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Overview of DD Services in Cuyahoga County

Birth
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Age
3 - 13

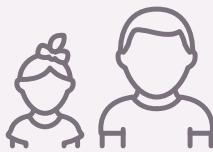
Age
14 - 22

Age
22 +

Early Childhood



School-age



Transition



Adulthood



Cuyahoga DD Supports

There are many ways Cuyahoga DD can help throughout one's life.

Early Intervention (EI) services are provided by Cuyahoga DD in partnership with Bright Beginnings.

For EI Services, call Bright Beginnings first:
216-698-7500.

Cuyahoga DD EI supports can include:

- physical therapy
- occupational therapy
- speech/language therapy
- developmental expertise

Other supports to help address your needs

Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
- Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Eligibility for Cuyahoga DD services must be redetermined at age 3 and 6. Call 216-736-2673.

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
- Transition planning beginning at age 14
- Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Travel assessment and training
- Hiring events for job seekers
- Connections to community partners and resources
- Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Eligibility for Cuyahoga DD services must be redetermined at age 16. Call 216-736-2673.

- Planning and support to help you address your needs
- Communication, assistive technology and behavioral supports
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Travel assessment and training
- Support to find or maintain employment or day services
- Information on residential options
- Connections to community partners and resources
- Family Supports Program and Lending Libraries

Cuyahoga DD Family Supports Program

This funding is for people eligible for Cuyahoga DD services and supports who live at home with their families and are not enrolled on a Medicaid waiver. Funds can be used for camp, respite care, home modifications, special equipment, incontinence supplies, specialized nutrition, leisure/recreation and services for infants and toddlers.

Cuyahoga DD Lending Libraries

Take advantage of the OT/PT and Assistive Technology libraries that contain over 2,000 pieces of equipment that can be loaned for trial periods. Visit www.CuyahogaBDD.org.

This is not an all-inclusive list. Other types of services and supports may be available. Services and supports are based on a person's assessed needs, using a person-centered approach.

New to Cuyahoga DD?
Time for redetermination?
Call: 216-736-2673



General Information:
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3 more ways we're supporting people!

Cuyahoga DD's **CLE** (Custom Living Environment) is a demonstration smart apartment that showcases many assistive technology tools that can be used in a person's home to increase independence. Visit the **CLE** and try before you buy!

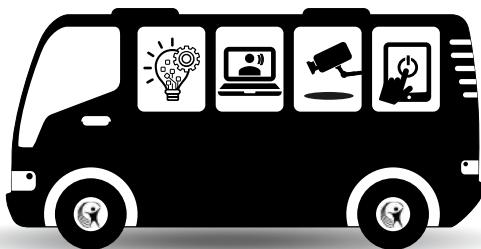
Examples of technology featured in the **CLE** include:

- Ceiling mounted lift system
- Standing wheelchair
- Smart devices throughout
- Live remote support demonstration
- Robotic feeding device
- Adapted cookware
- Sensory area



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ATV



Cuyahoga DD's **ATV** (Assistive Technology Vehicle) demonstrates much of the same technology available in the Custom Living Environment (CLE) and increases awareness of this technology at public events, conferences and other opportunities in the community.

Using technology to increase opportunities and independence

For more information, go to www.CuyahogaBDD.org.

Family
Supports
Program

The **Family Supports Program** is available to children and adults of all income levels eligible for Cuyahoga DD services living at home with a family member. The **FSP** program provides an annual allotment to purchase items and services like respite care, home modifications, camp assistance, special equipment, incontinence supplies, specialized nutrition, services for infants/ toddlers, and leisure/recreation activities. All children age 17 and younger qualify for at least \$750. People age 18 and older qualify for \$1,500.

Complete the simple application available at www.CuyahogaBDD.org (Family Supports Program) or by calling 216-736-2947. Similar resources and services may be available if you receive Waiver-funded supports. Ask your SA.

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Referrals from a primary care physician will be requested.

To contact the MAAC team, call 216-778-3745.

To learn more, visit metrohealth.org/maac.

