



Upcoming Events: January and February 2019

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.

January

Tuesday, January 8: School-to-Adult Life Series presentations: Understanding Waivers 101 & Alternative Support Options - 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Miami Valley Regional Center/Montgomery County Educational Service Center, 4801 Springfield St., Dayton, 45431. The School-to-Adult Life Transition Series (S.A.L.T.) is a FREE monthly series developed to help families of children or students with developmental disabilities navigate the transition from school to adult life and beyond. Each meeting features speakers on different topics, each of which shares valuable information, along with resources and guidance. Meetings are held once each month in Montgomery, Greene and Warren counties. The S.A.L.T. Series is sponsored by the Montgomery, Greene and Warren County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

Tuesday, January 8: School-to-Adult Life Series SALT-Teens: What Do I Need to Know About Housing? - 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Miami Valley Regional Center/Montgomery County Educational Service Center, 4801 Springfield St., Dayton, 45431. The School-to-Adult Life Transition (S.A.L.T.) SALT-TEENS Series is designed to help students with developmental disabilities navigate the transition from school to adult life and beyond. Each meeting

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Saturday, January 12: MCBDDS Recreation Registration for people with more than 15 hours of waiver services. People can register in person from 10 a.m. to noon at Northview Center, 8114 N. Main Street, Dayton, 45414; via U.S. Mail to Kathy Duffin, MCBDDS Recreation Manager, 8114 N. Main St., Dayton, OH, 45415; or online at www.mcbdds.org.

Tuesday, January 15: MCBDDS October Board Meeting – 7 p.m., Kenneth Ritchey Administrative Center, 5450 Salem Ave., Dayton, 45426.

Wednesday, January 23: Hiring Event for Direct Support Professionals – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Goodwill Easter Seals Eichelberger Community Conference Center, 660 S. Main St., Dayton, 45402. Learn about rewarding careers working with people with developmental disabilities. Openings are available for leadership and direct support positions in more than 20 day and residential service agencies. All shifts are available. No experience is needed; paid training is provided. Meet agency representatives and complete applications onsite. This Hiring Event is coordinated by the Montgomery County Board of Developmental Disabilities Services.

Monday, January 21: Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed. All MCBDDS locations closed.

February

Friday, February 8: Night To Shine Prom 2019 – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., The Crystal Room, 845 W. Market St., Troy, 45373. Troy Christian Church will host Night To Shine, sponsored by The Tim Tebow Foundation, an unforgettable Prom Night experience centered for people with developmental disabilities. This special event takes place in all 50 states. To register, visit: <https://www.troycc.org/nighttoshine>.

Tuesday, February 12: School-to-Adult Life Series presentations: It's More Than an Application. Who's On Your Team? – 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Miami Valley Regional Center/Montgomery County Educational Service Center, 4801 Springfield St., Dayton, 45431. The School-to-Adult Life Transition Series (S.A.L.T.) is a FREE monthly series developed to help families of children or students with developmental disabilities navigate the transition from school to adult life and beyond. Each meeting features speakers on different topics, each of which shares valuable information, along with resources and guidance. Meetings are held once each month in Montgomery, Greene and Warren counties. The S.A.L.T. Series is sponsored by the Montgomery, Greene and Warren County Boards of Developmental Disabilities.

Monday, February 18: Presidents Day observed. All MCBDDS locations closed.

Monthly Observations

January: National Birth Defects Awareness
Moebius Syndrome Awareness Day (January 24)

February: National Wise Mental Health Consumer
National Marfan Awareness
AMD/Low Vision Awareness
International Angleman Day (February 15)
Rare Disease Awareness Day (February 29)

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>.

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