

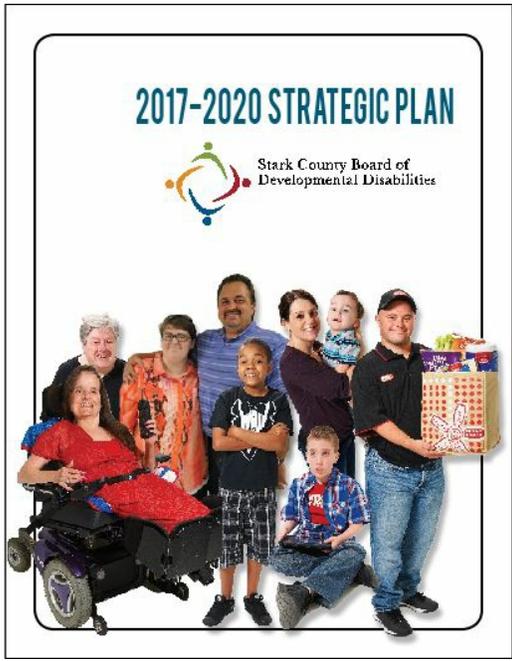


Stark County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

All in the Family

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Message from the Superintendent



Our [2017-2020 Strategic Plan](#) concludes at the end of this year.

Essential to the long-term sustainability of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities is a strategic plan that establishes a vision for the future and a set of measurable goals and objectives to help guide decisions on how we can benefit the greatest number of people and their families.

As we look ahead to the next decade, we are developing such a vision - one that builds on the successes of our plan that is concluding at the end of this year. The new plan will establish a set of commitments that align with our vision, mission and values and clearly articulate our aspirations moving forward. We acknowledge the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has caused for people with disabilities and their families.

Although we hope that the pandemic is short lived, we know that supports needed for this historic time will be a part of the conversation. The plan we will develop will become effective 2021 and will conclude in 2023, which coincides with the end of a levy cycle and a new levy request.

I write today to announce the launch of this planning effort and the convening of a Strategic Planning Task Force. The planning effort will begin with the strategic plan survey for all members of our community to engage and provide input into the priorities for the next three years, but what we are ultimately doing is laying the groundwork for the next ten. Central to the success of this effort will be your voice, ideas, and critical insight for how the Board of Developmental Disabilities can better support people and families going forward.

We request that you take 5-10 minutes of your time and complete the [Strategic Plan Survey](#). We will make the results known during the October E-Newsletter. We will be collecting your input until Friday, September 18, 2020.

If you are interested in participating as a member of our Strategic Plan Task Force, please send your interest by email to either Lisa Parramore (parramorel@starkdd.org) or me at greenw@starkdd.org. The Task Force will likely meet virtually four to eight times in October and early November and will be led by an outside facilitator. We will announce the membership of the task force and their charge in our September E-Newsletter.

We thank you in advance for your participation and input. Please have a great month.

Sincerely,



Back-to-School information for parents

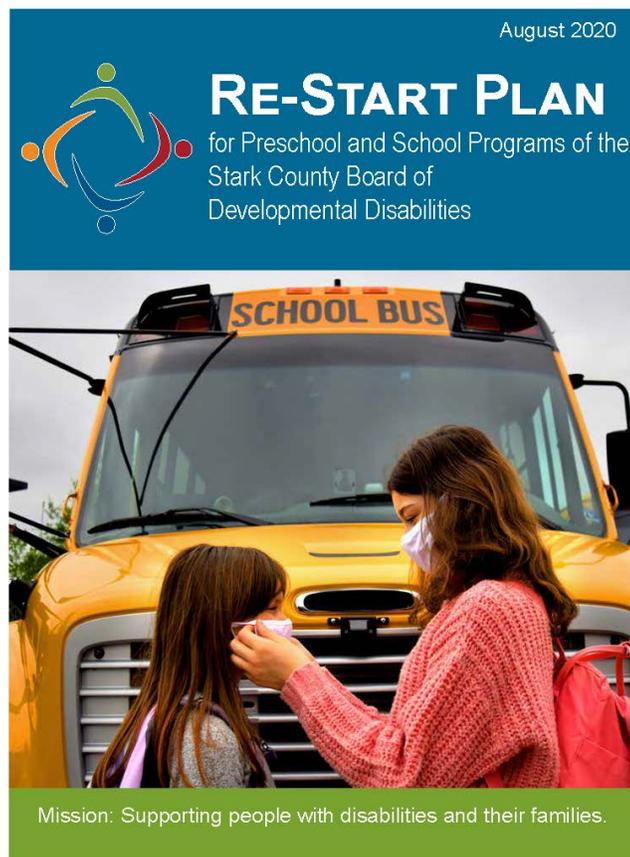
School age programming at R. Stallman Southgate School will resume August 20. School-age classes will enroll no more than six students per classroom. Preschool students will begin classes the week of August 24th and will enroll no more than nine students per classroom.

