

Dear Parents,

This letter is to introduce ourselves to you as the Parent Mentors with the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center. We are available to explain your rights and responsibilities and the Special Education Program, including the assessment and evaluation process, the Individual Education Plan process, the policies and the services available for your child with special needs.

The Parent Mentor Program is funded through a grant from the Division of Special Education and is designed to provide educational information for parents of students with special needs. This link insures the success and achievement of each student. The program provides information for parents of students with special needs in Seneca and Wyandot Counties. The schools served include Bettsville, Carey, Fostoria Community, Hopewell-Loudon, Mohawk, New Riegel, Old Fort, Seneca East, Tiffin City and Upper Sandusky.

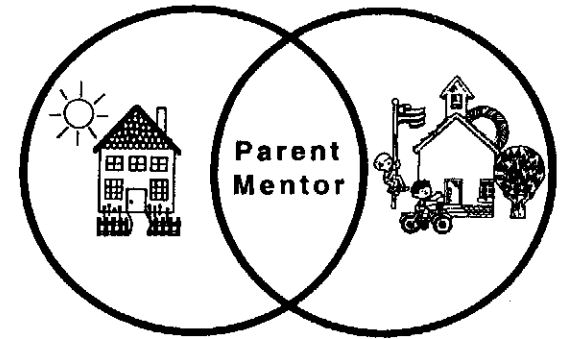
We look forward to meeting you.

The Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentors

(419) 447-2927
1-800-221-8106
(419) 294-3445

or visit us at our Web Site
www.ncoesc.org

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*The
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Parent Mentor
Program*

*The Mentor Program is
a support network for
parents of children with
disabilities.*

The Goal of the Parent Mentor:

- GUIDE families through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities.
- LISTEN and provide support to families and educators on an individual basis.
- PROVIDE INFORMATION and resources to families including education laws, district programs and services, and community resources.
- ATTEND Individual Education Program (IEP) meetings and other meetings on parent or staff request.

Reasons to Call the Parent Mentor:

- I'm worried about my child moving from one school to the next.
- I feel alone and wish I could talk to another parent who understands my concerns.
- I have many questions about my child's education but I forgot to ask them at the school meetings.
- I would like to be more involved in planning my child's education.
- I am worried about my child's progress and don't know what to do.
- I feel like nobody is listening to my concerns about my child.
- I would like to have someone attend and support me at IEP and/or other meetings at school.

A "*Lending Library*" of books, videos, newsletters, magazines, instructional materials, and items to use with children are available to parents, students, educators, and staff.

The libraries are located at:

The Family Learning Center

797 E. Clinton Twp. Rd. 201
Tiffin, OH 44883
(419) 448-5079

South Elementary School

444 South Eighth Street
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351
(419) 294-3445



If you need additional information about the Parent Mentor Program, or have any concerns about your child's needs or services, please call

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2010 - 2011 PARENT EDUCATIONAL MEETINGS

Sponsored by the Seneca-Wyandot Parent Mentor Program of
The North Central Ohio Educational Service Center and
The Seneca County Help Me Grow Family Support Specialist

PLEASE RSVP for ALL sessions at 419-447-7674 or 1-800-549-5959

Cancellations will on the Toledo HD TV Channels 11.1 & 13.1

All Parent Meetings will be held at
The Family Learning Center at Sentinel
797 East Township Road 201, Tiffin
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – unless further noted!

Tuesday, September 21, 2010

“Getting it All Together”

Learn ways to help your child get organized in a school setting.

By: Sandy Kimmel, BA, M. Ed.

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

“Reading Strategies and Interventions at Home”

The purpose of this session is to promote literacy strategies and interventions for parents and professionals working with children grades K to 12. You will receive resources, ideas, materials, and activities - the interventions will focus on children with special needs.

By: Kate Kandel, consultant with the State Support Team Region #7

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

“Holiday Make-It / Take-It” ADULTS ONLY!!!!

Spend a relaxing evening making holiday crafts.

All supplies are furnished FREE.

December 2010 No Meeting

Tuesday, January 18 2011

“Bullying”

Gain an understanding of the different types of bullying, symptoms that children display when they are being bullied and the characteristics of a bully.

Presented by: Sandy Brickner, Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

Tuesday, February 15 2011

“Handling Special needs behaviors”

The program will be an informal interactive presentation on taming and avoiding behaviors of students.

By: Rudy Lawrence-Lerzing, M. Ed, Behavior Specialist

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

“Autism 101”

Gain an understanding of the basic components and characteristics of Autism Spectrum Disorders while enjoying hands on Autism Awareness Activities.
By: Linnell Weinberg MSW, Executive Director Autism Society of Northwest Ohio

All parents and professionals are welcome!

No charge for meetings – Certificates of attendance offered for all meetings

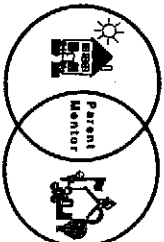
If you need further information,

Please call the Seneca - Wyandot County Parent Mentors.

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