

## Why do I need to consider disability services?

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If you have a child with a disability there are services available to him or her of which you may want to be aware.

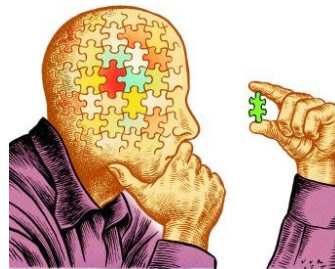
You may have been involved with disability services through an IEP, a 504 plan, or related school activities, but you may not have knowledge of the array of other services available

outside of school.



With many unknown variables facing you as your child grows, there is one guiding question that may help you determine a course of action. The question to ask yourself is: "Will my child fully able to support and sustain himself in his adult life?"

If the answer to that question is "No", or "Probably not," or "I'm not sure," then you may want to consider what your local Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities has to offer .



## Some Available Services

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### Family home based support:

May assist in purchasing goods or services related to a disability for an eligible person living with his family, regardless the income.

### Service and support administration (SSA):

Provided to all adults and occasionally to children, an SSA is the single point of contact for accessing all county board services and acts as a case manager for all community contacts, providers, and resources.

Residential Services: Funds housing and support staff needed for adult individuals who live in the community. Occasionally, those services are provided in the family home for limited periods of time. (May be subject to wait list)





**Vocational/ work services:**

Offers work activities, vocational training and job support at various settings in the county as well as at community businesses. (May be subject to wait list)

**Recreation services:** A variety of activities and social opportunities, including special Olympics, provided throughout the year.

**Community Connections:**

Helps those with disabilities become part of their community through established or newly created social opportunities. Check *Geauga Happenings* calendar and *Social Opportunities List* on the web site or look for flyers describing classes and events.

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# Information About Services for Your Child With a Disability

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