

# Warren County Task Force

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:30–9:30 a.m.

Minutes



## 1. Welcome and Introductions

Carol Heil, Warren County DD

Elisha Eveleigh, Lindner Center of Hope

Lauren Vondrell, Transitions Behavioral Health

Diana Shope, Warren County Community Services Early Learning Centers

Natasha Brianna, Parent Advocate

Heather Moore, Warren County Board of DD

Mary Hills, joining from Butler County RAAC

## 2. Spotlight

- Elite Kids Therapy – Tanya Wescott  
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[www.elitekidstherapy.com](http://www.elitekidstherapy.com)  
Main Line: 513-444-0770

## 3. Around the Region: Program Updates

- Autism Connections [Events Calendar](#)
- Warren County DD: Jingle Bell Rock Out will be hosting a reverse caroling event on December 2, where younger kids can come to collect candle, go caroling, and enjoy the holiday! On the community employment side, a lot of placement have taken place in retail with the upcoming seasons, but come January, they are planning their youth summer programming.
- Lindner Center of Hope: Autism testing is now happening for kids who are 2 years old, as well as older groups. They will also be starting a PEERS for Adolescents in the next year.

## 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 will 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

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

- 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.
- DDBP Outreach Calendar
- SALT Talks 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>
- Other

## 6. Task Force Focus/Goals

- Let's think of some specific projects or recurring topics we would like to discuss in our group to improve our services or reach in Warren County.

## 7. Next Task Force Meeting

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 8:30 a.m.
- Spotlight: OCALI
- Zoom info
  - <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/96138272771?pwd=QWIGNnNoQXN6OHp3RDZUNIFQZWk2Zz09>
  - Meeting ID: 961 3827 2771
  - Passcode: WarrenRAAC