- [Rebecca Stallman Southgate School Calendar](#)
- [Eastgate Preschool Calendar](#)

Our embedded classes at [Avondale Elementary](#) (school age) and [Preschool at Taft Elementary](#) will follow the calendars aligned between Stark DD and Plain Local Schools for start dates and attendance. These classes will follow guidelines established by Plain Local Schools and reinforced by each building principal.

Additional specifics related to each facility, transportation, health monitoring and cleaning procedures are outlined within the plan. Helpful resources are attached at the end.

In the event that the state of Ohio cannot slow the rate of confirmed cases, or a particular class or facility has an overwhelming number of students or staff



August 2020

RE-START PLAN
for Preschool and School Programs of the
Stark County Board of
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Mission: Supporting people with disabilities and their families.

Review our [Re-Start Plan for Stark DD Preschool and School Programs for 2020-2021](#)

quarantined, it is always possible that school may be closed with minimum advance notice and all services will again be virtual. We encourage all staff, students and families to maintain personal 'back-up' plans in the event circumstances change.

Guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, Centers (CDC) for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Stark County Health Department were used in developing this plan.

We Thrive Together hosts virtual events



[We Thrive Together](#) has been working with Christopher Milo to ramp up virtual programming for individuals with DD, including virtual sports practices in conjunction with Special Olympics.

1. [August Event Calendar](#)
2. August Flier: [Weeks of August 10th and 17th](#)
3. Website: WeThriveTogether.org

The programming is free for all participants and can be accessed with a computer, tablet, smartphone or a plain old telephone. For further information or to RSVP for any event, email Alyssa at: alyssa@WeThriveTogether.org.

What's Going On...and Not



Adult Social Night

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Unfortunately, Social Nights are cancelled until further notice in this time of social distancing. We will let you know when they can resume. We may not resume regardless until 2021 unless something significantly changes, even if the large gatherings would be permitted by Ohio Department of Health.

Special Olympic Intramural Team Softball



Team practices continue. Games are scheduled to begin in September. If Stark County is determined to be Alert Level 3 (red) by the [Ohio Public Health Alert System](#), practices/games will be suspended. Follow the [Stark DD Special Olympics Facebook Page](#) to stay connected.



August 18 / 12 PM / Stark County Board of DD - Whipple-Dale Centre

Stark DD Monthly Finance committee meeting. The meeting will be conducted through teleconference.



August 21 / 3 PM / Stark County Board of DD - Whipple-Dale Centre

Stark DD Monthly Personnel committee meeting. The meeting will be conducted through teleconference.



August 24 / 8:30 AM / Glenmoor County Club, Canton

RESCHEDULED! Space is still available to be a part of the 10th Annual Citizens Who Care for DD Golf Outing. [Register online](#) to become an event sponsor or to sign up your team.



August 25 / 6 PM / Stark County Board of DD - Whipple-Dale Centre

Stark DD Monthly Board meeting. Meeting will be done through teleconference, with the public able to attend. The meeting will also be live streamed on our [Stark DD Facebook page](#).



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