

Employment First & Advocacy Newsletter



Do you have questions about employment or advocacy?

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Employment 101

It is August so that means it is back to school soon for many. This month we will do a refresher course on some employment supports available.

OOD-Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities can provide services to start exploring employment interests as early as age 14. Explore more info and apply for services at <https://ood.ohio.gov/>.

Allen County OMJ-Ohio Means Jobs provides job coaches to support local high school seniors in each school district. In addition to job coaches, they provide tools for financial literacy, resume development, and employment opportunities. These supports are available to youth and adults and can be found on their website at <https://ohiomeansjobs-allen-county.com/students/high-school-job-coaches/>

The Allen County Board of DD Employment and Advocacy Coordinator (EAC) can also help with OOD referrals, meet with individuals and families to help explore options for next steps on the path to employment.

Advocacy 101

Would you like to learn more about speaking up, problem solving and sharing what is important to you?

If so, please join us:

What: Allen County People First - Just Do It Crew monthly meetings

When: the third Thursday of each month

Time: 5:30 pm- 6:45p.m.

Where: Westgate Entertainment Center
721 N. Cable Rd. Lima, OH
(meeting room is located past the bowling counter or go through axe throwing and past virtual golf room)

Remaining dates for 2026:

AUGUST 20, 2026
SEPTEMBER 17, 2026
OCTOBER 15, 2026
NOVEMBER 19, 2026
DECEMBER 17, 2026

No RSVP is required, join us as your schedule allows. Advocates/the elected officers of the group run the meeting.

Pizza is provided following the meeting.

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