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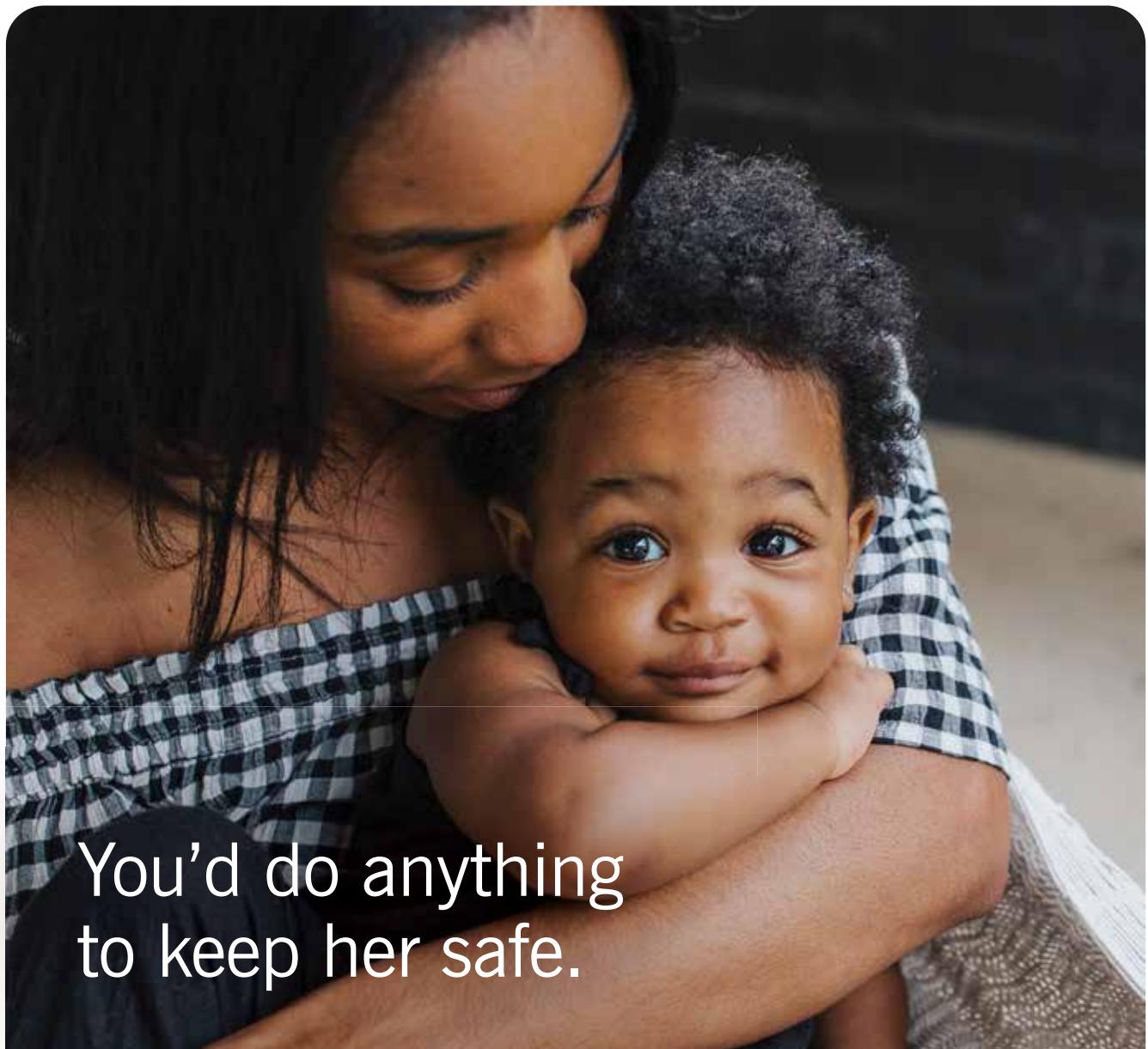
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If you are a technician or behavior analyst and would like to help families by providing essential ABA therapy services - we want to help.

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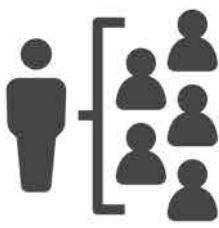
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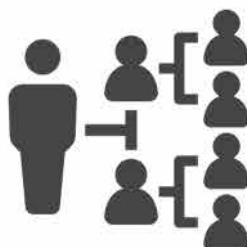
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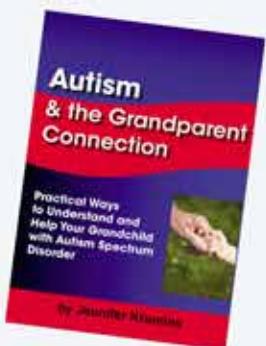
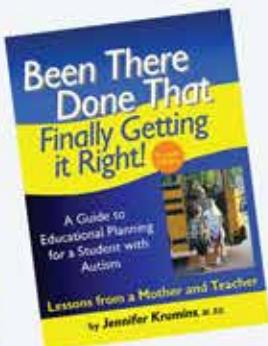
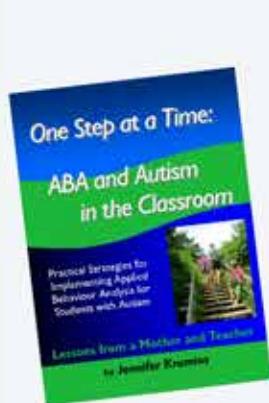


