



OLENTANGY SCHOOLS SPECIAL EDUCATION PARENT MENTOR PROGRAM

Olentangy Schools Pupil Services Department has Parent Mentors available as a free support provided by the district to parents of children with special needs or children who are suspected of having special needs.

A Parent Mentor is the parent of a child with special needs who acts as a bridge between home and school to support meaningful collaboration.

Parent Mentors provide information about special education programs and support to families about special education issues. They work in collaboration with families, the schools, and outside agencies to ensure our students with special needs receive the attention they deserve and are on a pathway to educational success.

Our goal is to help parents to become effective partners in education for their children with special needs by encouraging supportive parent/professional relationships.

Provide information about special education programs (preschool, school age and transition into adult life) offered by Olentangy Schools.

Explain the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process and the parents' role in the development of the IEP. Attend IEP and other meetings as requested.

Organize and conduct workshops and support groups for parents and professionals.

Connect parents and professionals with community resources

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