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Ohio Family Engagement — LEADERSHIP SUMMIT —

Family Engagement that

BREAKS THROUGH



Ohio Statewide

Family Engagement Center

— at The Ohio State University



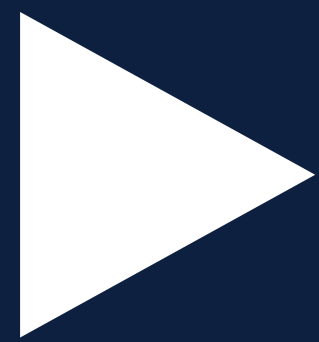
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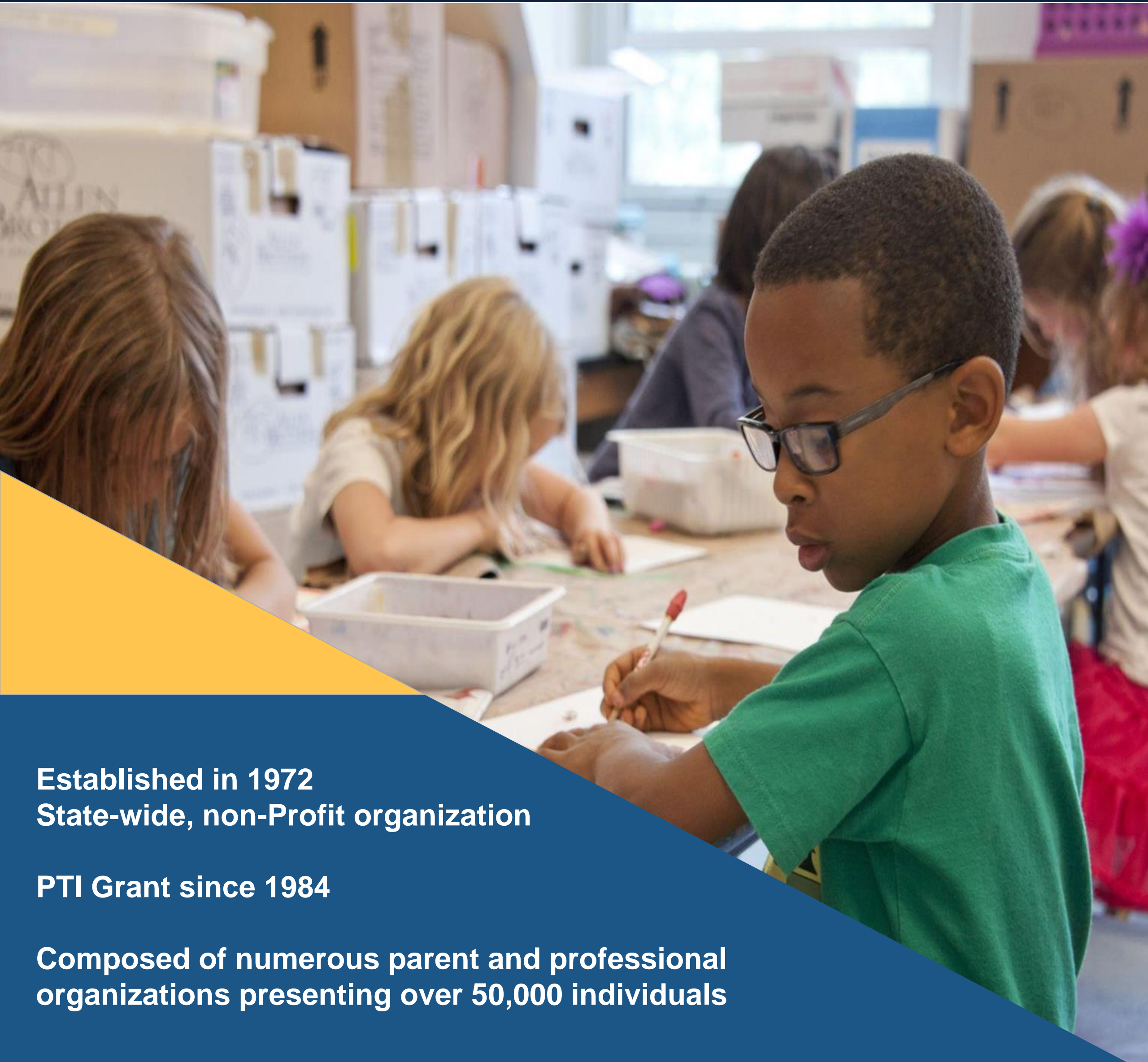


