

Our Services



The Carousel Center

The Carousel Center houses various programs and services for children in early childhood (birth to 5 years old). These programs include:

Early Childhood Intervention

Developmental therapists work with families and caregivers through teaching and activities that help infants and toddlers achieve developmental goals. Free screenings are available.

Regional Infant Hearing Program

The Regional Infant Hearing program offers free infant hearing evaluations.



Pre-School Program

Open to children with and without developmental disabilities, the pre-school program offers three educational classroom as well as play area and activities.

For more information about these programs, contact The Carousel Center at 740-354-3995. The Carousel Center is located at 1112 Gallia Street in Portsmouth, Ohio.



Vern Riffe School

After completing a placement process through their local school, students ages 6 to 21 are enrolled at Vern Riffe School.

Each classroom has six to eight students who are instructed by a teacher and an aide. According to the needs of each student, nursing services, service coordination and therapy (speech, occupational and physical) are also available.

Students participate in basic academics as well as extra curricular activities such as basketball, volleyball, bowling and golf, where teamwork and good sportsmanship are learned. The curriculum offers skills to learn and grow as well as help students transition from student to adult.

To learn more about Vern Riffe School, call 740-353-1876. The Vern Riffe School is located at 2619 Gallia Street in Portsmouth, Ohio.



The Vocation Station

The Vocation Station provides services to transitional youth, ages 14 to 22, who are eligible for SCBDD services.

Bridges to Transition

Bridges to Transition (“Bridges”) is a Vocational Rehabilitation Public Private Partnership (VRP3) between the SCBDD and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (RSC).

Bridges assists in developing employment services for youth as they transition from school to employment.

The overall goal of the project is to enhance career exploration options and increase employment outcomes by developing a collaborative network of services, across the state, that will assist students in achieving their employment goals.

To learn more about The Vocation Station, call 740-353-1505. The Vocation Station is located at 1619B Chillicothe Street, Portsmouth, Ohio.



Adult Services

The Adult Services Program is part of the SCBDD and STAR, Inc. Individual Services Plans (ISP) are provided for all participants after evaluation and assessment of each individual in the program. Based on their ISP, a participant may check in at the facility and then go to a job or spend the day within the unit where various activities and skills take place.

Designated activity areas include art, music, vocational skills, domestic skills, functional academics, health and fitness, recreation and leisure, wood-working and the "Lunch Box" deli. Participants also attend various community outings.

Community Employment Program

The SCBDD has been helping individuals find work outside the Workshop for more than 20 years. Through the Community Employment Program, area businesses are contacted and jobs are developed for individuals who are eligible. These individuals are employed directly by the businesses.

Our partner, STAR, Inc., provides the support and training needed so that individuals learn their jobs. STAR, Inc. also provides continuous support throughout each individual's employment in the form of transportation and follow-up training. This helps ensure that both the employees' and the employers' experience success.

!MPACT

The !MPACT Team is a club, branched from the Portsmouth Kiwanis Club. Adult members in the program provide volunteer hours in the community as a way to give back. !MPACT stands for Mobile Partnership Aktion Community Team.

For more information about Adult Services call STAR, Inc. at 740-354-1517 or visit us at 2627 Gallia Street in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Commonly asked questions:

Who is eligible for services from the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities?

Eligibility is determined when an individual meets the definition of a developmental disability as defined in Ohio state law. An individual must meet the eligibility definition to become a SCBDD client. SCBDD services are dependent on availability of funding and/or eligibility for the specific service. Service eligibility will be determined after an assessment is completed. Access to Medicaid services and Home and Community Based Waiver services are not limited by availability of funding.

What is a developmental disability as defined by law?

Under Ohio state law, a developmental disability is a disability attributable to:

Intellectual Disability;
Cerebral Palsy;
Epilepsy;
Autism; or
Another neurological or another condition closely related to an intellectual disability or that requires treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

The diagnosis must have originated before the individual attained age 22; continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and results in substantial limitations to an individual's intellectual and/or adaptive functioning.

What if eligibility doesn't occur?

If the Scioto County Board of Developmental Disabilities is unable to help someone based on lack of eligibility, a referral to an agency that may be able to help will be provided.

If an individual disagrees with the decisions made about ineligibility, concerns can be discussed informally or a formal complaint can be filed through the SCBDD Intake Office by calling 740-353-8448.

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