

Parent and Family Involvement

State Support Team Region 7 is part of the Ohio Department of Education's regional system of service delivery



The State Support Team Region 7 is available to parents and school district personnel to answer questions and provide support for identified needs. Parents and Educators are encouraged to contact the State Support Team



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The State Support Team Region 7 is part of the Ohio Department of Education's regional system of service delivery, and is one of 16 across the state. SST 7 is responsible for the regional delivery of support for school improvement, special education, and early learning services.

Serving families and school districts in Ashland, Crawford, Knox, Marion, Richland, and Wyandot Counties

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Parent Mentors and Parent Advisory Councils

Parent Mentors are hired through their districts. Their role is to guide families through the special education process, including rights and responsibilities; provide information and resources to families and school personnel on education laws, district programs and services, and community resources; attend Individual Education Program meetings and other meetings at parent or staff request, and build collaborative partnerships between families, schools and committees to benefit students with disabilities.

<http://www.thelinkto.org/parentmentor/>

The Parent Advisory Council provides another layer of support for parents and educators. The Parent Advisory Council meets regularly to discuss current issues, gain updated information, learn about parent and family opportunities, and share insights.

Questions regarding parent mentors, the special education process, or parent involvement should call the State Support Team at 419-747-4808

Services and Resources:

The State Support Team Region 7 knows that a strong family and educator partnership enhances student success. To support the efforts of both parents and educators, the team provides assistance, information, education and resources in the area of special education. Some of the services available to parents and educators include providing

- Support and technical assistance relating to state and federal special education initiatives, laws, and regulations
- Resources, including special education information, materials, and assistive technology
- Answers to questions about special education including identification/evaluation individualized education programs (IEPs), discipline, placement and related services;
- Support for district efforts to engage parents in school improvement;
- Support to regional agencies as they work with families of students with special needs
- Support for Parent Advisory Councils Parent Mentors, and surrogate training
- Assistance to parents and districts involved in potentially contentious special education issues

Websites

The Ohio Department of Education:
<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

North Central Ohio Educational
Service Center:
<http://ncoesc.org/>

State Support Team Region 7
Provides additional Family Links:
<http://ncoesc.org/sst>

Ohio Center for Autism and Low
Incidence:
<http://www.ocali.org/>

Ohio Coalition for Education of
Children with Disabilities:
<http://www.ocecd.org/>