

## **The Mission Statement of the Office for People with Disabilities:**

The office will be committed to the principles of value, independence, and dignity for all people with disabilities. We will work in partnership with people experiencing disabilities, their families, providers, advocacy groups, and state government to improve our public policy and services we provide.

We will work in partnership to ensure that people with disabilities have the opportunity to exercise choice, be it at school, work, recreation, or where and with whom they will live.



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## **Putnam County Office for People with Disabilities**



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## **What is the Registry?**

- The Office maintains a confidential registry of all individuals with disabilities and their needs. This is used as an advocacy tool to expand the availability of services and supports in the community and to improve services already in place.
- The registry can be used to identify people who may need special assistance during an evacuation for a disaster. We collaborate with Emergency Management in this area.

## **Who is eligible for services?**

- The Office for People with Disabilities works with anyone with a disability as is defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act. This includes anyone from birth to senior citizen, and his or her caregiver. The Office is a County agency and therefore receives no fee for rendering its assistance.

## **What does the Office do?**

In addition to the Registry, other activities of the Office are:

- Supporting and promoting community awareness relative to the American with Disabilities Act and any other relevant legislative acts.
- Assisting in identifying the needs of people with disabilities, and address those needs with referrals to direct services.
- Cooperating with government and not-for-profit agencies that plan and implement programs for people with disabilities.
- Supporting volunteer programs in the community that provide services to people with disabilities.
- Publishing a newsletter with information relevant to people with disabilities.



We are here to help you with issues and concerns you may have.

## **What issues can we help you with?**

Our goal is to help people achieve optimum independence, productivity, and community integration. We continue to do outreach to underserved and unserved individuals.

We can help you with :

- ⇒ Information, Referral and Advocacy
- ⇒ Benefit Questions
- ⇒ ADA Inquiries and Concerns
- ⇒ Referrals to educational and therapeutic services
- ⇒ Employment Referrals
- ⇒ Transportation (Paratransit, and handicapped parking permits)
- ⇒ Recreation and Socialization
- ⇒ Housing information
- ⇒ Summer Camp programs
- ⇒ Equipment Loan programs
- ⇒ Clinics
- ⇒ Directory of Prescription Drugs Patient Assistance Programs
- ⇒ And more...

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