

# Transition Task Force

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

9:00–10:00 a.m.

## Minutes



### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Cindy Molloy, Patrick Ober, Andrea Bartels, Patti Schrom, Heather Moore, Scott Brown, Anne Tapia, Lynn Godwin, Cindy Aardema, Brittany Conner, Sarah Cadle

### 2. Spotlight Idea

- Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, OH: <https://recreationunlimited.org/>
  - Offer overnight respite, summer camp
  - Camp, ropes course, etc.
- Childrens Psy Dept meeting – Brittany Conner
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### 3. Around the Region: Program Updates

- RAAC
  - RAAC Update
- Autism Connections
  - ASGC Event Calendar: <https://www.autismcincy.org/events/>
  - Pumpkin Race – September 28
  - PEERS
  - Best Point
    - Budget Bootcamp – October 6 & 13, 8–12:30
    - Looking for adult volunteers to support students
    - “real life” game of Life
    - Contact Lynn for more info
    - Volunteer at our Budget Bootcamp Event on Oct 6th and/or 13th!  
Click on the link here to sign up or copy/paste to share!  
<https://forms.office.com/r/sx7Dy1xxjA>
  - Clermont Co Transition Services – Scott
    - Good Fortune Dinner during Disability Awareness month
      - Employer of the year
      - End of October
      - [file:///C:/Users/sbrown/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/KQDVUI5G/Haunted%20Drive-Thru%20-%20Agency%20Invitation%20\(003\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/sbrown/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/KQDVUI5G/Haunted%20Drive-Thru%20-%20Agency%20Invitation%20(003).pdf)
    - Proclamation from Clermont Co.

The Regional Autism Advisory Council Transition Task Force of Southwest of Ohio is committed to enhancing the resources, advocacy, education, and access to transition services for families with children 13–22 through networking, sharing updates, services, and training opportunities across the region.

- 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
    - 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-dorBlwCoqe52AsqKMVp7JHJOxt3BdwiYGvb-ojCEsm9jajJ8fbqMS1W7y4MrYBy8DQpWPmJ0BS72\\_aC73EhBaMf\\_zgt281w5x99TUFClmmC7\\_DrZa4mK5y&c=LoX21OfGd1Lu95lbopFoq8I7ODAXoXOemysguaW2UbUTNR7rv9JQmg=&ch=OKYksoPtBQF\\_IrqISIIWuWnnqat9biK5wEDToIIBCAM7p4XUk1dntw==](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001uPz3wnkODKQyTg26uO3tASOzFhqno-Kkj8182-qu_SV2LpZuDcmuVmylIYotRmMLujvYAzNjD-dorBlwCoqe52AsqKMVp7JHJOxt3BdwiYGvb-ojCEsm9jajJ8fbqMS1W7y4MrYBy8DQpWPmJ0BS72_aC73EhBaMf_zgt281w5x99TUFClmmC7_DrZa4mK5y&c=LoX21OfGd1Lu95lbopFoq8I7ODAXoXOemysguaW2UbUTNR7rv9JQmg=&ch=OKYksoPtBQF_IrqISIIWuWnnqat9biK5wEDToIIBCAM7p4XUk1dntw==)
- Forum for providers
  - Maximize 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
  - Maximizing Supports to Expand Inclusion registration link: <http://c.planetReg.com/P2Pforum2023>
- SALT – Patti Schrom
  - September was Transition – DD Services, IEPs, ISPs
    - Tonight OCECD + OOD talking about IEP for transition
    - Post-secondary planning & what happens when plans don't work out
  - October + January = independent living
- Hamilton Co – Andrea Bartels
  - 513 Relief Bus: Council on Aging, JFS, and many more
  - <https://513relief.org/bus/>

- Clermont Co – Halloween event
  - Drive -thru – October 19
- Warren Co
  - Truck or Treat – more info coming!
    - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080B4EABAF2CA7FF2-8thannual?fbclid=IwAR3KIBHOJ8Ca2aZxwyBXZznzOI8mWG6JkuWRsv4Ihc9YacKuB2IFNftUMaM#/>
  - Community life skills and job skills programs happening
- Stepping Stones – Patrick Ober
  - Accepting new participants for adult day programs
  - Purchased a pontoon boat for adult day programs

#### 4. 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
- 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\\_hBseEKIEpmWIA9qwrDdTHSC5ScKBq9TyVxjjwi6vKdNaS9NIRRMQ-20LHg\\_75y3mUVSjGUDbsW\\_Z0OIHLrvuklah0uRbEqABqh08PSOyzTyxANUpahGphxsPM7LSIhr8L0EXbDq-qlAgQtu9PKpSqbrhphOz5mpRcHv8s588jrYhgjbLySbzjji-HaJSAzOglAULiVrrQ3umDSYIMGNmRDKKPooADEqacxdh4VfdpKOgoYRLf0uneZkHbLgm82qULJ-HidN0c3ag==&c=WcRiTbmS2axGTYPJu7sQBno9cTgXjWXtjpc6gcNmRLEhc0jpH6wylA==&ch=3W63UIURTGyEdtn6Y7TwpYvseZ\\_CzUldxB7zeZxWqAswNo\\_geibheQ==](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001erEMhj-m8oHSWzk99tg3JemiCYJct71stYjDQsaQnN7iLciszN5X0qx5RovG01-n-vuBJwuWA_hBseEKIEpmWIA9qwrDdTHSC5ScKBq9TyVxjjwi6vKdNaS9NIRRMQ-20LHg_75y3mUVSjGUDbsW_Z0OIHLrvuklah0uRbEqABqh08PSOyzTyxANUpahGphxsPM7LSIhr8L0EXbDq-qlAgQtu9PKpSqbrhphOz5mpRcHv8s588jrYhgjbLySbzjji-HaJSAzOglAULiVrrQ3umDSYIMGNmRDKKPooADEqacxdh4VfdpKOgoYRLf0uneZkHbLgm82qULJ-HidN0c3ag==&c=WcRiTbmS2axGTYPJu7sQBno9cTgXjWXtjpc6gcNmRLEhc0jpH6wylA==&ch=3W63UIURTGyEdtn6Y7TwpYvseZ_CzUldxB7zeZxWqAswNo_geibheQ==)

## 5. Training & Events

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

- OCALI: November 14-17
- Project Search open House Dates: November 5/3, Xavier,
- [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>
  - SALT Livebinder: <https://bit.ly/SALTSWOH>
  - SALT Google Drive: <https://bit.ly/SALTTALKSGOOGLE>

- SALT YouTube Channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0IRMRO59X4ISEQ7aiR3KrQ>
- DDBP Outreach Calendar

## 6. **Task Force Focus/Goals**

- Transition Bootcamp:
- Empowering Families:
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## 7. **Next Task Force Meeting**

- Tuesday, October 24 @ 9 a.m.
- Zoom info
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95495278757?pwd=NEZvdVpRVdVGZWw6RlFCeG9QVk9WUT09>
  - Meeting ID: 954 9527 8757
  - Passcode: RAAC