

# Geauga **MATT**

MULTI-AGENCY TRANSITION TEAM

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### MISSION STATEMENT

GMATT (Geauga Multi-Agency Transition Team) brings together several independent agencies (listed below) and seeks to support student achievement and post-school success by providing resources, guidance, and education to districts and families of school-aged transition youth.

### POSTSECONDARY TRANSITION PLANNING

Preparing and planning for adult life, including community employment, should begin early in a young person's life. However, for youth that receive services through an Individualized Education Program (IEP), transition planning is required to formally begin by age 14. The youth's team, which includes educators, adult service personnel, the youth, and their family, work collaboratively to create and support a path to community employment that is the "best fit" for the youth.

### GMATT AGENCY TEAM MEMBERS



The Educational Service Center of the Western Reserve (ESCWR) is dedicated to assisting schools in Geauga and Lake Counties to reach their educational objectives by providing administrative, curricular, instructional, instructional technology, pupil personnel and professional development services. These services are primarily designed to assist boards of education administrators, teachers and other staff members so that they may provide engaging work and services that help students learn and thrive to the best of their ability.



Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) is the State of Ohio agency that partners with Ohioans with disabilities to achieve quality employment and independence. It also provides transition-specific services designed to meet students where they are on their career development path and help them successfully transition from school to work.



The Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) serves individuals with developmental disabilities by helping them live, learn and earn in the Geauga community. GCBDD prides itself on helping to build a caring community where individuals are integrated, accepted and achieving.



Ohio Parent Mentors are parents of children with disabilities who provide free peer-to-peer support to other families of children with disabilities. They use first-hand experiences to work with schools and guide families to increase the educational success of students who receive special education services. They help families navigate special education processes and services so that children with disabilities get the most out of their educational experience. The Parent Mentor for Geauga County receives guidance from the ESC of the Western Reserve.

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## PROMOTING AGENCY COLLABORATION FOR TRANSITION

GMATT is one of 12 teams across the state awarded funding towards organizing a collaborative network of agencies to improve success for school-aged transition youth.

### PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Ohio Department of Education (ODE)
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD)
- Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD)

### MULTI-AGENCY COLLABORATION IS:

- Person-centered
- Agency Neutral
- Outcome Focused

### WEBSITE:

<https://www.escwr.org/GeaugaMATT.aspx>

For this and other Postsecondary Planning Tools and Resources, please see:

<https://www.escwr.org/ParentMentor.aspx>

or scan the QR code below:

