

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Topic
10/22	5:30 – 6:30	Medicare and Medicaid – This session describes the difference between the two, what they pay for and what they don't as well as who could qualify for assistance.
11/18	9:00 – 3:00	CPR – Adult and Child CPR full day training, certification received.
12/10	5:30 – 6:30	Seasons of the Heart – Parents and caregivers discuss the emotions involved when they first discovered their child had special needs. Come and share your experiences and support one another.
1/28	5:30 – 6:30	Understanding and Writing An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) – Participants will gain an understanding of the IEP content and the documentation necessary to develop an IEP. Discussion will focus on who is required to be involved in the development of an IEP and what the parent/caregiver and school roles are in the process. Each section of the IEP will be reviewed with an explanation of what information is required by law and what needs to be recorded in the various IEP sections.
2/25	5:30 – 6:30	Parent Rights in the Special Education Process – Participants will gain a functional knowledge of parent's under special education law (IDEA). The six components of Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) will be discussed and explained. Timelines under IDEA, as well as, the evaluation, referral and testing process will be covered. Participants also will learn the basic facts about mediation, Ohio Department of Education (ODE) complaint procedures, resolution meetings and due process procedures.
3/25	5:30 – 6:30	MRDD Month – March is MRDD month. Come and discover what services MRDD provides for children and adults.
4/22	5:30 – 6:30	Autism Awareness Month – Nick Weiland from OCALI will be present to share the vast resources available through the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI) to families of children with autism. Some resources that will be discussed are assistive technology, lending library, parent guide to autism, and conferences available to families.
5/17	5:30 – 7:00	Niswonger Center, Columbus, OH – The Niswonger Center will describe what services it offers to children and their families. The Niswonger Center was founded in 1966 as an interdisciplinary program of the Ohio State University. The United States Administration on Developmental Disabilities has designated Niswonger Center a "University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities" (UCEDD). The Niswonger Center is part of a network of 67 University Centers of Excellence.

The mission of The Ohio State University Niswonger Center is to work with communities to value and support the meaningful participation of people with disabilities of all ages through education, service and research. The Center

provides assistance to organizations, families and service providers to promote inclusion of people with disabilities in education, health, employment and community settings.

6/24 5:30 – 6:30 **Taking Care of Business** – An attorney will discuss long-term care issues such as Medicare and Medicaid, living wills, power of attorney, high cost of nursing, home care and other needs when planning for long-term care.

All held at Golden Rule School. Refreshments served. Adult/Child care provided.

Groups providing speakers include:

Guernsey County Board of MRDD
Family Information Network (FIN)
Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD)
Area Agency on Aging Region Nine (AAA9)
Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence (OCALI)
OSUMC Nisonger Center