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***Guiding Parents Through the
Special Education Process***



Background

Parents of children with disabilities in the state of Ohio voiced the need for a person at the school district level who could best relate to their family's experiences.

In response, the Parent Mentor Program was created in 1990 through the combined efforts of ODE and the Ohio Coalition for Education of Children with Disabilities. Parent mentor programs promote communication between the family and school to find the best possible options for the child. Parent mentors provide resources, guidance and support to families.

Currently, there are approximately 75 Ohio Parent Mentor Programs in Ohio. They serve nearly one-third of schools and families in Ohio's school districts.

DEFINITION

A Parent Mentor is the parent of a child with a disability working to help school districts and families by providing training, support and information services.

The mission of the Ohio Parent Mentors is to provide the necessary support and resources to families of children with disabilities and the professionals who serve them.

The Nordonia Parent Mentor has a page on the district website that is updated with current local and community activities. Visit www.nordoniaschools.org and look for Parent Mentors under the Parents tab.

Follow Nordonia Parent Mentor on Facebook to find relevant information and useful links.

The Nordonia Parent Mentor Program has established a resource library that can be utilized by families, staff and the community.

ALL PARENT MENTOR SERVICE ARE FREE OF CHARGE TO FAMILIES

The Ohio Department of Education provides the funds for the Ohio Parent Mentor projects.

WHAT DOES A PARENT MENTOR DO?

- * Listens and provides support and understanding to families
- * Guides families through the special education process
- * Helps families understand their rights and responsibilities
- * Provides information and resources to families and staff. This includes education laws and district programs
- * Engages community services and other resources to support schools and families
- * Attends IEP meetings and other meetings at parent or staff request
- * Hosts information sessions or workshops for families, staff and the community.
- * Connects families, schools and community to benefit students with disabilities
- * Provides updates on upcoming events through district website and social media



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