

# Transition Information Newsletter for Middle and High School Families



## Middletown City Schools Parent Mentor Program

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### MHS Information Night: Agencies That Can Help with Employment, Income and Living

**When:** Thursday, February 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m

**Where:** Middletown High School Media Center (library); enter building under the awning



You are invited to attend an Agency Day. This will give you a chance to talk with people from the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitations (BVR), Butler County Developmental Disabilities (BCDD), Legal Aid and Social Security Administration (SSA). Each agency helps with a different part of your child's adult life: work, disability checks, financial planning, Medicaid, and housing. People from each agency will be available to meet with you individually and answer questions you may have. If you like, they can help you begin the referral process.

#### Questions That Will Be Answered



- Can my son receive money (SSI) and work at the same time?
- Is there someone who can help my child find a job? Is there job training or a coach?
- Where will my child live if he doesn't live with me?
- What can my child do all day once he is out of school?
- What cash benefits (SSI) is my son or daughter eligible for? What about health benefits?
- What can BCDD provide?

<p align="center"><b>Social Security</b></p> <p>Provides supplemental income to students with significant disabilities who are not working or who are very low wage earners. Each eligible student is entitled to receive monthly checks. If a student is eligible for SSI, they may also be eligible for Food Stamps or Medicaid. However, the student will need to apply for each program separately.</p>	<p align="center"><b>To apply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have a physical or mental disability.</li> <li>✓ Have a disability that must keep you from earning a living wage for at least a year.</li> <li>✓ Not have financial resources or income over a certain dollar amount.</li> <li>✓ At age 18, eligibility is based on the student's income and resources not the parent's income.</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)</b></p> <p>To help individuals who have a physical, mental or emotional disability get and keep a job.</p>	<p align="center"><b>To apply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Must have a physical or mental disability that creates a large barrier to getting a job.</li> <li>✓ Can benefit from vocational rehabilitation services in terms of employment.</li> <li>✓ Require services to prepare for, secure, keep, or regain employment.</li> <li>✓ Will be eligible if you are receiving SSI or SSDI because you are an individual with a disability</li> </ul>
<p align="center"><b>Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities (BCDD)</b></p> <p>BCDD helps the individual to successfully live, work and learn in the community. Services they provide include support coordination and case management, help with supported living, employment and leisure recreation activities</p>	<p align="center"><b>To apply</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Have a physical, mental or sensory impairment.</li> <li>✓ Is likely to continue indefinitely.</li> <li>✓ Results in substantial functional limitations in at least 3 areas (as defined through the Ohio Eligibility Determination Instrument called the OEDI).</li> <li>✓ Developmental Disabilities may include traumatic brain injury, seizure disorders, muscular dystrophy, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and orthopedic impairments.</li> </ul>

# Working With A Disability What You Need To Know To Get and Keep a Job



**When:** Thursday, March 17 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Middletown High School Media Center (Library) enter building under awning

For the March Family Information Night we will hear from the experts what skills are needed to get a job and what help is available once you have a job.

### Questions That Will Be Answered?



- ✓ Is there someone who can help me with the job hunt?
- ✓ Who are job coaches and what do they do?
- ✓ Is help available later on if I have trouble on my job?
- ✓ I've heard the about supported employment. What is it and is it available in Middletown?
- ✓ How do I know that my son or daughter is ready to work?

### Are You Ready to Work?

Employability (job) skills are those basic skills necessary for getting, keeping, and doing well on a job. These are the skills, attitudes and actions that enable workers to get along with their fellow workers and supervisors and to make sound, critical decisions. Job skills are best learned both in the classroom and on the job site. Parents can help reinforce these skills at home as well. Employability skills can be broken down into 3 areas: academic, higher order thinking skills and personal skills. Below are some of the skills involved in each of these categories:



<i>Basic Academic Skills</i>	<i>Higher Order Thinking Skills</i>	<i>Personal Qualities</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reading</li> <li>▪ Writing</li> <li>▪ Science</li> <li>▪ Math</li> <li>▪ Oral Communication</li> <li>▪ Listening</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Learning</li> <li>▪ Reasoning</li> <li>▪ Thinking Creatively</li> <li>▪ Decisions Making</li> <li>▪ Problem Solving</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Responsible</li> <li>▪ Self Confidence</li> <li>▪ Self Control</li> <li>▪ Social Skills</li> <li>▪ Honest</li> <li>▪ Have Integrity</li> <li>▪ Adaptable &amp; Flexible</li> <li>▪ Cooperative</li> <li>▪ Self Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Team spirit</li> <li>▪ Punctual &amp; Efficient</li> <li>▪ Self-directed</li> <li>▪ Good work attitude</li> <li>▪ Well groomed</li> <li>▪ Self Motivated</li> </ul>

### Types of Employment

**Competitive employment** is a job with competitive wages and responsibilities. Short-term support may be provided to learn a job (40 hours or less through Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation) but no long term or daily support. This is a regular job like everyone else.

**Supported employment** is competitive community employment that offers specifically planned supports such as a job coach. The support continues to be provided as long as the person holds the job, although the amount of support may be reduced over time as the person becomes able to do the job more independently.



Request your free copy (call 420-4620) of [Adults with Disability Supports and Services](#) that lists help available in Middletown for cash benefits, employment, housing, medical and mental health and emergency services.