



MY LIFE. MY STORY. – The Next Chapter

*A workshop to train on how to host your own storytelling workshop for people with IDD,
organized by the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
and presented by Dr. Rebecca Monteleone*

Program Description

This train-the-trainer workshop prepares participants to effectively lead Storytelling Workshops for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). During the training, participants will learn techniques, tools, and facilitation methods that support individuals with IDD in discovering, shaping, and confidently sharing their personal stories. Trainers agree to host one Storytelling Workshop before September. Storytellers and their trainers will have the opportunity to perform in a Storytelling Showcase held on Friday, September 11, 2026, in Grove City, Ohio.

Participant Teams

Participants must be teams of two or three, including at least one person with IDD.

Choose the workshop your team will attend:

- ☐ Greene County on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at Xenia Community Center
1265 W. 2nd St., Xenia, OH (former home of Nazarene Christian School)
- ☐ Stark County on Friday, May 15, 2026, Stark Library North Branch, Large
Meeting Room, 189 25th St NW, Canton, OH
- ☐ Allen County on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, Rhodes State College
4240 Campus Dr, Lima, OH
- ☐ Athens County on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, Athens Community Center,
701 East State Street, Athens, OH

Your Name (first, last): _____

Names of Other Attendee(s) on your team:

Name of Organization: _____

Your Title: _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

County: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email address: _____

Will you be bringing a support person or DSP? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Support Person's Name: _____

Will you all be able to attend the whole day, 9:30am – 5pm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Will any of the participants require any assistive technology or other accommodation (e.g. captioning, American Sign Language) to participate in the workshop?

How did you find out about the workshop?

Send in your application.

Please email this application to sara.bates@dodd.ohio.gov or mail to the following address:

Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council
Storytelling Workshops
1810 Sullivant Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43222

Questions? Contact Rebecca Bates at 614-644-5548 or sara.bates@dodd.ohio.gov.

What happens after your application is submitted:

1. Applications will be reviewed and accepted as they are received.
2. Participation is limited to 20 individuals. Participation will be confirmed by email. Please make sure you have included a valid email address.

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