and we had a great time. Thank you Senator McColley for talking with us!



### Project STIR™

**NOT CLOSED!**

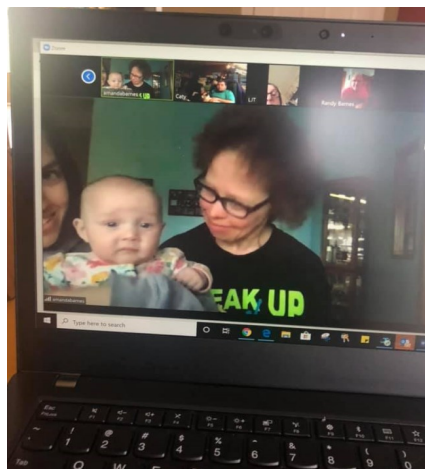


JOIN US! Each Tuesday and Friday we have a video chat session to see what everyone had been up to. Email [tparsons@henrydd.org](mailto:tparsons@henrydd.org) and ask for a ZOOM INVITATION! Facebook Messenger Video Chat is also a great way to stay in touch with your friends and family.

We at the Ohio Self Determination Association (OSDA) are working to schedule all of our usual network meetings using ZOOM and you can be included using your computer or phone!

Christopher Milo and his work partner in doing videos, Steve Pelton, are helping us to figure this out. We want all of us to stay connected to one another without leaving our homes and we will use the internet to make it happen!

More information about this will be coming soon, but for NOW, put May 1, 2020, starting at 10:00 am on your calendar!



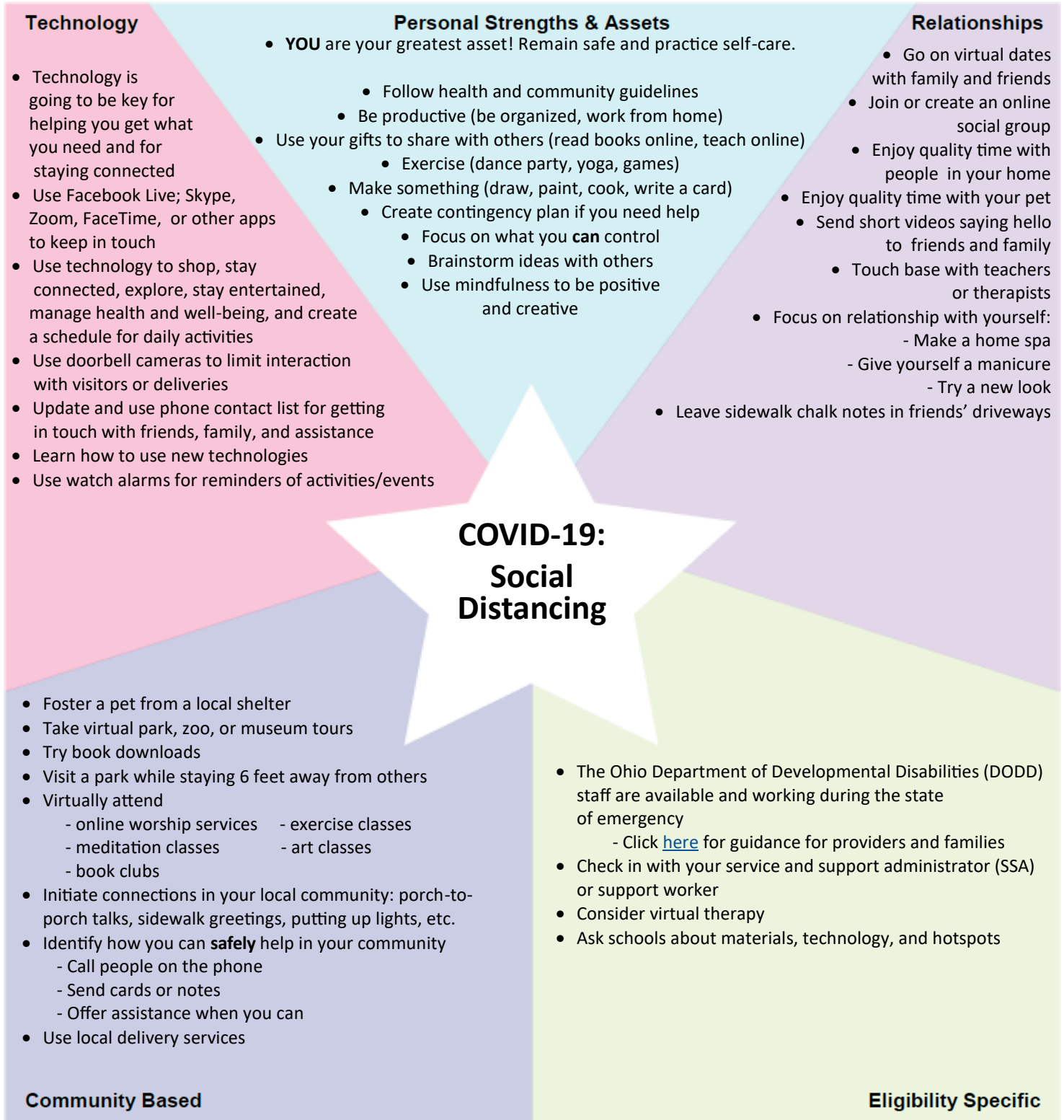
Staying social but at a distance.





