PARENT MENTORS OF OHIO PROGRAM

Guiding Families Through the Special Education Process

Do you need help navigating the special education process?

You have come to the right place!
Who are Ohio’s Parent Mentors?

A Parent Mentor is a parent of a child with a disability who collaborates with local education agencies and educational service centers to assist school districts and families by providing training, support and resources.
Parent Mentors Of Ohio Program
Vision Statement

Districts have a responsibility to develop, support and implement a system of education services for all students.

The basis of the Parent Mentor Program is the expectation that students with disabilities will be ensured appropriate and meaningful education if parents and educators communicate effectively. The parent mentor helps convey the family perspective to the educational team.
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Ohio Parent Mentors is to
provide the necessary supports and resources
to families of children with disabilities and the
professionals that serve them.

Parent Mentors of Ohio Services

All Parent Mentor services are provided at no cost to families.

Ohio Parent Mentor projects are funded through grants from the Ohio Department of Education, Office for Exceptional Children (ODE/OEC).
Parent Mentors of Ohio Provide:

- Guidance to families through the special education process to help them understand rights and responsibilities of the student, parent and school district.

- Information and resources to families and school personnel on education laws, district programs and services, and community support.

- Support by attending Individualized Education Program meetings and other meetings related to the services of the child that parents and school district staff might request.

Parent Mentors of Ohio Provide:

- Informational sessions and workshops based on the needs of families and professionals.

- Assistance in strengthening and/or building a collaborative partnership between families, schools and communities to benefit students with disabilities.

- Individualized and confidential support to families and educators.
How to Contact the Parent Mentor in Your District:

Paula Frey, Parent Mentor- NCOESC

Serving Carey, Colonel Crawford, Hopewell Loudon, Mohawk, New Riegel, Seneca East, Upper Sandusky, and Wynford

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Additional Information and Resources

To access the Parent Mentors of Ohio website go to:
www.ocecd.org/index.php

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