

Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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Our Mission

The mission of Vinton DD is to empower people to lead lives of increasing capabilities and independence within our community.

Board Members:

Tiffany Pierce, President

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Christmas Cheer in December!

Our staff will be delivering homemade Christmas cookies to local Adult Day Services in December! We will visit Active Day and Buckeye Community Services on December 16th and SOAR and Vinton Industries on December 18th to spread Christmas cheer.

The advocacy group Champions of Rights will hold it's December meeting on December 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the downstairs conference room at Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library. The group will have a Christmas party at the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Please note Vinton County Board of DD will be closed December 24—January 2nd. The office will reopen on January 5, 2026. All calls will be forwarded to the on-call SSA during the holidays.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Board meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Vinton DD offices, 31057 Industrial Park Dr. in McArthur. Please be sure to check our website, www.vintond.org, for any schedule changes.
- Be sure to like The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities on Facebook!

2025 Annual Community Picnic



The 11th Annual Community Picnic was held on September 26th at Vinton County Fairgrounds. It was a beautiful day for fishing, socializing and enjoying lunch together.

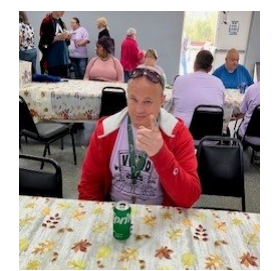
A huge thank you to the Vinton County Junior Fair Board. We loved the new accessible dock which allows everyone to enjoy the pond. An additional thank you to Dave and Chris Gill for sponsoring the venue!



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Celebrate
COMMUNITY



Trunk or Treat 2025

“Oh, look. Another glorious morning.
Makes me sick!”

-Winifred Sanderson

Trunk or Treat was a huge success again this year. The event transitioned from a drive through for the past several years to a walk-through event this year! The walk through format allowed for more interaction with trick or treaters and their families. Approximately 800 children and their families attended.

Our SSA's (l-r), Sydney Waugh (Sara Sanderson), Klaudia Faught (Winifred Sanderson), and Chase Morano (Billy Butcher) created a Hocus Pocus theme this year with trick or treaters “picking Mary Sanderson’s nose.” Thank you to our board members and Champions of Rights for supplementing our candy!

Vinton County Early Intervention team (l-r) Lissy March, OT; Kate Hipple, Volunteer; Michele Hipple, Director of Early Childhood Programs; and Madison Radabaugh, Developmental Specialist created a Mario Kart theme this year. The team distributed board books and teethingers for the littlest trick or treaters and candy and bubbles for the big kids.



Vinton County Early Intervention Team



Vinton County Board of DD SSA Team



Keith's Law was signed into law



House Bill 144, known as “Keith’s Law,” was signed into law by Governor DeWine on Monday, October 20th. The bill expands the communication disability database to include any person with a disability and expands access to that database through countywide 9-1-1 systems.

By late January 2026, people with disabilities and their families will be able to voluntarily register with the statewide communication disability database to share information about their (or their loved one’s) disability with first responders. The information will then be accessible to local 9-1-1 agencies and can help first responders when responding to emergencies involving a person with a disabilities.

Meet our new SSA, Chase Goodwin Morano



You may have already seen a familiar face return to our community! Chase Goodwin Morano began working for VCBDD on September 2nd.

Chase graduated from Ohio University where he earned his B.S. in Communication and his M.F.A. in Communication Media Arts. He is the first member of the Vinton County community to receive a Fulbright Scholarship.

Chase previously worked as a Special Needs Teacher and Intervention Specialist at Haugland Learning Center. He later managed Marketing and Communications at Westbrook Health Service, a comprehensive community behavioral health clinic. It was there that Chase advocated on behalf of individuals and providers in the I/DD community at the West Virginia State Capitol.

Chase prides himself on being a friendly and helpful person to those he serves and the community at large!