Who We Are & What We Do How We Engage ALL Families

The Ohio Coalition for the
Education of Children with Disabilities



OUR MISSION



Established in 1972
State-wide, non-Profit organization

PTI Grant since 1984

Composed of numerous parent and professional
organizations presenting over 50,000 individuals



The mission of the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is to endorse and promote efforts to provide appropriate quality education for children and youth with disabilities.



We do so in the belief that **all** children have a right to a meaningful and relevant education. This belief affirms the dignity of each child or youth with disabilities, whose needs are unique and whose needs must be met equally and appropriately.



OCECD is dedicated to ensuring that every child with disabilities is provided a free appropriate public education. We always strive to achieve equity by identifying and eliminating barriers.



We will continuously strive to improve the quality of our services for **all** children and youth with disabilities in Ohio.

PTIS

Parent Training and Information Centers

- Funded by the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)
- Authorized in Part D of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Every state must have at least one Parent Center

Help to resolve
disagreements with
the school

Obtain
appropriate
services

Better understand
their child's
disability and
educational needs

Communicate more
effectively with the
school and related
professionals

Understand their
rights and
responsibilities
under IDEA

Connect with other
community resources



Parent Centers / Community Parent Resource Centers (CPRC)

Realities/Changes of today and tomorrow for parent centers

- Over 6 million with IEP's (Individualized Education Program) in U.S, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico
- Coping with Impact of natural disasters, school violence, and pandemic.
- Increasingly diverse population to serve
- IDEA reauthorization on horizon

Reference:Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)



OCECD STAFF

Information Specialists

Most are parents of children and adults with disabilities, persons with disabilities and education professionals

Trained in IDEA 2004 and the Ohio Operating Standards for the Education of Children with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2014.





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Information Specialist

Assist parents and students

- To understand their rights and responsibilities
- Identify their options regarding special education and supports.
- Develop self-advocacy skills
- Prepare to attend IEP meetings

Information Specialists are not legal representatives

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Multicultural programs

Our staff of bilingual/multilingual/multicultural information specialist/trainers provide services to families including

- Cultural perspective
- Language support unique to the families diverse needs
- ELL supports
- Trainings to engage and empower

The majority of the outreach material has been translated into several languages





Your view

Parent Perspective

How does it feel to be the parent of a child with a disability?



The parent has a great investment in the child's future.