## Integrated Supports

People need supports to lead good lives. Using a combination of lots of different kinds of support helps to plot a trajectory toward an inclusive, quality, community life. This tool will help families and individuals think about how to work in partnership to support their vision for a good life.



Access the LifeCourse framework and tools at [lifecoursetools.com](http://lifecoursetools.com)

# 2020 C-19 CHALLENGE

## HOW IT WORKS

Pick a Cardio exercise OR Workout you would like to do each day (or a different one each day).

Start with 10 minutes each time the first week.

Increase by 5 min. each week.

Try to get 20 minutes or more per day.

Put a check on the Calendar each time you do a workout.



<u>Cardio</u>
Walk
Run
Bike
Skip
Treadmill
Elliptical
Jump Rope

<u>Workout #1</u>
Pushups 5
Situps/curls 10
Jumping Jacks 15
Stand&Jump 3X
Side Jumps 6X
Mountain Climbers 10X

<u>Workout #2</u>
Pushups 10
Situps/curls 20
Jumping Jacks 30
Stand&Jump 6X
Side Jumps 12X
Mountain Climbers 20X



# C-19 CHALLENGE TRACKER

## APRIL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Absentee Ballot Application

*print clearly*

R.C. 3509.03

**Voter Name**  
Required

**1**

First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_  
Last \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth**  
Required

**2**

Date of Birth (*do not write today's date here*) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address at Which you are Registered to Vote**  
Required

**3**

Street Address (*no P.O. boxes*) \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Village \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address**  
Required *only if you wish to have your ballot mailed to a different address than the address at which you're registered to vote.*

**4**

Street Address (*or P.O. box*) \_\_\_\_\_  
City/Village \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification**  
Required

*You must provide **ONE** of the following.*

**5**

- Your Ohio driver's license number (*2 letters followed by 6 numbers*) \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**
- Last four digits of your Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**
- Copy of a current and valid photo identification, military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that contains your name and current address.

**Election**  
Required

*You must complete a separate application for each election.*

**6**

- Date of Election (*do not write today's date here*) \_\_\_\_\_
- General Election**                       **Special Election**
  - Primary Election** For a PARTISAN primary election only, you must choose the type of ballot:
    - Political party ballot Name of Political Party \_\_\_\_\_
    - Issues only ballot

**Affirmation**  
Required

**7**

- I wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to me at the address listed above.
- I understand this request must be received by my board of elections no later than noon on the Saturday before Election Day if by mail or by 2 p.m. the day before the election if in person.
- I understand that if an absentee ballot is mailed to me and I change my mind and go to my polling place to vote on Election Day, I will be required to vote a provisional ballot that cannot be counted until at least 11 days after Election Day.
- I understand that, if I do not provide the required information, my application cannot be processed.
- **I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that I am a qualified elector and the statements above are true.**

Signature X \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

To assist the board of election in contacting you in a timely manner if your application is incomplete, please provide the following information.

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.**

**TO ENSURE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST IS RECEIVED,  
PLEASE DO THE FOLLOWING:**

1. Make sure you have filled in the type of ballot you are requesting. For the 2020 primary, the choices are Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or Issues Only (section 6)
2. Ensure "Date of Election" (section 6) lists the date of the election for which you are requesting a ballot, NOT today's date.
3. Check that all required fields are complete.
4. Print, sign, and date your form.
5. Mail the completed form to your county board of elections.

For your county board's address please visit [VoteOhio.gov/boards](https://VoteOhio.gov/boards)

If you have additional questions, please call the office of the Ohio Secretary of State at (877) SOS-OHIO (877-767-6446).

PLEASE ADD YOUR PHONE NUMBER TO THIS DOCUMENT

**NEXT STEPS**

Once your absentee ballot request is received by your county board of elections, they will process your request and mail your ballot to your address. The boards of elections will prepay return postage.

Once you receive your ballot, to make sure your ballot is counted, it must be received by your board of elections by 7:30 p.m. on April 28 OR be postmarked by April 27 and delivered by mail to your board of elections by May 8.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) estimates that it may take two to five days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your board of elections by mail.

You can track your request and your ballot online at [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov).

**ZOOM Meeting - How to complete this form and what next. TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH @ 3:00 PM**

TINA Parsons is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/580843723>

Meeting ID: 580 843 723

## Contact Us

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

Administration Office	419-599-2892
Superintendent	419-599-2892
Early Intervention and Employment Services	419-592-0126
Family Support Services	419-599-2892
Transportation	419-592-8726
Special Olympics	419-591-6798
HARC Recreation	419-591-6798
Volunteer Opportunities	419-599-2892

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Join thousands across Ohio supporting  
Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year Henry County Children Services  
hosts events to raise awareness for child abuse  
prevention. Events this year will be held at a later  
date to be announced. However, you can still  
**WEAR BLUE on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** to show  
your support! Please share your pictures with me to post  
on our FB County Page, email to [jamie.kleck@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:jamie.kleck@jfs.ohio.gov)  
You can also post pictures & tag them **#OHIOWEARSBLUE**

Check out the **blue lights** downtown at our Henry County  
Courthouse and Sheriff's office.



## Board Members

**President:** Kent Beilharz, **Vice President:** Monica Atkinson, **Secretary:** Jake Freppel  
Donna Saunders, Thomas Manahan, Caleb Shanks, Nelda Irving

HOPE Services does not discriminate in provision of services or employment because of disability, race,  
color, creed, national origin, sex or age. Send news stories and items of interest to Tina Parsons or Kent Spiess.

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