

# Voices of Montgomery County

A self-advocacy group  
to empower people with  
developmental disabilities



**Board of Developmental  
Disabilities Services**

## Who We Are

**Voices Matter of Montgomery County** is a community-based self-advocacy group sponsored by the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services.

We are a group of adults with a wide range of abilities and disabilities who empower and support each other. Any adult who receives Board services is welcome to participate in our efforts, and can choose to be as involved as their comfort level allows.

We ask that anyone who wants or needs personal assistance to bring a support person with them to our meetings, as we do not have direct care staff available.



## What We're About

**Voices Matter** is made up of adults with abilities and disabilities who want to:

- Speak up and advocate for themselves, and teach others to do the same
- Promote equal rights for everyone
- Provide disability awareness training to people and organizations in the community
- Raise public consciousness of issues that matter to people with disabilities



## How We Work

**We work as a group** to identify projects and set goals. We collaborate with other County Boards and with community organizations as volunteers and speakers.

**We are available to make presentations and provide trainings** to groups of all ages and backgrounds, and can tailor our efforts to meet your needs.

Our speaking engagements have included:

- Dayton's Adventure Summit
- The Montgomery County Criminal Justice Council
- Wright State University classes
- Greene and Montgomery County Boards' Regional Self-Advocacy Conference
- WYSO-FM's "Just Ask: Talking About Disability" series
- Ohio Association of County Boards Superintendents' Meeting
- Presentations to private providers of services to people with disabilities
- Storytimes at the Dayton Metro Library
- Presentations on disability awareness to Boy Scouts

## Meetings: When and Where

Voices Matter meets the **fourth Thursday of every month** at The Greene Town Center in Beavercreek, except in November and December.

We currently gather in the Chestnut Street Community Room, which is located at 70 Birch Alley, across from the parking garage near Bar Louie and Nordstrom Rack.

Please note that meeting dates and locations are subject to change. **If you are interested in joining us**, please call 937-837-9200 or email [voicesmattermc@gmail.com](mailto:voicesmattermc@gmail.com) for the latest schedule.



## Awards and Recognition

- Ohio Self Determination Association 2017 ESDY Award for excellence in promoting the principles of self-determination
- 2018 Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services Developmental Disabilities Hall of Fame inductee



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