



Medina County

board of developmental disabilities



We are the community resource responsible for connecting, coordinating and funding vital services for individuals with developmental disabilities.

We help with everything from early intervention and education opportunities for children to employment and community inclusive living for adults.



Supportive Technology

A success story

Tonight's agenda

- *Slide Show Presentation*
 - Brief History
 - Definitions and examples
 - Benefits
 - Next Steps
- *Success Stories Video*
 - Highlight three Medina County success stories.
- *Supportive Technology Panel Discussion*
 - Four person panel will share their experiences and answer your questions.
- *Closing remarks and schedule your follow up.*

How did we get here?

A Quick History Lesson:

- **2011** Ohio becomes one of the first states to add technology to its waivers.
- **2012-2017** Additional technology based services are added to the waivers.
- **2018** Technology First Executive Order. Ohio is the first state to emphasize expanding access to technology for people with developmental disabilities.
- **2021** State budget allocated \$1.6 million towards expanding Technology First in Ohio.



Yes, there are rules.

Technology First Rule- 5123-2-01

- This rule will go into effect in the first half of 2022.
- Each county board will actively collaborate with stakeholders to expand awareness and use of technology solutions by individuals served.
- Each team will discuss the person's needs and explore available technology solutions to consider how they may meet the needs of the person.

Choosing Technology That Fits

Supportive technology offers people personalized help with daily tasks at home or at work.

Remote Support uses two-way communication in real time, like Skype or FaceTime, so a person can talk with their direct service provider, even when the provider is not in their home. The service also includes supports like sensors that can call for help if a person has fallen or cameras that show who is at the door.

Assistive Technology can support a person who wants to be more independent with devices like stoves that turn off when they are not in use or alarms for reminders to take medication.

Technology Examples

Possible Support Needs

- Cooking safety
- Overnight support
- Medication support
- Fall detection
- Visitor monitoring
- Community navigation
- Increasing independence
- Accessibility Barriers

Possible Solutions

- Faucet Sensors/Stove Safety devices
- Bed Shakers/Sensors
- Medication Reminders
- Video Doorbells
- Tablets including iPads
- Alexa and/or other smart home devices
- Other off the shelf options.

Why Supportive Technology?

Technology makes life easier.

- It can increase your independence at home and work.
- It can increase your level of privacy in your home.
- It can increase your sense of accomplishment.
- It can meet many health and safety needs.
- It can connect you with friends, family and your community.
- It can decrease your dependence on staff.
- You can try it without making a commitment.

What's Next?

I would like to learn more.

- Schedule a tour of our smart home.
- Check out the technology spotlight section of the MCBDD newsletters.
- Learn about some of the technology in our lending library.
- Talk to your friends and family about the technologies they use.
- Visit the DODD website and check out the Technology First section.

I'm ready sign me up!!

- Contact your SSA and they can help you...
 - Identify areas that Technology may be helpful.
 - Request an assessment.
 - Identify a technology provider.
 - Authorize payment.
 - With any of the items in the other list.

Things to Remember

- There is no wrong way to get started.
- There are lots of technology options and providers.
- Sometimes we need to make changes after the first try and that is okay.
- Technology changes all the time, just because there is not an option today does not mean there won't be one tomorrow.
- We are here to help you with the process.
- It is okay to start slow.
- It is okay to change your mind.
- If you don't try, you will never know.

Questions?

Video

Supportive Technology Panel Discussion

Moderator-

Connie (Assistive Technology Specialist, MCBDD)

Bill - Person who uses Remote Supports

Jean – Parent of a Person who uses Remote Supports (Bill's mom)

Dave - Intervention for Peace (Provider)

Ken - SSA, MCBDD

Questions?

MORE Information

Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

<https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/resources/tech-firstPresenter>

Ohio Tech Ambassadors

<https://ohiotechambassadors.org>

The Ohio State University- Nisonger Center

<https://nisonger.osu.edu/technology-project/>



UPCOMING Opportunities

Grief and Loss Support with Hospice
Wednesday March 23rd at 10:00 AM

Introduction to American Sign Language
Wednesday April 6th at 10:00 AM

THANK YOU



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