

OUT AND ABOUT



THE DEFIANCE COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISBAILITIES ALONG
WITH OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS!

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ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTS
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Dear Champions of Defiance County DD,

At Defiance DD, we are proud to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to **Unite, Inspire, and Become** active members of their community.

We believe that Defiance County is a place where everyone belongs—a community that is accessible, welcoming, and inclusive for people of all abilities.

That's why we are working to expand the number of accessible, adaptive, and inclusive spaces and programs throughout our county.

Through strong partnerships with recreation providers, arts and culture organizations, and libraries, we're helping to make both programs and public spaces more inclusive for all.

The programs and places featured in this publication embody Defiance DD's mission of inclusion. Many already meet—or are actively working toward—our standards for accessibility and community participation.

Each organization listed here shares our vision of a more inclusive Defiance County, where people of all abilities have the opportunity to engage, contribute, and thrive.

We hope you'll get out and enjoy these meaningful opportunities!

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SUPERINTENDENT



Defiance DD

County Board of Developmental Disabilities

UNITE. INSPIRE. BECOME.

WHO WE ARE

The Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) is dedicated to supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families so they can live, learn, work, and thrive in our community. The DCBDD provides a wide range of services across the lifespan from Early Intervention for infants and toddlers ages 0-3, to school age supports, to adult services that promote independence and community inclusion.

Our team partners with families, schools, local organizations, and employers to create opportunities that empower each person to reach their full potential. At the heart of our mission is the belief that every individual deserves dignity, respect, and the chance to live a meaningful life as a valued member of our community.

Services

Early Intervention

Ages 0-3

Good Samaritan School:

Preschool and School Age Services

Ages 3-22

Service and Support Administration

Age 3- Lifespan

Caring Connections Support Group

Defiance County C.I.A. (Community Inclusion Action) Group

Ages 14 and Up

Defiance County Special Olympics

Ages 8 and Up

Individual Support Services

No Limits

Ages 14 and Up

Recreational Activities

Visit Our
Socials to
Learn More!



195 Island Park Ave., Defiance, OH 43512

Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm



(419) 782-6621



(419) 784-5199



www.defiancedd.org



ACCESS AND PHYSICAL SPACE

Defiance Development and Visitors Bureau



The streams of your life often seem to run parallel to one another never meeting, always separate. While appearing disparate, these currents inch closer and closer until they converge in one special time and place.

Defiance County, OH, captures the spirit of that existential confluence with unparalleled opportunities to visit, settle down, build your career, and enjoy your life. With fantastic shopping, dining, and entertainment, discover the Defiance, Ohio area and follow the flow of life to an unforgettable convergence of fun and opportunity.

Phone: (419) 782-0739

<https://visitdefianceohio.com/>



Fort Wayne Children's Zoo

The Fort Wayne Zoo is a nationally ranked zoo, offering families 40 acres of animals, rides and beautifully landscaped grounds. Four distinct sections offer rides and hands-on experiences around every turn.

Phone: (260) 427-6800

<https://www.visitfortwayne.com/zoo/>



Imagination Station

Welcome to Imagination Station, where curiosity, creativity and discovery come to life. Plan your visit today and get ready to explore hands-on exhibits, interactive experiences and endless opportunities for fun and learning.

Phone: (419) 244-2674

<https://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org/>

ACCESS AND PHYSICAL SPACE



Toledo Zoo

Come closer to adventure by experiencing up-close encounters with 16,000+ animals at your Toledo Zoo!

Phone: (419) 385-5721

<https://www.toledozoo.org/>

ARTS AND CULTURE

Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum

Andrew L. Tuttle
MEMORIAL MUSEUM

Andrew L. Tuttle, a lifelong resident of Defiance, Ohio, bequeathed his extensive collection of Native American artifacts, coins, documents, stamps, military memorabilia, and other artifacts, to the city of Defiance with the stipulation a museum would be established in his name.

Phone: (419) 782-0746

<https://www.cityofdefiance.com/327/Andrew-L-Tuttle-Memorial-Museum>

Auglaize Village

Auglaize Village. Founded in 1966 by the Defiance County Historical Society, this 120-acre recreation of early life in Northwest Ohio promises a firsthand look at those who came long before.



Phone: (419) 990-0107

[https://visitdefianceohio.com/explore/auglaize-village/Huber Opera House](https://visitdefianceohio.com/explore/auglaize-village/Huber%20Opera%20House)

Stroede Center for the Arts

The Stroede Center has become an important hub for community arts and cultural events. In addition to the DCCC Performance Series, it hosts the Young People's Theatre Guild, Fort Defiance Players, Andrew L. Tuttle Memorial Museum, music recitals, a film series, and other special events.



Phone: (419) 784-3401

<https://defiancearts.org/>

LIBRARIES

The Defiance Public Library and Defiance DD: Building Inclusion Together



The Defiance Public Library has partnered with the Defiance County Board of DD to offer inclusive programs that highlight the idea that we are more alike than different.