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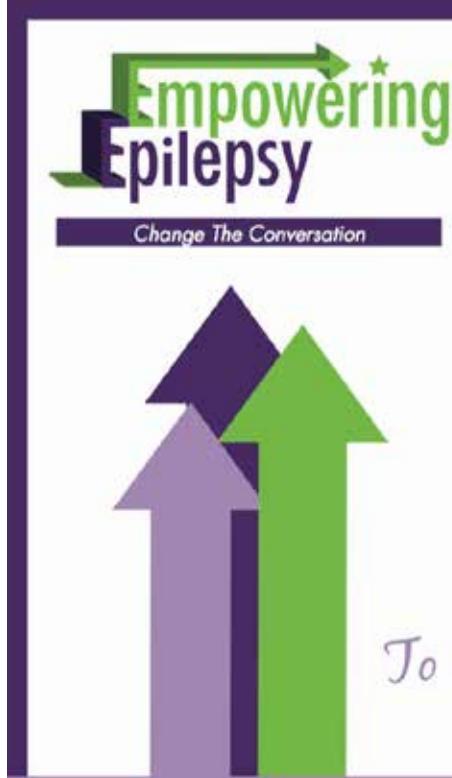
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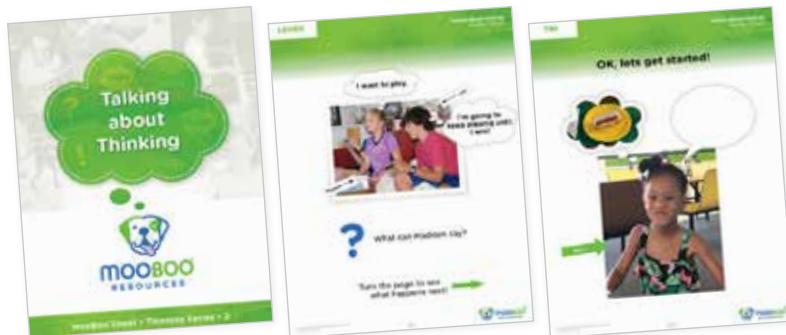
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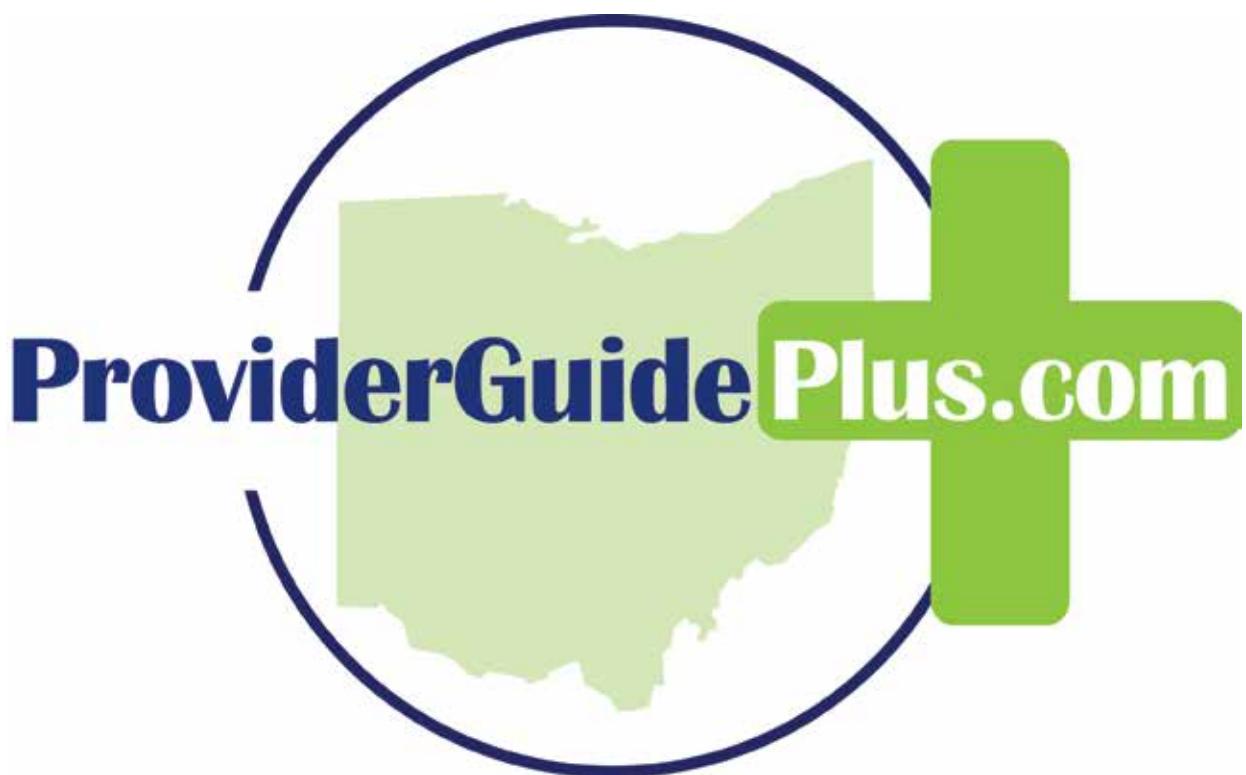
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