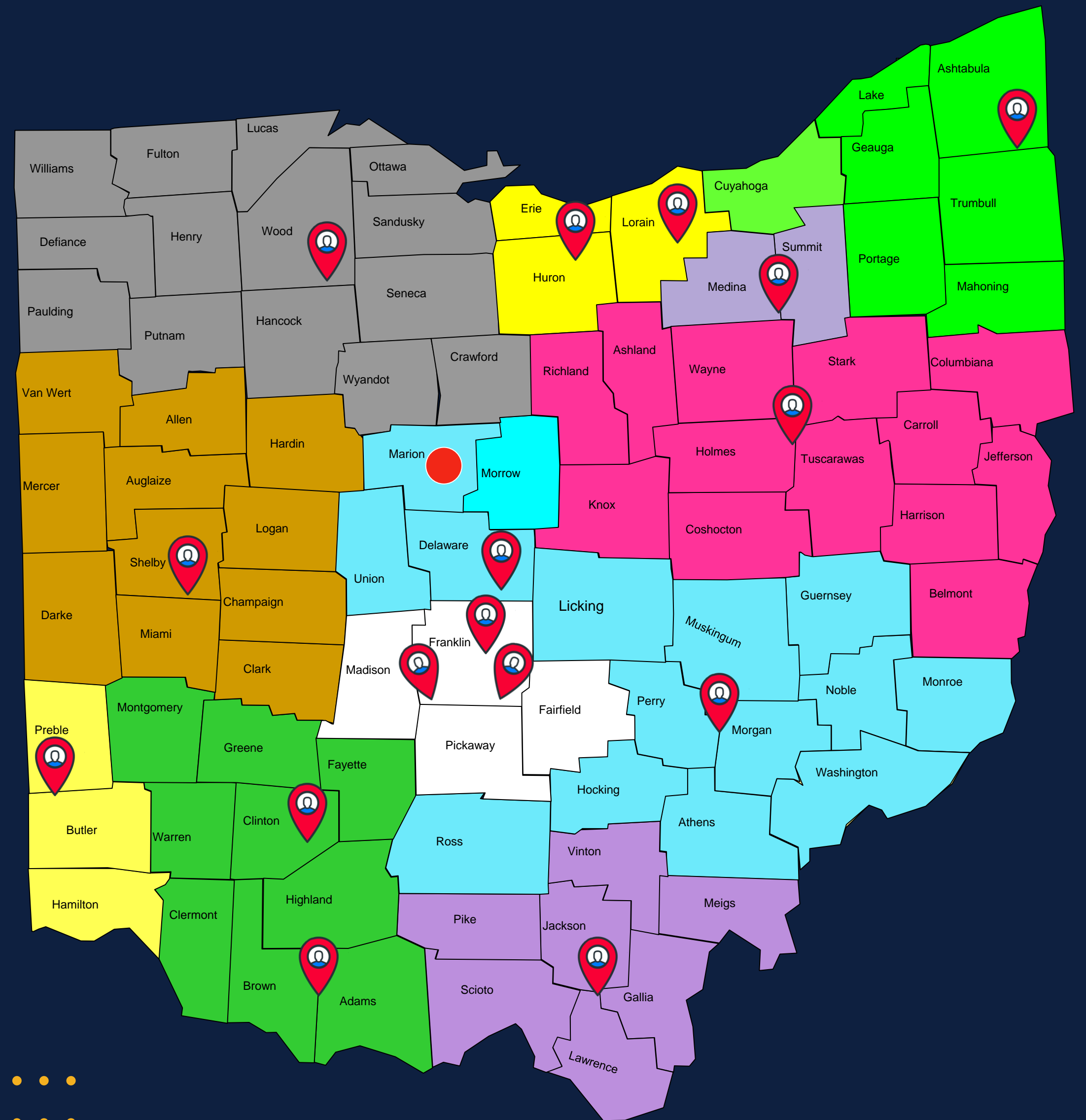
The parent may be intimidated at the IEP meeting.



The parent may be emotional when discussing their child's needs.

Regional offices located throughout the state of Ohio.

Executive Office located in Marion, Ohio





OCECD Supports & Services

Information about early intervention services for infants and preschoolers

- Family support systems
- Resources for parents and professionals
- Free trainings for parents and professionals
- Reading Mentoring
- Teamwork between family members of children with disabilities and service providers
- Transition from high school to community
- Public policy and school reform



