

# Disability Navigation Tool

*A Family-Centered Guide to Ohio Disability Services*

*Powered by Keystone Network*

## How to Use This Tool

This tool helps Ohio families identify disability services and next steps based on where they are in their journey. You do not need to know exactly what you need. Start with the option that sounds most like your current situation.

Select a section below, answer a few brief questions, and receive a personalized Ohio disability services roadmap with recommended resources, official state links, and suggested next steps.

## How It Works

<p><b>Step 1</b></p> <p><b>Select Your Starting Point</b></p> <p>Choose the option that best describes where your family is right now.</p>	<p><b>Step 2</b></p> <p><b>Answer Brief Questions</b></p> <p>A short series of prompts helps narrow your specific needs and circumstances.</p>	<p><b>Step 3</b></p> <p><b>Receive Your Roadmap</b></p> <p>The tool generates a personalized plan with resources, links, and next steps.</p>
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## Where Are You In Your Journey?

Select the option that best describes where your family is right now. Don't worry if you're unsure. This tool will help guide you to the next steps and resources that may be available in Ohio.

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### **My Child Was Recently Diagnosed**

*You may be looking for:*

- Understanding your next steps after a diagnosis
- School supports and eligibility evaluations
- Connecting to local resources and service providers

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### **I Need Disability Services**

*You may be looking for:*

- County Board of Developmental Disabilities services
- Eligibility determination and intake processes
- Service and Support Administration (SSA) assignment

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### **I Need Respite Care**

*You may be looking for:*

- Understanding what respite care is and how it works
- Who qualifies for respite services
- How waiver-funded respite care is accessed and approved

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### **I'm Waiting For a Waiver**

*You may be looking for:*

- Level One Waiver overview and eligibility
- Individual Options (IO) Waiver
- SELF Waiver
- Available supports and next steps while on the waitlist

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### **My Child Is Becoming an Adult**

*You may be looking for:*

- Transition planning and age-out timelines
- Employment resources and vocational rehabilitation
- Postsecondary education and training options
- Independent living supports and adult services

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### **I Need Financial Assistance**

*You may be looking for:*

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility and application
- Medicaid coverage options for individuals with disabilities
- STABLE Accounts for tax-advantaged savings
- Community assistance programs and emergency support

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### **I Don't Know Where to Start**

*We'll help you identify:*

- Available supports based on your child's needs and age

- Eligibility pathways and intake processes
- Funding options, including waivers and public benefits
- Recommended next steps and who to contact first

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## What Happens After You Select an Option?

After selecting a starting point, you will be guided through a short series of questions. Based on your responses, the tool generates a personalized Ohio disability services roadmap that includes:

- Recommended resources and service providers relevant to your situation
- Official state and county links for eligibility and intake
- Suggested next steps organized by priority
- Contact information for key agencies, including your local County Board of Developmental Disabilities

### Important Note

*This tool is designed to help families navigate available resources and does not constitute legal, medical, or financial advice. Eligibility determinations are made by the appropriate Ohio agencies. For individualized guidance, contact your county Board of Developmental Disabilities or a certified Service and Support Administrator (SSA).*