



## Parent Mentor Update

- Are you new to an IEP or 504 plan for your child? Parent Mentors are here to help you navigate the process. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **Special Education Resource Series (SERS)** for May:
  - **[New Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023 and Beyond](#)**: Wednesday, May 11th at 6:30 PM
  - **[Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat](#)**: Wednesday, May 18th, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM & 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
  - Follow the Olentangy Parent Mentors on Twitter (@OLSD\_ParentMntr) for event reminders and quick community event updates (the page will not

### UPCOMING EVENTS

May 10th, 6:30 PM

**[DCBDD Discovery Series: Community Engagement & Exploration](#)**

May 11th, 6:30 PM

**[Special Education Resource Series \(SERS\): New Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2023 and Beyond](#)**

May 18th, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

be closely monitored, so please continue communicating with us via email or phone).

[Special Needs Parent Virtual Coffee Chat](#)

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### Strategies When You Disagree with the IEP Team

There may be a time when you disagree with the IEP Team. Check out this [article from Pete Wright and Pam Wright of Wrightslaw.com](#) to help you learn how to document your concerns, tips for during the meeting, and how to use letters and emails to clarify your position.



### Why Your Child with ADHD has Such a Messy Room

Kids with ADHD can have very messy rooms. Check out this [article from the ChildMind Institute](#) for help on learning why kids with ADHD have messy rooms, what Executive Functioning skills are, and how parents can help kids clean up.



### IEP vs 504 Plan

Have you ever wondered what the differences are between an IEP and a Section 504 Plan? Check out this [great resource from our State Support Team 11](#) to help illustrate the differences.



## Post-Secondary Plans

Helping your child with Autism plan for a future after high school? There are lots of opportunities out there including [Auticon](#), the [Vanderbilt](#) Frist Center for Autism and Inclusion, and [OAR College Resources](#).



## Transition IEP Checklist

Check out this [easy to understand checklist from OCECD](#) that addresses what families and youth need to know before, during, and after the Transition IEP meeting.



## Important Decisions to Consider When a Child with a Disability Transitions to an Adult

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD) shared their [latest quarterly newsletter](#) on the topic of Important Decisions to Consider When a Child with a Disability Transitions to an Adult. Check it out for more information on what the transition to adulthood entails.