Together, we are creating a community where everyone feels welcome and included.

Did you know?

Anyone with a valid State of Ohio ID can get a library card!

With your card, you can:

 Borrow books, e-books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks

 Access newspapers, magazines, and databases

 Explore endless learning opportunities—all for free!

Defiance Public Library

Defiance Public Library

320 Fort St, Defiance, OH 43512

(419) 782-1456

<https://defiancelibrary.org>

Defiance Public Library is a three-branch, independent public library system serving Defiance County and its' surrounding communities.

Offers free programs for all ages, plus technology services like free access to WiFi, public computers, Makers Space, and classes.

Sherwood Branch Library

117 N. Harrison St., Sherwood, OH 43556

(419) 899-4343

<https://defiancelibrary.org>

Offers free programs for all ages, plus technology services like free access to WiFi, public computers, Summer Lunch Program, and classes.

Johnson Memorial Library

116 W. High St., Hicksville, OH 43526

(419) 542-6200

<https://defiancelibrary.org>

Offers free programs for all ages, plus technology services like free access to WiFi, public computers, and classes.



ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTS

Autism Society of Northwest Ohio



The Autism Society of Northwest Ohio creates connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully. They provide 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.

Phone: (419) 578-2766

<https://www.cityofdefiance.com/327/Andrew-L-Tuttle-Memorial-Museum>

The ARC of Ohio



The Arc of Ohio is the voice of people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends of people with disabilities, and those who work with them. The Arc of Ohio is a grassroots organization which advocates for human rights, personal dignity and community participation of individuals with developmental disabilities through legislative and social action, information and education, local chapter supports, and family involvement.

Phone: (614) 487-4720

<https://www.thearcofohio.org/>

Children and Adults with ADHD



Children and Adults with Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD) provides support, education and encouragement to parents, educators and professionals on a grassroots level through CHADD chapters.

Phone: (301) 306-7070

<https://chadd.org/>

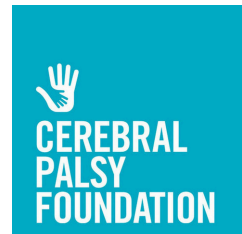
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Cerebral Palsy Foundation

The Cerebral Palsy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of millions of people worldwide with cerebral palsy. We focus on cutting-edge research, transforming healthcare systems, improving prevention and early detection, and providing effective interventions— while accelerating efforts to find a cure.

Phone: (212) 520-1686

<https://www.cerebralpalsyfoundation.org/>



Defiance County Health Department

A Healthy and Safe Defiance County is achieved when communities are safe, disease and injury is prevented, and all people are given the opportunity to meet their full health potential. This is possible by promoting a strong public health system, promoting the protection of public health, and promoting a culture of health.

Phone: (419) 784-3818

<https://defiancecohealth.org/>



Disability Rights Ohio

Disability Rights Ohio is a non-profit corporation with a mission to advocate for an equitable Ohio for people with disabilities

Since October 2012, Disability Rights Ohio has served as Ohio's Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system and Client Assistance Program (CAP). It is governed by a Board of Directors, primarily consisting of people with disabilities and family members of people with disabilities.

Phone: (614) 466-7264

<https://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/>



ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTS

Down Syndrome Association of Greater Toledo



The Cerebral Palsy Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the lives of millions of people worldwide with cerebral palsy. We focus on cutting-edge research, transforming healthcare systems, improving prevention and early detection, and providing effective interventions—while accelerating efforts to find a cure.

Phone: (419) 794-1493

<https://www.dsagt.org/>

Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio



THE EPILEPSY CENTER
OF NORTHWEST OHIO

Helping to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy and those with developmental disabilities. We provide a variety of services from education, awareness and outreach about epilepsy and other seizure disorders to Adult Day Services, non-medical transportation, representative payee services, job coaching and vocational services for adults with developmental disabilities.

Phone: (419) 346-2416

<https://epilepsycenter.org/>

Hearing-Deaf Service Center



We aim to empower the deaf and hard-of-hearing community by providing accessible resources, advocacy, and education. Our commitment is to break down communication barriers and foster inclusivity for all. Through various programs and services, we strive to make a meaningful impact and support individuals to thrive in their personal and professional lives.

Phone: (419) 720-3935

<https://www.dsc.org/>

ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTS

Kaitlyn's Cottage

Kaitlyn's Cottage is a country cottage providing day, evening and overnight respite for people who live with intellectual and physical disabilities.

Phone: (419) 783-4411

<https://www.promedica.org/locations-and-doctors/location/clinics/kaitlyns-cottage>



Muscular Dystrophy Association

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is the #1 voluntary health organization in the United States for people living with muscular dystrophy, ALS, and related neuromuscular diseases. For 75 years, MDA has led the way in accelerating research, advancing care, and advocating for the support of our families.

