

# Clermont County Task Force

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

9:00–10:00 a.m.

Minutes



## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Kim Colyer, Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities  
Haley Colwell

## 2. Spotlight

- Autism Connections – Angelo Bucci, Operations Coordinator  
[abucci@autismcincy.org](mailto:abucci@autismcincy.org)
  - [Website](#) – see Social Programs, Support Groups, Resources & Education
  - The [Events Calendar](#) updates weekly with Autism Connections programs + community events
  - See Resources & Education tab to learn more about [PEERS® for Adults](#), [PEERS® for Teens](#), our [Autism Helpline](#), or our [weekly newsletters](#)
  - Autism Helpline: 513-561-2300 ext. 101, [info@autismcincy.org](mailto:info@autismcincy.org)

## 3. Around the Region: Program Updates

- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities – make sure to connect with OOD, especially for those with goals for employment. They are currently taking referrals and have plans to help an additional 7,000 individuals in 2024, compared to 2023. OOD is open to partnerships with other organizations. For more information, go to the [OOD Website](#). For online referral, go to [OOD Works](#) or 513-852-3260. For Clermont County-specific questions, contact Kim Colyer [Kimberly.colyer@ood.ohio.gov](mailto:Kimberly.colyer@ood.ohio.gov).
- Other

## 4. Policy Updates

- **Federal Update:** The Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Relief Act of 2023 was introduced in Congress by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA). The bill would provide two years of additional Medicaid funds to:
  - Improve access to HCBS by increasing direct care worker pay and benefits;
  - Decrease the number of people on waiting lists for HCBS (currently over 650,000!); and
  - Pay for assistive technologies, staffing, and other costs that facilitate community integration.
  - Learn more about the [HCBS Relief Act of 2023](#).

## 5. 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>
  - 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
- Other

## 6. Next Task Force Meeting

- January 17, 2023 @ 9 a.m.
- Spotlight: TBD
- Zoom info
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/94473953550?pwd=MnJyc083b2VwaUkrQUlxc04lQnppZz09>
  - Meeting ID: 944 7395 3550
  - Passcode: CCRAAC