



Upcoming Events: Fourth Quarter 2018

Ongoing

Thursdays: MCBDDS Coping with Grief Support Group for Individuals – 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Room 61, Southview Center, 25 Thorpe Drive, Dayton, 45429. The Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services' Mental Health Supports and Services Program will host a Coping with Grief Group every Thursday at Southview Center. This is an ongoing program available to any individual receiving services who has experienced grief and loss, such as an injury or disability, loss of a loved one or pet, job loss, or change or transition. Consumers may join this group at any time, but should note it is a 12 week commitment. For questions or to sign up, contact Patty Watkins at 937-457-2753 or pwatkins@mcbddds.org.

Fourth Thursdays: MCBDDS Self-Advocacy Group Meeting – 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Chestnut Street Community Room at The Greene Town Center, 70 Birch Alley, Beavercreek, 45440. Voices Matter, MCBDDS's community-based self-advocacy group, is designed to help individuals with developmental disabilities develop self-advocacy skills. Members work together to set goals and identify projects to pursue, and work with the Greene County Board's self-advocacy group to carry out self-advocacy initiatives. Meeting dates in November and December are NOT held on the fourth Thursday due to holidays. The November 2018 meeting will be held November 8, and the December meeting on December 13. Note: Individuals who require assistance with personal needs or transportation must be accompanied by a provider.

October

Thursday, October 11: McCormick Vision Resource Fair 2018 – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley Conference Center, 660 S. Main St., Dayton, 45402. This Fair is an event providing information and resources to the community regarding educational institutions/services, vendors, organizations and businesses who assist individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Guest speakers include Disability Rights Ohio Attorney Barbara Corner, GESMV CEO and President Lance Detrick, GESMV Board of Trustees Joe Zehenny, and Andy Leach of HIMS Inc., Technology For Individuals Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired. Vision screenings will be offered by Prevent Blindness Ohio; flu shots offered by Walmart and many other vendors.

Friday, October 12 and Saturday, October 13: MCBDDS Halloween Carnival - Friday: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 8 p.m. Northview Center, 8114 N. Main St., Dayton, 45415. Family-friendly and open to the community. Cost: Game tickets are \$0.25 each. Food will also be sold. (Note: MCBDDS will not be providing supervision for this activity.)

--more--

Monday, October 15: Disability Tech: Festival Cincinnati – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., American Sign Museum, 1330 Monmouth Ave., Cincinnati, 45225. Self-advocates, family members, guardians and disability professionals are invited to join organizers for a day of fun, learning, collaboration and inspiration in a unique and laid-back environment. This festival will feature keynote speakers, short "ignite"-style presentations, demos, disability tech expert panels, and "innovation-storming," as well as food trucks, games, massage, and more. For a schedule of events, visit <https://disability-cocoon-tech-festival-cincy.eventcreate.com>. Unable to attend? Take advantage of Web options or the event's Facebook Live feed.

Tuesday, October 16: MCBDDS October Board Meeting – 7 p.m., Kenneth Ritchey Administrative Center, 5450 Salem Ave., Dayton, 45426.

Saturday, October 20: Dayton Autism Society "Trunk or Treat" - Noon to 2 p.m., in the parking lot of the Miami Valley Regional Center, 4801 Springfield Street, Dayton. Free, but registration required at asadayton@gmail.com.

Tuesday, October 23: Guardianship Support Group: Coffee and Conversation – 5:30 to 7 p.m., Dayton Metro Library Huber Heights Branch, 6160 Chambersburg Rd., Huber Heights, 45424. At these meetings, held on the fourth Tuesday of each month, the Probate Court's social worker facilitates an informal support group where guardians can share their knowledge and experience with each other.

