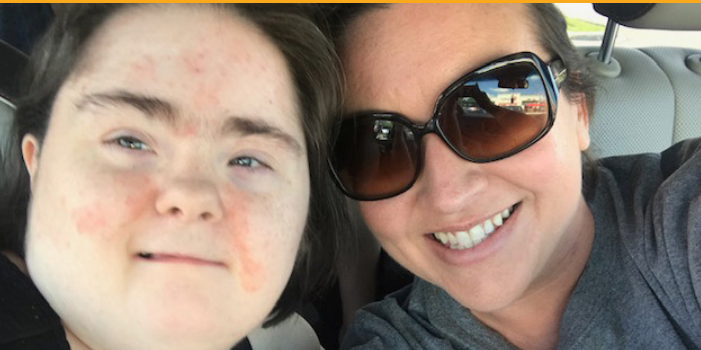


Who We Are

The Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities (RCBDD), also known as the Pioneer Center, provides assistance through programs for infants, preschoolers, school-age children, and adults. These programs include early intervention, various therapy programs, preschool programs, k-12 assistance to those students attending regular school in all schools in the county, a school age program at Pioneer School, and adult rehabilitation, residential, employment, and recreational opportunities.



Our Vision

People with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Ross County are included in the community as equal citizens, are as independent as possible, know their rights and speak up for themselves and direct their own lives through informed choices and with needed supports.



Our Philosophy

The mission of the Ross County Board of DD is promoted through the following principles:

- The Board recognizes that all individuals desire and deserve the opportunity to make decisions about their lives.
- Person-centered planning is a process they enables people with developmental disabilities and their families to communicate their wants and needs to us so that the Board can arrange the supports they need for a quality life.
- Service coordination is a process of assisting individuals and their families to identify and acquire the appropriate service and supports they choose for themselves within the resources available.
- The Dignity and self-worth of each individual shall be respected.
- Service and supports shall be personalized and age appropriate.
- Services for individuals with developmental disabilities should be close to their homes and families.

What We Do

The primary programs offered through Pioneer Center are:

- Early Intervention Services
- Pre-School & School-Age Services
- Transition Age Services
- Job Coaching/Training
- Occupational, Speech, Physical, and Music Therapies
- Career Exploration
- Residential Opportunities
- Respite Care
- Recreational Opportunities

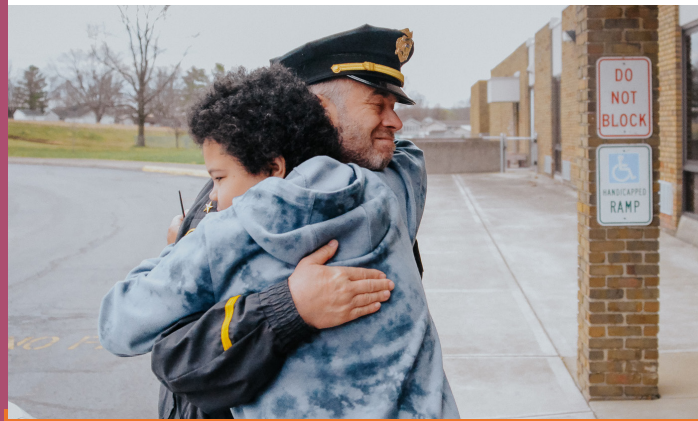


History of Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities

The Ross County Board of Developmental Disabilities was created legislatively in 1967, along with other Boards of DD in all of Ohio's 88 counties. Ross County was one of the few places in Ohio which very early decided to open a school for children with DD. Staffed with volunteers and items donated by the community. The Pioneer School began in the Salvation Army building on E. Fourth St. in Chillicothe in 1953. Since the 70's, the school has been located at 11268 Co. Rd. 550, Chillicothe, OH 45601. Following the establishment of the school, there became a need to provide assistance to the individuals who had completed their K-12 requirements.

Currently, Pioneer Center provides assistance through programs for infants, preschoolers, school age children and adults.

Today, people with all kinds of disabilities can be working, tax paying citizens of Ross County, contributing to the diversity of our area, making Ross County a great place to live!



Want to learn more?

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