



The following Hamilton County Certified Providers have made thorough, incredibly well-planned, tangible commitments and evidenced efforts *to go beyond* State and Local “required compliance” in their service delivery to and for People with DD, their families, their business partners, and their communities.

This commitment was established and grown starting in June of 2015 and fulfilled via the aforementioned evidence and signed, vetted commitment by each Provider’s Executive Director or CEO as of November 1, 2016.

The original (Activated - November 1, 2016) providers were the first to create and fully participate in such a standard in all of Ohio. They were the first to create this cutting edge cooperative agreement with each other as well as the local Hamilton County Board of DDS. All participating providers believe that by meeting this standard, they would best advantage People with DD and families to make their own, most suitable, person-centered choices about their service provider without the too often experienced competitive tension and territory issues that pervade provider markets.

#### **Essential Benefits and Key Considerations:**

- Provides one easy, short list from which families can assess and choose providers committed to such a standard among an otherwise vast, indistinguishable list.
- All participating providers share essential service improvement ideas, training, and resources.
- All participating providers are ACCOUNTABILITY for meeting agreed upon quality standards by which People served, their families, and other members can hold participants true to their commitment to quality.
- This Standard, while recognized by the Hamilton County Board of DDS is NOT regulated nor presided over by the Board. It exists as a self-directed, high level business standard completely under the direction and accountability of the full partnership of its membership which extends flexibility, resources, and service creativity.
- This Standard has elicited a similar Hamilton County Board of DDS commitment which while specific to its own service and support items, closely matches the major target areas per the Standard (see “Gold Standard” also located in this section of the HCDDS Web Area)
- This Standard has created an amazing, developing, “trifecta” means of cooperation, solutions, and trust between people served, county board staff, and providers that just makes doing business better than ever.

Community Supports Inc. (Activated November 1, 2016)

Cincinnati’s Optimum Residential Environments, Inc. (Activated November 1, 2016)

Living Arrangements for the Developmentally Disabled (Activated November 1, 2016)

Ohio Valley Residential Services, Inc. (Activated November 1, 2016)

St. Joseph Home (Activated November 1, 2016)

Toward Independence, Inc. (Activated November 1, 2016)

Walk of Joy, LLC. (Activated November 1, 2016)

**For People with DD and their families who are looking for more direct information about these providers, simply do this:**

Go to this link: <http://hamiltondds.org/>

Hold your cursor over the tab/label named: “Families” at the top part of the webpage

Click dropdown labeled: “Provider Search”

Enter the name of the provider you most want to review in the search box and review from there.