

Registration

Full Name

Address

City/State/Zip

County

E-mail address

Phone number

Family Members:

\$25.00 per person

Please circle one of the following:

Parent/Caregiver Sibling

Professionals:

\$45.00 per person

Social Worker

Counselor

DD Staff

Other

Vendors: \$45.00 per person
(includes 6ft. skirted table & meals)



Northeast Branch

*"Advocating for Citizens with
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Presents the

**Fifth Annual
Family Advocacy
Conference**

April 26, 2013

Avion on the Water
2177 W. Western
Reserve Rd.
Canfield, Ohio 44406
(330) 758-4140

****Registration deadline is
April 19, 2013****

Purpose

As we continue to build on the accomplishments of our previous conferences, this year's conference continues with its goal to provide parents, siblings and caregivers of individuals with developmental disabilities current information in areas that affect those with special needs.

Parents, families, and caregivers, will become more informed and prepared in decision-making and planning for the future. The world of special needs is an ever changing, winding journey of joys and tears, and The Arc is here to provide as much support and information as possible.

Counselors, Social Workers, DD staff and other professionals will gain a better understanding of Advocacy, Self Determination, Guardianship, Diversity, and Employment First Initiative, and how to better utilize this information when working with individuals with special needs and their families.

****The Arc of Ohio Northeast Branch would like to thank the following sponsors whose generosity helped make this event possible****

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The Mahoning County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Agenda

8a.m. – 8:45a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**

8:45a.m. – 9:00a.m. **Welcome**
State Senator Joseph Schiavoni

9:00a.m. – 9:30a.m.
Advocacy at the State Level
Mr. Gary Tonks, Executive Director
The Arc of Ohio

9:30a.m. – 10:30a.m.
Self Determination
Ms. Christine Brown
Self Determination Specialist
Brown-Cooley Associates

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Current Guardianship Changes in Ohio
Atty. Kate Haller
Chief Legal Counsel
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

11:30a.m. – 12:30p.m.
Buffet Lunch

12:30p.m. – 2:00p.m.
Diversity and Conflict Resolution
Mr. Joseph French, Executive Director
Sparks Program of Alliance

2:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
Employment First Initiative
Deputy Director Monty Kerr
Office of Policy and Strategic Direction
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

3:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m.
The Transition Continues – Developmental Centers and the Future of ICFDD's
Director John Martin
Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

4:00p.m. – **Evaluations and Adjournment**

Registration Information

Counselors and Social Workers: This program is co-sponsored by Help Hotline Crisis Center, Inc. and approved by the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board, Marriage and Family Therapist Board for **6 Contact Hours**. Help Hotline Crisis Center, Inc. is approved to provide counselor and social worker continuing education credits.
(RCS-019401)

This program is approved by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities for **6 CPE's**.

****Professionals seeking CEU's:**

Successful completion of this program includes attendance at the entire event and submission of a completed evaluation form.**

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Please complete the registration form and send along with non-refundable payment (**can accept check, cash, or money order**) payable to:

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