

# Butler County Task Force

Monday, October 2, 2023

2:00–3:00 p.m.

Minutes



## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Pati Shrom, Tanya Wescott, Terri Doerr, Jillian Zuzolo,  
Lauren Vondrell, Becky Kremer, Becky Morgan

## 2. Spotlight

3. S.A.L.T.– Patti Schrom (School to Adult Live Transition Series)
  - Serving SWOH – mostly virtual meetings
  - Transition related info, meetings, and resources
4. SALT TEENS – student component (meet in person a few times a year) with the hybrid sessions
  - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 6–7:30 p.m.
5. Lunch & Learn – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed every month @ noon
6. Resources
  - SALT Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/SALTSouthwestOH>
  - SALT Livebinder: <https://bit.ly/SALTSWOH>
  - SALT Google Drive: <https://bit.ly/SALTTALKSGOOGLE>
  - SALT website: <https://www.salt-resources.com/>
  - SALT YouTube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0IRMRO59X4ISEQ7aiR3KrQ>
7. Offer a monthly newsletter as well

## 8. Around the Region: Program Updates

- Autism Connections
  - ASGC Event Calendar: <https://www.autismcincy.org/events/>
- DODD – check out Memo Monday: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/your-family/all-family-resources/Subscribe>
  - <https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/grant-opportunities/grant-opportunities>
  - Innovating Inclusive Supports grant
    - Grow capacity for highest support needs

The Regional Autism Advisory Council of Southwest Ohio connects organizations, individuals, and family members to enhance the autism community by collaborating and sharing knowledge.

- Info session 10/10; app due 11/10
  - Regional tech hubs
    - Technology ie. smart homes, lending libraries
    - Deadline 10/30
  - Innovating Tech Solutions
    - Deadline 10/13
  - Adult Day Providers Pilot Project
    - [https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uPz3wnkODKQyTg26uO3tASOzFhqno-Kkj8182-qu\\_SV2LpZuDcmuVmylIYotRmMLujvYAzNjD-dorBlwCoqe52AsqKMP7JHJOxt3BdwiYGvb-objCEsm9jajJ8fbqMS1W7y4MrYBy8DQpWPmJ0BS72\\_aC73EhBaMf\\_zgt281w5x99TUFCImmC7\\_DrZa4mK5y&c=LoX21OfGd1Lu95lbopFoq8I7ODAXoXOemysguaW2UbUTNR7rv9JQmg==&ch=OKYksoPtBQF\\_Irq1SIIWuWnnqat9biK5wEDToIIBCAM7p4XUk1dntw=](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uPz3wnkODKQyTg26uO3tASOzFhqno-Kkj8182-qu_SV2LpZuDcmuVmylIYotRmMLujvYAzNjD-dorBlwCoqe52AsqKMP7JHJOxt3BdwiYGvb-objCEsm9jajJ8fbqMS1W7y4MrYBy8DQpWPmJ0BS72_aC73EhBaMf_zgt281w5x99TUFCImmC7_DrZa4mK5y&c=LoX21OfGd1Lu95lbopFoq8I7ODAXoXOemysguaW2UbUTNR7rv9JQmg==&ch=OKYksoPtBQF_Irq1SIIWuWnnqat9biK5wEDToIIBCAM7p4XUk1dntw=)  
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- Policy to Practice Forum – coming in the fall – October 11 all day
  - 9:30–noon + afternoon World Cafe
  - Maximize Supports to Expand Inclusion
    - funding opps to support those most significantly by disability
    - morning panel + afternoon world cafe roundtables
    - October 11
    - In-Person at Montgomery Co Business Center Solutions in Dayton
    - registration link: <http://c.planetReg.com/P2Pforum2023>
  - Growing capacity in services for those with the most significant behavior, sensory needs
    - Boundless
    - Transitions Behavioral Health
  - Includes:
    - DODD
    - OH Medicaid
    - Hope to have presence from county boards
      - Targeting SWOH
- Elite Kids Therapy – social skills group
  - 1<sup>st</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup> grades – learning basic social skills (8 weeks)
  - Cost = \$150; starts tomorrow
  - Contact Tanya Wescott for more info
- Reminder for Tuesday night's Hybrid session!  
In Person & Zoom Meeting Pre – Registrations Link:

<https://bit.ly/SALTTALKS10-3-2023>

Speaker: Allison Boot, MA

<https://allisonmbootauthor.com>

Description:

Worried about what the future may look like for your child with a disability? Come to hear three-time self-published author/Ms. Wheelchair Ohio 2023, Allison Boot talk about how people with disabilities can live equitable, happy lives. She will share her story including the ups and downs of independent living and answer any questions you may have. Oct 3rd SALT TALKS – Allison Boot Story ; <https://fb.me/e/2DkWBUEOL>

## 9. Policy Updates

- Community respite received increase in reimbursement rates in new governor's budget: <https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/Budget/Budget>
  - Hope for improved staff retention
  - Most rates HPC, employment supports, etc had substantial increases – around 30% – in Jan 2024 and 38% in July 2024
  - Shared living changes – parents will continue be able to be paid caregivers

10. Bill HR 5408 – increase asset limit for individual and married couples

- The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides critical support for millions of people with disabilities to help afford the basics of everyday life, like food and rent.