Phone: (800) 572-1717

<https://www.mda.org/>



National Fragile X Foundation

Empowering families living with Fragile X and the professionals who serve them every day through advocacy, education, research and treatment.

Phone: (202) 594-8376

<https://fragilex.org/>



ORGANIZATIONS AND SUPPORTS

Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities



The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) is a statewide nonprofit organization that serves families of infants, toddlers, children and youth with disabilities in Ohio, educators and agencies who provide services to them

Phone: (740) 382-5452

<https://www.ocecd.org/>



**Department of
Developmental
Disabilities**

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is committed to improving the quality of life for Ohioans with developmental disabilities.

Phone: (800) 572-1717

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

The Sight Center of Northwest Ohio



The Sight Center
of northwest ohio

The Sight Center offers a unique blend of programs and services that can help people of all ages work, learn, play, and live independently with permanent vision loss.

Phone: (419) 720-3937

<https://sightcentertoledo.org/>

United Way of Defiance County



**United Way of
Defiance County**

United Way improves lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good.

Phone: (419) 782-3510

<https://www.unitedwaydefiance.org/>

RECREATION

City of Defiance Parks

The City of Defiance is home to 17 parks for all of its citizens to access and enjoy.

Phone: (419) 784-2745

<https://cityofdefiance.com/216/Parks-Recreation>



Defiance Area YMCA

The Defiance Area YMCA strengthens the foundations of our community through well-being and fitness, camps, family time, swim, sports and play, and other activities for people of all ages, incomes and abilities.

Phone: (419) 784-4747

<https://defianceymca.org/>

Defiance College George M. Smart Athletic Center

The George M. Smart Athletic Center is an 84,000-square-foot field house that opened in February 2012. The multi-purpose floor provides additional year-round training areas for all varsity athletic programs but is officially home to the Defiance College indoor track and field teams.

Phone: (419) 783-2697

<https://www.defianceathletics.com/information/facilities/george/index>



RECREATION

DEFIANCE COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO

Defiance County Special Olympics

The mission of Special Olympics Ohio is to provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through successful experiences in sports, individuals gain confidence and build a positive self-image which carries over into their home, job and community.



Phone: (419) 782-6621

<https://www.defiancedd.org/special-olympics/>



Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation

Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation offers over 80 parks, trails, and recreational facilities that provide year-round opportunities for outdoor fun and community connection. From scenic trails and splash pads to sports complexes, gardens, and the award-winning Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, the system is a cornerstone of the city's quality of life. Their programs and events bring families and neighbors together while promoting health, wellness, and a love for nature.

Phone: (260) 427-6000

<https://www.cityoffortwayne.in.gov/461/Parks-Recreation>

Independence State Dam

Independence Dam State Park is located along the banks of the beautiful Maumee State Scenic River, which is ideal for boating, fishing, or paddling. Remnants of Ohio's canal era is evident along 7 miles of the historic canal, which runs between County Road 424 and the park. Independence Dam State Park offers seasonal, primitive riverside campsites and shady picnic areas.



<https://ohiodnr.gov/go-and-do/plan-a-visit/find-a-property/independence-dam-state-park>

RECREATION

Metro Parks Toledo

Metroparks protect our community's natural resources by using public dollars responsibly to conserve, preserve and restore areas that provide remarkable environmental and economic value for all of northwest Ohio. Parks and open space benefit the community by helping clean the air and water, retain stormwater, provide essential habitat for wildlife and enhance property values.

Phone: (419) 407-9700

<https://metroparkstoledo.com/>



**METROPARKS
TOLEDO**

Museums For All

Through Museums for All, those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can gain free or reduced admission to more than 1,500 museums throughout the United States simply by presenting their EBT card and a photo ID.

<https://museums4all.org/>



Penney Nature Reserve

Penney Nature Center is located at 08855 Ashpacher Road, Defiance, Ohio 43512. It is open to the public from dawn to dusk. Penney is comprised of 78 acres of wetlands, prairie lands, and woodlands. The Defiance SWCD has made many improvements recently and hope to continue doing so. Some of these improvements include the construction of a covered bridge, a new walking bridge, trail signs and markers, and an improved driveway and parking lot.

Phone: (419) 782-1794

<https://www.defianceswcd.org/penney-nature-center.html>



SCHOOLS



For more information on what events and activities are available to you at **Ayersville Local Schools**, scan the QR Code.



For more information on what events and activities are available to you at **Central Local Schools**, scan the QR Code.



For more information on what events and activities are available to you at **Defiance City Schools**, scan the QR Code.



For more information on what events and activities are available to you at **Hicksville Schools**, scan the QR Code.



For more information on what events and activities are available to you at **Northeastern Local Schools**, scan the QR Code.