

Ohio Parent to Parent (P2P) in Miami County

ABOUT OHIO P2P

Ohio P2P is a statewide parent support program and part of the Ohio Family to Family Health Information Center (Ohio F2F), based within the University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCCEDD).

Ohio P2P connects parents, siblings, self-advocates, foster parents, grandparents, etc. who have a family member, of any age, with a disability or special health care need to an experienced, trained volunteer support parent.

Ohio P2P is staffed by a family member of a person with a disability or special health care need. Ohio P2P staff facilitates the matching process and offers support to families from diverse backgrounds and experiences.

ABOUT RIVERSIDE

The mission of the Miami County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Riverside) is to empower people with developmental disabilities to **live, work and play** as full members of our community. Riverside serves more than 1,100 people from birth through the end of life.

We directly provide service coordination, advocacy and provider (DSP) training, early intervention and recreation services. We also fund adult day services, residential support and job training through our network of service providers.

Benefits of Connecting



What to Expect

Support Peers are trained by P2P staff and are entered into an electronic database to be matched with a Referred Parent. P2P staff oversee all matches and base each connection off of the Referred Parent's circumstances and reason(s) for wanting to connect.

If you are interested in connecting to a Support Peer or would like more information about Ohio P2P, call 1(844) 644-6323, email ohiop2p@cchmc.org or visit ohiof2f.org/ohiop2p.



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Meet Our Support Peers | Ohio P2P in Miami County



Jayne Anderson

Jayne lives in Casstown with her wife and 2 dogs, and she currently works at Riverside as a Resource Support Coordinator. Her older sister, Jan, has received services for 50+ years and their mother and aunt retired from Riverside with 30+ years experience. As both a professional in the DD world and a sibling of a person with a disability, Jayne offers families a unique viewpoint and is willing to be a listening ear during difficult times.



Amy Cain

Amy lives in Troy with her husband, Nate, and their two sons. Her son Tanner received Early Intervention (EI) services and is now connected with a Riverside SSA. Her family's experience with EI and the transition from EI to school-age services allows Amy to support other families in every life stage. As a Support Peer, Amy's biggest objective is to help families celebrate all their child's victories, whether they are big or small.



Megan Carroll

Megan lives in New Carlisle with her husband and two kids, and she works in the Cardiology Department at Dayton Children's Hospital. Her daughter Gwen receives Early Intervention (EI) services and sees multiple doctors, therapists and a prosthetist. Megan knows what it is like to face so many unknowns as a parent, and she wants to help other families through these times and encourage them to be their child's voice.



Joan Green

Joan lives in Troy with her husband, Brian, and works at the Shelby County Board of DD. She has three children, and her son Josh is on the autism spectrum. Joan's 20+ years of experience in the DD field gives her extensive knowledge of EI, case management, recreation services, remote supports, homemaker personal care and adult day services. She hopes to be a listening ear and share her experiences with other families.



Cindy Jones

Cindy lives in Troy and has two children, Sarah and Luke. She was married to her husband, Steve, for 44 years before his death in 2018. Cindy worked in Early Intervention (EI) at Riverside and retired in 2008. Her daughter Sarah has received Riverside services since 1982, including EI, school-age and adult services. A good listener, Cindy believes her experience as a mother and former EI team member will enable her to help other families.



Ashley Thoreen

Ashley lives in Piqua with her husband and son, Vance. She is employed as the Parent Mentor at Piqua City Schools and is a tattoo artist at Endless Ink Tattooing. Ashley's experience lies with Early Intervention (EI), ETR/IEP, special education and autism. She hopes to be a listening ear for other families and offer emotional support during difficult times. She also wants help families celebrate the good times.



Mandy Via

Mandy lives in Pleasant Hill with her husband and two sons, Owen and Ethan. She is a nurse/paramedic and serves on the Ethics Committee and as Secretary of the Board at the Miami County Board of DD (Riverside). Mandy also educates critical care and prehospital providers for transport/treatment of people with autism. As a mentor, she wants parents to know they are not alone and there is a community here to support them.



Amanda Wells

Amanda lives in Troy with her son, Noah, and has three children living outside the home. She plans to attend college in 2021 and currently collaborates with the Ohio Department of DD (DODD) to develop Neonatal Abstinence training for Early Intervention (EI) professionals. Her experience with EI, behavior support and community resources inspires Amanda to connect with other families to listen to and support them.