Monday, October 29: Provider Fair for individuals receiving MCBDDS services – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Goodwill Easter Seals, 660 S. Main St., Dayton, 45402. MCBDDS is sponsoring a Provider Fair for individuals who currently receive--or are eligible to receive-- MCBDDS services. Attendees can meet agencies that provide Day Programming, as well as Residential, Transportation and Employment Services. Come learn about the different programs and options available. Questions? Contact Mitchell Snyder at msnyder@mcbdds.org or 937-837-9205.

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3: Ohio SIBS Conference (Special Initiatives by Brothers & Sisters of siblings with developmental disabilities) - Friday, 2:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Embassy Suites, 5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, 43017. Registration: \$125; use code SIB by 10/18/18 to receive special room rate of \$132 per night (plus taxes). Registration available at www.ohiosibs.org. The 2018 Conference theme is "Reaching for New Initiatives." Questions? Contact Bobbi Montenegro at 330-705-8367.

Monday, November 12: Veterans Day observed. All MCBDDS locations closed.

Thursday, November 22: Thanksgiving Day observed. All MCBDDS locations closed.

Friday, November 23: MCBDDS Adult Services Programs closed.

Friday, November 30: Last Day for Services at MCBDDS Calumet Center.

Saturday, December 1: MCBDDS Breakfast with Santa – 10 a.m. to noon. Northview Center, 8114 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45414. Free. Come and enjoy Breakfast with Santa. Open to anyone eligible for MCBDDS services and is between the ages of infant to age 17. Siblings age 8 and under are welcome. Please bring your camera. Parents must stay with children. RSVP required to Kathy Duffin at 918-2110 or kduffin@mcbddds.org.

Saturday, December 1: MCBDDS Holiday Dance – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Northview Center, 8114 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45414. Free. This special event will also feature refreshments and a visit from Santa. Adults can choose the Holiday Dance OR the MCBDDS Holiday Bash on December 8, but not both. RSVP to Kathy Duffin at 918-2110 or kduffin@mcbddds.org.

Saturday, December 8: MCBDDS Holiday Bash and Bazaar – 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Magic Show; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Holiday Bash and Bazaar, Northview Center, 8114 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45414. Free, but registration required. Wide variety of activities available; tickets for activities are \$0.25 each, and activities require 1-3 tickets. Adults can choose the MCBDDS Holiday Dance on December 1 OR the Holiday Bash, but not both. Refreshments, lunch and dinner also for sale. RSVP to Kathy Duffin at 918-2110 or kduffin@mcbddds.org.

Monday, December 10: MCBDDS Parents and Advocates Advisory Council – 7 p.m., Kenneth Ritchey Administrative Center, 5450 Salem Ave., Dayton, 45426. The Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services sponsors this group, which offers parents, family members, guardians, providers and advocates of people with developmental disabilities the opportunity to meet and discuss issues with MCBDDS leadership. Sign up to receive meeting agendas and alerts for cancellations at <http://www.mcbddds.org/list.aspx>.

Tuesday, December 11: MCBDDS December Board Meeting – 7 p.m., Kenneth Ritchey Administrative Center, 5450 Salem Ave., Dayton, 45426.

Friday, December 21: Last Day for Services at MCBDDS Jergens Center.

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas Day observed. All MCBDDS locations closed.

--more--

Monthly Observations

October: ADHD Awareness
Blindness Awareness
Down Syndrome Awareness
Dwarfism Awareness
Learning Disabilities Awareness
National Disabilities Employment Awareness
National Spina Bifida Awareness
World Cerebral Palsy Day (October 5)
International Stuttering Awareness Day (October 22)

November: National Epilepsy Awareness
National Child Mental Health
National Family Caregivers
World Prematurity Day (November 17)

December: Special Education Day (December 2)
International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3)

For More Information

For up-to-the-minute information about events and activities of interest to supporters of people with developmental disabilities in Montgomery County, please visit <http://www.mcbdds.org> and consult the Community Events calendar.

You may also sign up for email and text message event alerts by visiting <http://www.mcbdds.org/list.aspx>.

###