But SSI has many rules that make it hard for people to save money and get out of poverty. SSI has an asset limit that has not been updated since 1989! Assets include cash, money in bank accounts, most retirement accounts, and other financial resources. Right now, people who get SSI can only have \$2,000 in assets. Married couples can only have \$3,000.

On Tuesday, September 12, the SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act (S.2767/ H.R. 5408) was introduced by Senators Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA) and Representatives Brian Higgins (D-NY) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA). This bill makes long-overdue reforms to

the SSI program that would empower millions of people with disabilities to earn and save more money for their futures.

- [https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001erEMhj-m8oHSWzK99tg3JemiCYJct71stYjDQsaQnN7iLciszN5X0qx5RovG01-n-vuBJwuWA\\_hBseEKiEpmWIA9qwrDdTHSC5ScKBq9TyVxjjiwi6vKdNaS9NIRRMQ-20LHg\\_75y3mUVSjGUDbsW\\_Z0OIHlrvuklah0uRbEqABqh08PSOyzTyxANUpahGphxsPM7LSlhr8L0EXbDq-qIAGqtu9PKpSqbrhphOz5mpRcHv8s588jrYhgjbLySbjji-HaJSAzOgIAULiVrrQ3umDSYiMGNmRDkkPooADEqacxdh4VfdpKOgoYRLf0uneZkHbLgm82qULJ-HidN0c3ag==&c=WcRiTbmS2axGTYPJu7sQBno9cTgXjWxtjpc6gcNmRLEhc0jpH6wylA==&ch=3W63UIURTGyEdtn6Y7TwpYvseZ\\_CzUldxB7zeZxWqAswNo\\_geibheQ==](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001erEMhj-m8oHSWzK99tg3JemiCYJct71stYjDQsaQnN7iLciszN5X0qx5RovG01-n-vuBJwuWA_hBseEKiEpmWIA9qwrDdTHSC5ScKBq9TyVxjjiwi6vKdNaS9NIRRMQ-20LHg_75y3mUVSjGUDbsW_Z0OIHlrvuklah0uRbEqABqh08PSOyzTyxANUpahGphxsPM7LSlhr8L0EXbDq-qIAGqtu9PKpSqbrhphOz5mpRcHv8s588jrYhgjbLySbjji-HaJSAzOgIAULiVrrQ3umDSYiMGNmRDkkPooADEqacxdh4VfdpKOgoYRLf0uneZkHbLgm82qULJ-HidN0c3ag==&c=WcRiTbmS2axGTYPJu7sQBno9cTgXjWxtjpc6gcNmRLEhc0jpH6wylA==&ch=3W63UIURTGyEdtn6Y7TwpYvseZ_CzUldxB7zeZxWqAswNo_geibheQ==)

#### 11. 5-Year Works 4 Me Grant Program that OOD received

- Moving from sub-minimum wage to competitive employment
- Hamilton County – working on innovative ideas to
  - Around 100 people in Ham Co still in sub-minimum employment

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## 12. Training & Events

Electronic pdfs can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/RAACflyers>

- [Children's Theatre 2023-2024 Season](#)
  - The SpongeBob Musical – October 14-23, 2023
  - Narnia the Musical – December 9-18, 2023
  - Cinderella – February 17-26, 2024
  - Finding Nemo Jr. – April 20-29, 2024
- [Cincinnati Art Museum](#)
  - Sensory Saturdays
- [iFly](#)
  - All Abilities Night
- [Ohio P2P Parent Support](#)

- Are you interested in providing support to other families who have a loved one with a disability or special healthcare need? Please join us as we build this network. Find the flyer with more information on becoming a support parent here. Email questions or application to [marion.cosgroverauch@cchmc.org](mailto:marion.cosgroverauch@cchmc.org)
- [Ohio Special Education Response Team](#) (OSERT)
  - meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month from 12:00–1:00 p.m.
- SALT Series and Resources
  - SALT Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SALTSouthwestOH>
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- DDBP Outreach Calendar
- Cincinnati Pops or Orchestra – Disney theme – sensory friendly?

### 13. **Next Task Force Meeting**

- November 6, 2023 @ 2 p.m.
- Zoom info
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95841474662?pwd=L25WN2w4REIDT3VUZjdIODZINDBJUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 958 4147 4662
  - Passcode: BCRAAC