

Parents and Parenting with a Disability in Ohio: Rights and Supportive Services

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Webinar Companion Guide

Purpose

A companion guide will be developed for each webinar in the Parents and Parenting with a Disability series. The companion guides are not exhaustive. They will:

1. Link to additional training and educational materials on the topic;
2. Offer a selection of resources to support parents with disabilities and the professionals they interact with.
3. Increase awareness of resources and equitable access to materials.

Rights

[Ohio Senate Bill 202](#) prohibits disability from being used to deny, limit parenting.

Ohio Senate Bill 202 [Facebook Live event](#) recording, transcript, and [FAQ](#) from The Ability Center.

[National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities](#) at Brandeis resources

- [Advice for Professionals from Parents with Disabilities](#)
- [ADA and Parenting Workshops](#)
- [Child Welfare, Family Law, and the Rights of Parents with Disabilities and Their Families](#)
- [Disability Rights and Parenting with a Disability](#)
- [Reimagining a Child Welfare System That Works for Parents with Disabilities and Their Families](#)

Disability Rights Ohio resources

- Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing Can Get Help to Communicate in Court [video](#) and [text](#)
- Sign Language Interpreters and Auxiliary Aids and Services [video](#) and [text](#)

Supportive Services

[Disabled Parenting Project](#) (DPP). Part of the National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities, DPP is an online space for sharing experiences, advice, and conversations

among disabled parents as well as those considering parenthood. DPP also serves as an information clearinghouse and interactive space for discussion and connection.

[Help Me Grow](#). Help Me Grow is Ohio's evidenced-based parent support program that encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of children. Help Me Grow System includes Central Intake, Help Me Grow Home Visiting and Help Me Grow Early Intervention. Making a referral to Help Me Grow is the first and easy step for parents who have questions or concerns about their infant or child. One referral to Help Me Grow opens the door to many programs that support families including Early Intervention, Home Visiting, Moms and Babies First.

[Ohio's Centers for Independent Living](#). There are 12 Centers for Independent Living (CILs) in the State of Ohio. CILs are a one-stop resource for Ohioans with disabilities, providing a variety of programs and services. Our collective goal is to assist these citizens to live independently in their community of choice.

[Ohio's County Boards of Developmental Disabilities](#). Every county in Ohio has a board of developmental disabilities. These boards assess for eligibility and provide service planning and coordination to eligible adults and children with developmental disabilities. They are also responsible for offering information and referral to community members regardless of their eligibility for services.

[Ohio's Family and Children First Councils](#). Every county in Ohio has a Family and Children First Council. Each council includes public and private agencies, as well as parents. Council members work collaboratively to enhance the well-being of their county's children and families. Local Family and Children First Councils identify and address the ongoing needs of children and families through planning, implementing effective strategies, monitoring and reporting, and evaluating progress toward achieving desired outcomes.

[Women, Infants & Children](#) (WIC). WIC helps eligible pregnant and breastfeeding women, women who recently had a baby, infants, and children up to 5 years of age. WIC provides nutrition education; breastfeeding education and support; supplemental, highly nutritious foods such as cereal, eggs, milk, whole grain foods, fruits and vegetables, and iron-fortified infant formula; and referral to prenatal and pediatric health care and other maternal and child health and human service programs.