Tools used to provide assistance

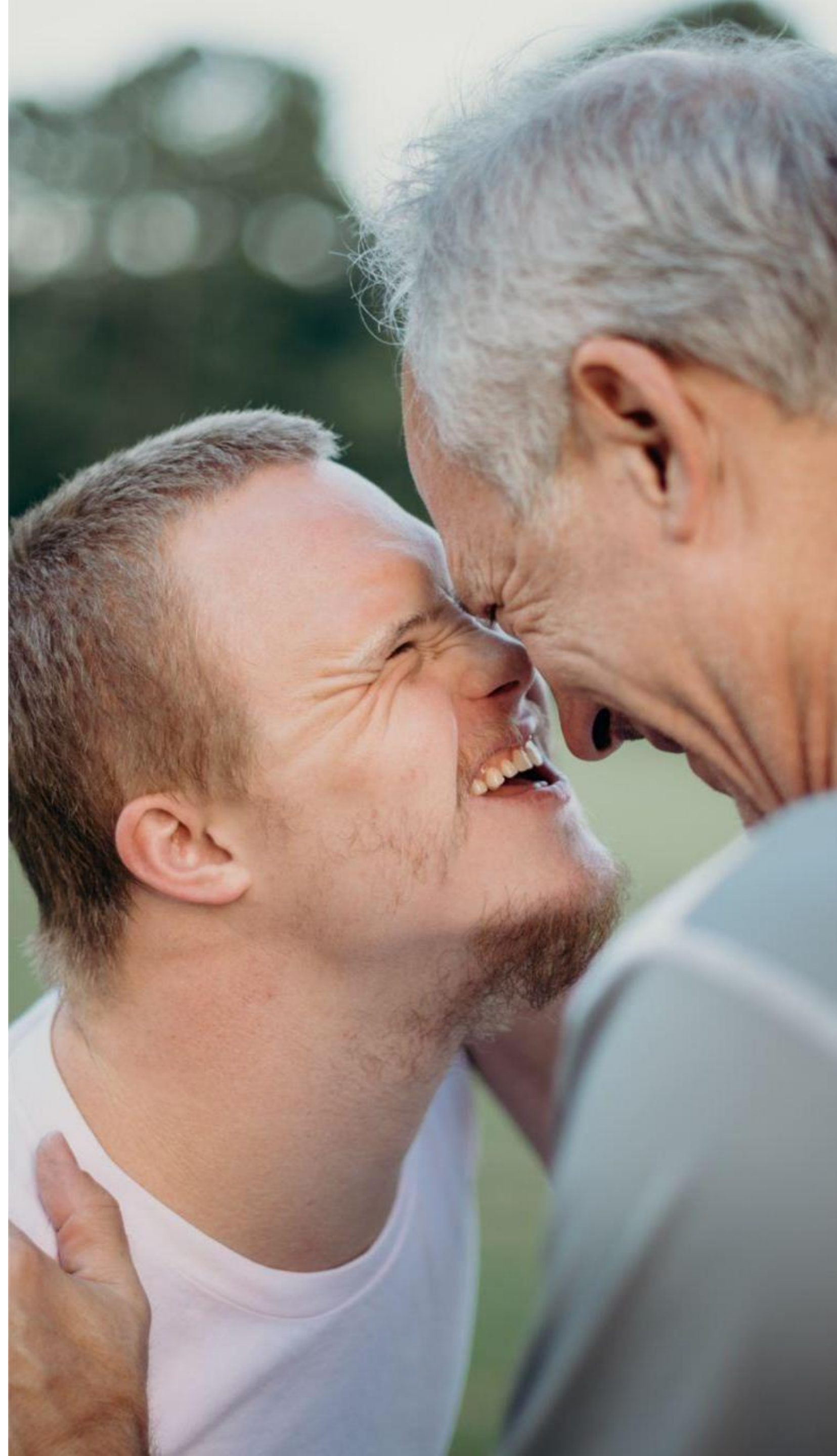
- Phone support
- One-on-one consultation
- Groups and training sessions
- “It’s My Turn” student transition trainings
- Published bi-lingual materials
- Quarterly e-newsletters
- Website describing services, trainings and conferences, resources, publications, public policy and links to other helpful special education resources and organization
- Social Media



Review

In Summary

- Our purpose is to support families of children with disabilities.
- Our services are at no cost to parents.
- We are here to give a voice to parents and children dealing with life's challenges.



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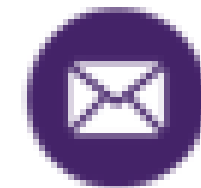


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