Advocacy in Action 2025 Meetings

January 10
February 14
March 14
April no meeting
May 9
June 13
July 11
August 15
September 19
October 10
November 14
December 12

Meetings are held from
1:00 – 2:00p
Birchwood Training Center
5844 Jaysville St. Johns Rd.
Greenville

Email Sue to be added to mailing list for meeting topics and locations

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"Be bold enough to use your voice, brave enough to listen to your heart, and strong enough to live the life you've always imagined"-

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Regional Self Advocacy 2025 Meetings

We are in a partnership with six surrounding counties. Members meet monthly and can meet self-advocates from other counties, hear educational/motivational speakers, and enjoy lunch with new friends.

January 28	Preble Co.	11:00-1:00
February 25	Auglaize Co.	11:00-1:00
March 25	Logan Co.	11:00-1:00
April 22	Darke Co.	11:00-1:00
May 27	TBD	11:00-1:00
June 24	Champaign Co.	11:00-1:00
July 22	Miami Co.	11:00-1:00
August 26	Shelby Co.	11:00-1:00
September 23	Preble Co.	11:00-1:00
October 28	Auglaize Co.	11:00-1:00
November 25	Logan Co.	11:00-1:00
December	No Meeting	

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Learn how to speak up and make informed decisions for YOUR life

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speak up. take action. make a difference

Effective Self-Advocacy

- **Know Yourself**
- **Know Your Needs**
- **Know How to Get Your Needs Met**

1 – Believe in Yourself

2 – Learn Your Rights

3 – Decide What You Want

4 – Gather Support

5 – Ask For Help

6 – Get the Facts

7 – Listen Actively

8 – Assert Yourself Clearly

9 – Be Firm and Persistent

10 – Discuss Your Questions and Concerns

It Matters to Me…

Darke DD encourages self-advocates to actively learn and grow throughout the year. Many of our members have participated in programs such as:

Monthly Meetings - *Advocacy in Action*
meets monthly at various places in our community. The group promotes personal growth and encourages advocates to stay educated about their rights, choices and responsibilities.

Regional Self-Advocacy Meetings
We collaborate with six surrounding counties to form a monthly regional meeting. Each county hosts a meeting where self-advocates train the group on important topics. Members enjoy lunch with friends, old and new.

Next Chapter Book Club
The book club provides a natural way to expose members to books that promote a greater understanding of self-advocacy, employment, cultural engagement, and other quality-of-life issues.

Project STIR
This three-day training sharpens self-advocacy skills and trains participants on teaching others to be better self-advocates. After the training, attendees become Ohio leaders and are encouraged to share self-advocacy tools with their peers.

Synergy Conference
OSDA (Ohio Self Determination Association) and PAR (Professionals, Advocates, Resources) come together each October to host this three-day self-advocacy conference at Kalahari Resorts in Sandusky, Ohio

Voter Registration – learning to use voting machines

Next Chapter Book Club – The Coffee Pot

Red Cross – learning to hang smoke detectors

Want to Learn More?

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